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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, May 20, 2013 -- For the week ending May 19, 2013, corn planting advanced quickly as clear skies and above normal temperatures prevailed throughout much of the week, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Temperatures soared into triple digits at mid-week, breaking previous highs. Rain moved across the state over the weekend, but by then many producers in southern counties had completed corn planting and were moving onto soybeans. Moisture accumulations were less than one half inch across much of central Nebraska, which did little to improve soil moisture conditions in drought stricken areas. Locally heavy rainfall totals of 3 to 4 inches occurred over portions of the northern Panhandle. Statewide, producers had 5.6 days suitable available for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 10 percent very short, 25 short, 63 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 34 percent very short, 41 short, 25 adequate, and 0 surplus. Pastures remain in poor or very poor condition across much of the western half of the state.

Field Crops Report: Corn planted was 84 percent, behind last year's 97 and 92 average. Emerged was 26 percent, well behind last year's 75 and 49 average.

Soybeans planted was 33 percent, behind last year's 80 and 58 average. Emerged was 2 percent, well behind last year's 39 and 16 average.

Sorghum planted was 10 percent, behind 44 last year and 28 average.

Wheat conditions rated 20 percent very poor, 29 poor, 40 fair, 11 good, and 0 excellent. Wheat jointed was 61 percent, well behind last year's 99 and 82 average. Wheat headed was 1 percent, well behind 77 last year and 19 percent average.

Oat conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 6 poor, 44 fair, 42 good, and 2 excellent. Oats planted were at 98 percent, behind last year's 100 and 99 average. Oats emerged were 81 percent, behind last year's 98 and 93 average. Oats headed was 1 percent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 7 percent very short, 18 short, 74 adequate, and 1 surplus. Pasture and range condition rated 20 percent very poor, 49 poor, 26 fair, 5 good, and 0 excellent. Hay and forage supplies rated 36 percent very short, 43 short, 21 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and UNL Extension Service.

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:

<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2013/CropProg-05-20-2013.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=NE®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?NE,HP