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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, May 28, 2013 -- For the week ending May 26, 2013, rain at the beginning of the week gave way to clear conditions with producers taking every opportunity to focus on spring planting activities, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Precipitation again on Saturday in central counties slowed final wrap-up. Corn planting was near completion and soybeans were near two-thirds complete. Temperatures were below normal across eastern and northern counties, but above normal in southwestern areas. Wheat was just beginning to head, over two weeks behind average. Moisture accumulations through Sunday totaled an inch or more across much of the state with lesser amounts across the Panhandle and southern border counties. Statewide, producers had 4.8 days suitable available for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 12 percent very short, 19 short, 65 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 29 percent very short, 41 short, 29 adequate, and 1 surplus. Pastures remain in poor or very poor condition across much of the western half of the state.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn planted was 96 percent, behind last year's 100 and 97 average. Emerged jumped to 61 percent, but still well behind last year's 94 and 75 average.

Soybeans planted was 63 percent, behind last year's 94, but near 79 average. Emerged was 17 percent, well behind last year's 69 and 39 average.

Sorghum planted was 39 percent, behind 69 last year and 47 average. Emerged was 5 percent, behind last year's 29 and 15 average.

Wheat conditions rated 22 percent very poor, 28 poor, 39 fair, 11 good, and 0 excellent. Wheat jointed was 79 percent, behind last year's 100 and 92 average. Wheat headed was 7 percent, well behind 93 last year and over two weeks behind 38 average.

Oat conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 44 fair, 46 good, and 1 excellent. Oats emerged were 93 percent, behind last year's 100 and 96 average. Oats headed was 3 percent, behind last year's 40 and 12 average.

Dry beans planted was 5 percent, behind last year's 39 and 17 average.

Alfalfa condition was 2 percent very poor, 15 poor, 41 fair, 40 good, and 2 excellent. Alfalfa 1<sup>st</sup> cutting was 2 percent complete, behind last year's 78 and 27 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Stock water supplies rated 4 percent very short, 16 short, 79 adequate, and 1 surplus. Pasture and range condition rated 24 percent very poor, 41 poor, 27 fair, 7 good, and 1 excellent. Hay and forage supplies rated 32 percent very short, 41 short, 26 adequate, and 1 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-05-28-2013.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&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=NE&region=HPRCC)

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

[http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM\\_state.htm?NE.HP](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?NE.HP)