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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, June 3, 2013 -- For the week ending June 2, 2013, rain fell throughout the state and averaged 2-3 inches of moisture across the eastern third and 1-2 inches in western areas, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Moisture accumulations of 5 inches or more were recorded in portions of the southeast. As a result, drought conditions have eased in eastern areas, while much of the western half of Nebraska continues in extreme drought. Pastures remain in poor or very poor condition across much of the western half of Nebraska. Less than half the week was considered suitable for fieldwork, but corn planting activities are near completion and soybeans are over 80 percent planted. High winds dried soils, allowing producers brief periods for spring fieldwork. Pastures were beginning to respond to the spring moisture but are still short in most rangeland areas. The first fields of alfalfa were being cut with stands short and wet conditions limiting progress. Wheat was heading but still a week and one half behind average. Statewide, producers had 3.2 days suitable available for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 17 short, 71 adequate, and 6 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 24 percent very short, 36 short, 39 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 25 fair, 64 good, 10 excellent. The crop was 99 percent planted, near 100 last year and equal to 99 average. Emerged was 84 percent, but behind last year's 100 and 90 average.

Soybeans planted was 81 percent, behind last year's 99 and 90 average. Emerged was 47 percent, well behind last year's 87 and 63 average.

Sorghum planted was 62 percent, behind 81 last year and 64 average. Emerged was 19 percent, behind last year's 57 and 33 average.

Wheat conditions rated 24 percent very poor, 29 poor, 33 fair, 13 good, and 1 excellent. Wheat jointed was 92 percent, behind last year's 100 and 96 average. Wheat headed was 27 percent, well behind 99 last year and over two weeks behind 62 average.

Proso millet was 8 percent planted, well behind last year's 50 and 16 average.

Oat conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 9 poor, 37 fair, 47 good, and 2 excellent. Oats emerged were 96 percent, behind last year's 100 and 98 average. Oats headed was 11 percent, behind last year's 58 and 23 average.

Dry beans planted was 25 percent, behind last year's 52 and 33 average.

Alfalfa condition was 3 percent very poor, 15 poor, 38 fair, 41 good, and 3 excellent. Alfalfa first cutting was 9 percent complete, behind last year's 84 and 41 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 12 short, 82 adequate, and 3 surplus. Pasture and range condition was 26 percent very poor, 32 poor, 28 fair, 13 good, and 1 excellent. Hay and forage supplies rated 35 percent very short, 40 short, 24 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-06-3-2013.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)