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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, June 17, 2013 -- For the week ending June 16, 2013, rainfall was limited until the weekend, allowing producers an opportunity to harvest hay crops, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Precipitation in most areas was light with less than a half inch recorded. As a result, some pivots have been started in central and western counties. Heavier amounts of rain fell in portions of extreme east central and northeastern counties. Temperatures averaged near normal across the east and north but were 4 to 6 degrees above normal across western drought counties. Winter wheat was beginning to turn color in southern counties with harvest expected to start around July 4. Statewide, producers had 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 24 short, 66 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 25 percent very short, 30 short, 44 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 23 fair, 65 good, 10 excellent. The crop was 100 percent emerged, in line with last year and average.

Soybean conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 21 fair, 67 good, and 10 excellent. Soybeans were 99 percent planted. Emerged was 90 percent, behind last year's 99 but near 91 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 26 fair, 41 good, and 25 excellent. Sorghum planted was 97 percent, behind 99 last year but ahead of 93 average. Emerged was 72 percent, behind last year's 90 and 75 average.

Wheat conditions rated 24 percent very poor, 28 poor, 32 fair, 15 good, and 1 excellent. Wheat headed was 88 percent, behind 100 last year and 94 average. Wheat turning color was 7 percent, well behind 91 last year and 34 average.

Proso millet was 83 percent planted, behind last year at 88 but ahead of 44 average.

Oat conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 11 poor, 31 fair, 48 good, and 7 excellent. Oats headed were 51 percent, behind last year's 86 and 63 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 36 fair, 60 good, and 4 excellent. Dry beans planted were 84 percent, behind last year's 89 but ahead of 79 average. Emerged was 43 percent, behind 57 last year but near 41 average.

Alfalfa conditions were 2 percent very poor, 11 poor, 36 fair, 46 good, and 5 excellent. Alfalfa first cutting was 60 percent complete, well behind last year's 95 and 71 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 12 short, 83 adequate, and 2 surplus. Pasture and range condition was 15 percent very poor, 24 poor, 41 fair, 18 good, and 2 excellent. Hay and forage supplies rated 27 percent very short, 35 short, 38 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-06-17-2013.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