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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, July 1, 2013 -- For the week ending June 30, 2013, above normal temperatures combined with limited rainfall across the western two-thirds of Nebraska to stress spring planted crops and limit pasture growth, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall amounts of up to an inch were common across much of the eastern third of the state. A few southern wheat fields were cut at week's end with harvest expected to gain momentum in southern counties in the coming days. The start of Panhandle wheat harvest was still at least two weeks away. Hay harvest continued active with brome and wild grasses being cut for hay. Statewide, producers had 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 9 percent very short, 32 short, 58 adequate, and 1 surplus, well above previous year. Statewide, subsoil moisture supplies rated 23 percent very short, 35 short, 42 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 19 fair, 62 good, 16 excellent.

Soybean conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 20 fair, 66 good, and 12 excellent. Soybeans emerged were 97 percent, compared to last year's 100 and 99 average. Two percent of the crop was blooming, behind 23 last year and 9 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 9 poor, 35 fair, 34 good, and 22 excellent. Sorghum emerged was 93 percent, behind last year's 100 but near 98 average.

Wheat conditions rated 24 percent very poor, 26 poor, 33 fair, 16 good, and 1 excellent. Wheat turning color was 75 percent, behind 100 last year and 82 average. Wheat ripe was 11 percent, well behind 85 last year and 28 average.

Oat conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 9 poor, 29 fair, 48 good, and 10 excellent. Oats headed were 93 percent, compared to last year's 100 and 91 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 22 fair, 70 good, and 8 excellent. Dry beans emerged were 98 percent, equal to 98 last year but ahead of 91 average.

Alfalfa conditions were 3 percent very poor, 11 poor, 32 fair, 47 good, and 7 excellent. Alfalfa first cutting was 93 percent complete, behind last year's 100 but near 95 average. Alfalfa second cutting was 6 percent complete, well behind last year's 81 and 28 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 13 short, 82 adequate and 0 surplus. Pasture and range condition was 10 percent very poor, 27 poor, 39 fair, 22 good, and 2 excellent. Hay and forage supplies rated 26 percent very short, 33 short, 41 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-07-01-2013.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