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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, July 8, 2013 -- For the week ending July 7, 2013, clear skies and sunshine boosted row crop development and allowed wheat harvest to progress uninterrupted in southern counties, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Much of the state saw little or no rainfall with topsoil moisture supplies declining as seasonally hot temperatures returned later in the week. Spring-planted, dryland crops in much of the western two-thirds of the state were showing signs of stress. Hay harvest progressed with alfalfa second cutting and wild hay harvests active. Statewide, producers had 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 14 percent very short, 39 short, 46 adequate, and 1 surplus, well above previous year. Statewide, subsoil moisture supplies rated 25 percent very short, 35 short, 40 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: All corn conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 19 fair, 56 good, 20 excellent. Irrigated corn conditions rated 83 percent good or excellent, compared to 77 average. Dryland corn conditions rated 66 percent good or excellent, compared to 71 average. Corn silking was 1 percent complete, behind 46 last year and 16 average.

Soybean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 19 fair, 63 good, and 13 excellent. Twenty percent of the crop was blooming, behind 35 last year but near 21 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 10 poor, 38 fair, 31 good, and 20 excellent.

Wheat conditions rated 24 percent very poor, 26 poor, 31 fair, 18 good, and 1 excellent. Wheat turning color was 92 percent, behind 100 last year but near 95 average. Wheat ripe was 30 percent, well behind 97 last year and 48 average. Twelve percent of the crop was harvested, well behind 90 last year and 27 average.

Oat conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 12 poor, 31 fair, 43 good, and 10 excellent. Oats headed were 96 percent, compared to last year's 100 and 97 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 18 fair, 76 good, and 6 excellent. Dry beans blooming were 1 percent, compared to 3 last year and 2 average.

Alfalfa conditions were 3 percent very poor, 9 poor, 31 fair, 51 good, and 6 excellent. Alfalfa first cutting was 99 percent complete, compared to last year's 100 and 98 average. Alfalfa second cutting was 19 percent complete, well behind last year's 86 and 43 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 6 percent very short, 13 short, 81 adequate and 0 surplus. Pasture and range condition was 11 percent very poor, 27 poor, 39 fair, 21 good, and 2 excellent. Hay and forage supplies rated 24 percent very short, 34 short, 42 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-07-08-2013.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