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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, July 22, 2013 -- For the week ending July 21, 2013, another week of limited precipitation and seasonably hot temperatures stressed dryland crops with irrigation active statewide, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Pockets of rain did occur early and late in the week, but no general rainfall was received as crops neared peak moisture demands. Wheat harvest continued in the west and advanced northward but progress was limited in Panhandle counties due to high grain moisture levels. The second cutting of alfalfa was near three-fourths complete. Statewide, producers had 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies declined and rated 26 percent very short, 44 short, 30 adequate, and 0 surplus. Statewide, subsoil moisture supplies also declined and rated 35 percent very short, 40 short, 25 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: All corn condition rated 4 percent very poor, 7 poor, 23 fair, 50 good, and 16 excellent. Irrigated corn conditions rated 82 percent good or excellent, compared to 75 average. Dryland corn conditions rated 45 percent good or excellent, compared to 68 average. Poorest dryland conditions were in South Central counties. Corn silking was 50 percent complete, behind 85 last year and 64 average.

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 29 fair, 54 good, and 9 excellent. Sixty-five percent of the crop was blooming, behind 79 last year but near 61 average. Thirteen percent of the crop was setting pods, behind 25 last year but near 15 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 16 poor, 32 fair, 30 good, and 20 excellent.

Wheat conditions rated 25 percent very poor, 25 poor, 33 fair, 16 good, and 1 excellent. Wheat ripe was 84 percent, behind 100 last year and 90 average. Fifty-two percent of the crop was harvested, well behind 99 last year and 68 average.

Oat conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 11 poor, 31 fair, 51 good, and 3 excellent. Oats harvested were 66 percent, compared to last year's 93 and 52 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 14 fair, 76 good, and 8 excellent. Dry beans blooming were 27 percent, behind 34 last year but near 29 average.

Alfalfa conditions were 6 percent very poor, 13 poor, 30 fair, 47 good, and 4 excellent. Alfalfa second cutting was 73 percent complete, behind last year's 92 and 74 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 7 percent very short, 18 short, 75 adequate, and 0 surplus. Pasture and range condition was 16 percent very poor, 23 poor, 38 fair, 22 good, and 1 excellent.

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-07-22-2013.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