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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, August 5, 2013 -- For the week ending August 4, 2013, a large portion of the State received an inch or more of precipitation which was accompanied by below normal temperatures, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Portions of the extreme southeast saw 3 or more inches while southern Panhandle counties were mostly dry. As a result, stress was reduced on growing crops with pollination coming to a close on corn and pod development active on soybeans. Additionally, many pastures in southwestern and south central areas remain poor with some cattle sales being reported. Wheat harvest was winding down with most fields left to cut located in northern Panhandle counties. Statewide, producers had 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 15 percent very short, 34 short, 49 adequate, and 2 surplus. Statewide, subsoil moisture supplies rated 27 percent very short, 43 short, 30 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: All corn condition rated 4 percent very poor, 7 poor, 21 fair, 48 good, and 20 excellent. Irrigated corn conditions rated 85 percent good or excellent, compared to 76 average. Dryland corn conditions rated 43 percent good or excellent, compared to 62 average. Corn silking was 93 percent complete, behind 99 last year but near 95 average. Corn in dough was 14 percent, behind 71 last year and 37 average.

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 24 fair, 57 good, and 12 excellent. Ninety-one percent of the crop was blooming, near 94 last year and 90 average. Fifty percent of the crop was setting pods, behind 59 last year but near 51 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 15 poor, 28 fair, 40 good, and 11 excellent. Sorghum heading was 34 percent, behind 56 last year and 41 average.

Wheat harvested was 93 percent, behind 100 last year and 97 average.

Oats harvested were 85 percent, behind last year's 99 and near 88 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 16 fair, 69 good, and 12 excellent. Dry beans blooming were 84 percent, near 83 last year and 84 average. Thirty-nine percent of the crop was setting pods, near 40 last year and 40 average.

Alfalfa conditions were 6 percent very poor, 9 poor, 31 fair, 48 good, and 6 excellent. Alfalfa second cutting was 91 percent complete, behind last year's 99 and 95 average. Third cutting was 17 percent complete, behind 76 last year and 35 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 6 percent very short, 19 short, 75 adequate, and 0 surplus. Pasture and range condition was 15 percent very poor, 22 poor, 37 fair, 25 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-08-05-2013.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