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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, September 3, 2013 -- For the week ending September 1, 2013, temperatures well above normal combined with limited rainfall to further reduce soil moisture supplies and stress dryland crops and pasture, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Pockets of rain occurred during the week, but no wide spread rainfall was received. Over half the corn crop has reached the dent stage, more than a third of the grain sorghum was turning color and the first fields of soybeans were dropping leaves. Statewide, producers had 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 22 percent very short, 42 short, 36 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 32 percent very short, 42 short, 26 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: All corn condition rated 6 percent very poor, 8 poor, 22 fair, 45 good, and 19 excellent. Irrigated corn conditions rated 82 percent good or excellent, compared to 75 average. Dryland corn conditions rated 39 percent good or excellent, compared to 58 average. Corn in dough was 93 percent, behind 100 last year but near 95 average. Corn dented was 51 percent, behind 91 last year and 70 average. Corn mature was 1 percent, behind 34 last year and 9 average.

Soybean conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 8 poor, 23 fair, 52 good, and 14 excellent. Ninety-eight percent of the crop was setting pods, near 99 last year and equal to 98 average. Soybeans dropping leaves were 4 percent, behind 6 last year but ahead of 2 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 11 percent very poor, 19 poor, 30 fair, 37 good, and 3 excellent. Sorghum heading was 97 percent, ahead of 87 last year but near 96 average. Sorghum turning color was 34 percent, ahead of 27 last year but behind 39 average.

Proso millet was 14 percent harvested, ahead of 8 last year and 5 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 14 fair, 71 good, and 13 excellent. Dry beans dropping leaves were 37 percent, ahead of the 15 last year and 16 average.

Alfalfa conditions were 7 percent very poor, 13 poor, 29 fair, 44 good, and 7 excellent. The third cutting of alfalfa was 85 percent complete, behind 98 last year but near 87 average. The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 6 percent complete, behind 43 last year and 18 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 20 short, 74 adequate, and 1 surplus. Pasture and range condition was 16 percent very poor, 22 poor, 33 fair, 28 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-09-01-2013.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