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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, September 9, 2013 -- For the week ending September 8, 2013, temperatures, for the third week in a row, were well above normal. This again combined with limited rainfall to draw down soil moisture reserves and stress dryland crops and pasture, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Limited rainfall did occur over areas of central and Panhandle counties, but most growing areas remained dry with non-irrigated fields quickly maturing. The first fields of seed corn were being harvested and cutting of dryland silage was underway. Dry bean harvest started in western counties. Statewide, producers had 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 25 percent very short, 44 short, 31 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 32 percent very short, 43 short, 25 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: All corn condition rated 7 percent very poor, 8 poor, 23 fair, 43 good, and 19 excellent. Irrigated corn conditions rated 81 percent good or excellent, compared to 75 average. Dryland corn conditions rated 35 percent good or excellent, compared to 59 average. Corn in dough was 98 percent, behind 100 last year but equal to 98 average. Corn dented was 72 percent, behind 97 last year and 82 average. Corn mature was 5 percent, behind 52 last year and 17 average.

Soybean conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 8 poor, 27 fair, 48 good, and 13 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves were 16 percent, behind 22 last year but ahead of 9 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 16 percent very poor, 18 poor, 25 fair, 38 good, and 3 excellent. Sorghum turning color was 65 percent, ahead of 48 last year and 59 average.

Winter wheat was 6 percent planted, near 7 last year but behind 13 average.

Proso millet was 47 percent harvested, ahead of 16 last year and 12 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 21 fair, 63 good, and 13 excellent. Dry beans dropping leaves were 80 percent, ahead of the 32 last year and 36 average. Seventeen percent of the crop was harvested, ahead of 4 last year and 7 average.

Alfalfa conditions were 5 percent very poor, 13 poor, 33 fair, 43 good, and 6 excellent. The third cutting of alfalfa was 95 percent complete, behind 100 last year but near 93 average. The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 13 percent complete, behind 70 last year and 31 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 7 percent very short, 22 short, 71 adequate, and 0 surplus. Pasture and range condition was 18 percent very poor, 21 poor, 31 fair, 29 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-09-09-2013.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