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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, September 23, 2013 -- For the week ending September 22, 2013, warm, windy conditions prevailed with temperatures again averaging above normal. Rainfall was limited except for portions of southeastern Nebraska where an inch or more was recorded, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Over one-third of the corn crop was considered mature and two-thirds of the soybeans were dropping leaves. Corn silage harvest continued as did dry bean harvest in western counties. Statewide, producers had 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 22 percent very short, 39 short, 39 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 31 percent very short, 42 short, 27 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: All corn condition rated 7 percent very poor, 7 poor, 23 fair, 46 good, and 17 excellent. Irrigated corn conditions rated 81 percent good or excellent, compared to 75 average. Dryland corn conditions rated 37 percent good or excellent, compared to 58 average. Corn dented was 96 percent, behind 100 last year but near 97 average. Corn mature was 36 percent, behind 85 last year and 46 average. Corn harvested was 4 percent, behind 34 last year and 10 average.

Soybean conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 9 poor, 28 fair, 48 good, and 11 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves were 67 percent, near 66 last year but ahead of 50 average. Harvest was 3 percent complete, behind 17 last year but near 5 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 17 percent very poor, 21 poor, 23 fair, 36 good, and 3 excellent. Sorghum turning color was 96 percent, ahead of 78 last year and 86 average. Mature was 17 percent, behind 31 last year and 21 average.

Winter wheat was 49 percent seeded, ahead of 43 last year but behind 53 average. Wheat emerged was 12 percent, ahead of 4 last year but behind 15 average.

Proso millet was 75 percent harvested, ahead of 61 last year and 43 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 63 good, and 13 excellent. Dry beans dropping leaves were 97 percent, ahead of 86 last year and 78 average. Forty-nine percent of the crop was harvested, ahead of 40 last year and 40 average.

Alfalfa conditions were 7 percent very poor, 16 poor, 30 fair, 40 good, and 7 excellent. The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 58 percent complete, behind 82 last year and 68 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 7 percent very short, 20 short, 73 adequate, and 0 surplus. Pasture and range condition was 19 percent very poor, 21 poor, 36 fair, 23 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-09-23-2013.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