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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, September 30, 2013 -- For the week ending September 29, 2013, warm, windy conditions again were experienced during the week. Rainfall of an inch or more across much of the Panhandle as well as central counties slowed winter wheat seeding but improved overall prospects, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Soybean harvest was active in southern counties and high moisture corn was being taken for delivery to feedlots and ethanol producers. Widespread corn harvest was limited due to high grain moisture levels. Statewide, producers had 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 16 percent very short, 36 short, 48 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 28 percent very short, 42 short, 30 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: All corn condition rated 8 percent very poor, 7 poor, 21 fair, 44 good, and 20 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 57 average. Corn mature was 64 percent, behind 92 last year but near 66 average. Corn harvested was 9 percent, well behind 51 last year and 16 average.

Soybean conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 8 poor, 26 fair, 48 good, and 14 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves were 84 percent, near 88 last year but ahead of 78 average. Harvest was 13 percent complete, behind 44 last year and 19 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 17 percent very poor, 19 poor, 24 fair, 38 good, and 2 excellent. Sorghum mature was 51 percent, ahead of 48 last year and 40 average. Harvest was 2 complete, behind 10 last year and 4 average.

Winter wheat was 65 percent seeded, ahead of 62 last year but behind 72 average. Wheat emerged was 28 percent, ahead of 14 last year but behind 33 average.

Proso millet was 79 percent harvested, ahead of 76 last year and 58 average.

Seventy-one percent of dry beans were harvested, ahead of 62 last year and 62 average.

The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 76 percent complete, behind 86 last year but near 78 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 8 percent very short, 20 short, 72 adequate, and 0 surplus. Pasture and range condition was 19 percent very poor, 23 poor, 34 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-09-30-2013.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