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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, October 28, 2013 -- For the week ending October 27, 2013, dry weather throughout the state was welcomed by corn and soybean producers who were busy harvesting their crops. Cooler than average temperatures however, slowed crop dry-down in some areas. Ranchers were moving cattle to winter feeding areas and weaning calves. Statewide, producers had 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 27 short, 64 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 18 percent very short, 37 short, 45 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: All corn condition rated 7 percent very poor, 6 poor, 19 fair, 48 good, and 20 excellent. Irrigated corn conditions rated 81 percent good or excellent. Dryland corn conditions rated 49 percent good or excellent. Corn mature was 97 percent, behind 100 last year but near 95 average. Corn harvested was 55 percent, well behind 93 last year and equal to 55 average.

Soybeans harvest was 94 percent complete, behind 98 last year but ahead of 88 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 16 percent very poor, 18 poor, 26 fair, 37 good, and 3 excellent. Sorghum harvest was 64 percent complete, well behind 82 last year but ahead of 45 average.

Winter wheat rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 24 fair, 64 good, and 8 excellent. Winter wheat emerged was 94 percent, well ahead of 72 last year and 88 average.

Proso millet was 88 percent harvested, behind 97 last year and 91 average.

Ninety-seven percent of dry beans were harvested, ahead of 93 last year and equal to 97 average.

The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 91 percent complete, behind 100 last year and 99 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 13 short, 81 adequate, and 1 surplus. Pasture and range condition was 18 percent very poor, 24 poor, 32 fair, 24 good, and 2 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-10-28-2013.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