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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, March 3, 2014 -- For the month of February, temperatures 6-9 degrees below normal during the month were hard on livestock and created challenges for livestock producers, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Crop producer activities revolved around tax work and machinery preparations for the spring planting season. Grains were being moved to market and seed was being delivered for the upcoming planting season. Available soil moisture continues a concern going into spring. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 15 percent very short, 42 short, 43 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 16 percent very short, 39 short, 45 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 15 poor, 39 fair, 36 good, and 7 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 6 percent very short, 8 short, 86 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Hay and forage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 7 short, 88 adequate, and 4 surplus.

Cattle and calf condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 19 fair, 70 good, and 7 excellent. Cattle and calf losses rated 5 percent below average, 91 average, and 4 above average. Percentage of cows calved since Jan 1 was 18 percent.

Sheep and lamb condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 23 fair, 73 good, and 4 excellent. Sheep and lamb losses rated 1 percent below average, 97 average, and 2 above average.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and UNL Extension Service.

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