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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, April 7, 2014 -- For the week ending April 6, 2014, precipitation in the form of snow and rain was light and averaged less than half an inch of moisture across most of Nebraska, providing little or no relief from dry conditions, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Southwestern counties continued to experience severe or extreme drought. Temperatures averaged 2 to 4 degrees below normal across the northern two-thirds of the state and near normal across the south. Cool season grasses had yet to show much growth due to below normal temperatures and limited soil moisture. Fieldwork consisted of spring tillage and fertilizer applications. Oat planting was underway. There were 5.0 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 16 percent very short, 44 short, 40 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 18 percent very short, 40 short, 42 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 31 fair, 50 good, and 6 excellent.

Oats planting was at 7 percent, well behind 40 percent last year and 17 percent, 5 year average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 4 percent very short, 14 short, 82 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Hay and forage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 short, 90 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Cattle and calf condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 10 fair, 80 good, and 9 excellent. Cattle and calf losses rated 5 percent below average, 91 average, and 4 above average. Percentage of cows calved since January 1 was 68 percent.

Sheep and lamb condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 14 fair, 82 good, and 4 excellent. Sheep and lamb losses rated 0 percent below average, 99 average, and 1 above average.

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/2014/CropProg-04-07-2014.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/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?NE>

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