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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, April 14, 2014 -- For the week ending April 13, 2014, above normal temperatures and dry conditions during the week gave way to precipitation in the form of rain and snow on Sunday, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. High winds created blizzard conditions across the west and south. Precipitation totals were heaviest in eastern counties, but lighter amounts were welcome in south central and southwestern areas where drought conditions were severe. Temperatures averaged 4 degrees above normal across the western half of the state and 6 to 8 degrees above normal much of the east. A few fields of corn were planted in southern counties, but most producers were waiting for the weekend conditions to clear and soils to warm. Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.8. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 13 percent very short, 42 short, 45 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 17 percent very short, 43 short, 39 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 10 poor, 29 fair, 52 good, and 7 excellent.

Oats planting was 28 percent, behind 56 last year and 51 percent, 5 year average. Oats emerged was 5 percent, behind 9 last year and 11 average.

Sorghum planting was at 1 percent, ahead of 0 last year and 0 average.

Corn planting was at 1 percent ahead of 0 last year and even with 1 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 7 short, 88 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Hay and forage supplies rated 2 percent very short, 7 short, 87 adequate, and 4 surplus.

Cattle and calf condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 10 fair, 80 good, and 9 excellent. Cattle and calf losses rated 16 percent below average, 84 average, and 0 above average. Percentage of cows calved since January 1 was 79 percent.

Sheep and lamb condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 10 fair, 83 good, and 6 excellent. Sheep and lamb losses rated 11 percent below average, 89 average, and 0 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://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/CropProg/CropProg-04-14-2014.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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