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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, September 2, 2014 -- For the week ending August 31, 2014, most of the State received some rain with the heaviest amounts in the east central areas, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Much of the State saw below normal temperatures with only the southeast corner being above normal. Crops and pastures benefited from the rains with only hay harvest being hindered. Also, there were a few reports of winter wheat being seeded. The number of days suitable for fieldwork was 3.4. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 23 short, 67 adequate and 6 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 9 percent very short, 27 short, 62 adequate and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 6 poor, 20 fair, 50 good, and 21 excellent. Corn dough was 94 percent, near 91 last year and 95 for the five-year average. Corn dented was 61 percent, ahead of 48 last year, but behind 65 average. Corn mature was 8 percent, ahead of 1 last year, but equal to the average.

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 21 fair, 54 good, and 18 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 5 percent, near 4 last year and 2 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 33 fair, 40 good, and 20 excellent. Sorghum coloring was 71 percent, well ahead of 30 last year and 35 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 1 poor, 15 fair, 61 good, and 20 excellent. Dry beans setting pods was 92 percent, behind 96 last year and 98 average. Dry beans dropping leaves was 39 percent, ahead of 32 last year and 17 average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 30 fair, 51 good, and 11 excellent. Alfalfa hay third cutting was 90 percent complete, ahead of 84 last year and 86 average. Alfalfa hay fourth cutting was 19 percent complete, ahead of 5 last year, but near 17 average.

Proso millet harvested was 1 percent, behind 12 last year and 6 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 9 poor, 33 fair, 44 good, and 8 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 short, 92 adequate, and 1 surplus.

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/nass/CropProg//2010s/2014/CropProg-09-2-2014.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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