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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, September 8, 2014 -- For the week ending September 7, 2014, cool temperatures coupled with rain slowed fieldwork activities early and again late in the week, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Moisture accumulations in most areas were less than an inch but enough to make hay harvest difficult. Irrigation was in the final stages and corn silage harvest began in southern counties. Winter wheat seeding was underway in the west. There were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 23 short, 68 adequate, and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 27 short, 63 adequate, and 2 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat planted was 11 percent, ahead of 5 last year, but equal to the five-year average.

Corn conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 6 poor, 19 fair, 50 good, and 22 excellent. Corn dough was 98 percent, near 97 last year and equal to the average. Corn dented was 75 percent, ahead of 69 last year, but behind 80 average. Corn mature was 15 percent, ahead of 4 last year, but near 16 average.

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 21 fair, 53 good, and 19 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 10 percent, near 14 last year and equal to the average.

Sorghum conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 33 fair, 39 good, and 21 excellent. Sorghum coloring was 83 percent, well ahead of 61 last year and 59 average. Sorghum mature was 3 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but near 2 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 1 poor, 15 fair, 62 good, and 20 excellent. Dry beans setting pods was 94 percent. Dry beans dropping leaves was 69 percent, behind 74 last year, but well ahead of 44 average. Dry beans harvested was 4 percent, behind 15 last year and 8 average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 29 fair, 52 good, and 11 excellent. Alfalfa hay third cutting was 95 percent complete, near 94 last year and 92 average. Alfalfa hay fourth cutting was 34 percent complete, ahead of 12 last year, but near 30 average.

Proso millet harvested was 3 percent, well behind 42 last year and 18 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 8 poor, 33 fair, 45 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-09-08-2014.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&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=NE&region=HPRCC)

*Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:*

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?NE>

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