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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, September 29, 2014 -- For the week ending September 28, 2014, above normal temperatures accelerated the dry down of row crops as producers waited for grain moisture levels to decline, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rain at midweek was heaviest in central counties with amounts limited elsewhere. There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 23 short, 70 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 25 short, 65 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planted was 78 percent, ahead of 63 last year and 68 for the five-year average. Winter wheat emerged was 43 percent, ahead of 26 last year and 31 average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 19 fair, 51 good, and 22 excellent. Corn dented was 97 percent, near 99 for both last year and the average. Corn mature was 63 percent, near 60 last year and 66 average. Corn harvested was 7 percent, near 8 last year, but behind 16 average.

Soybean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 20 fair, 54 good, and 20 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 76 percent, behind 82 last year, but near 77 average. Soybeans harvested was 6 percent, behind 12 last year and 17 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 32 fair, 39 good, and 22 excellent. Sorghum coloring was 97 percent, near 99 last year, but ahead of 93 average. Sorghum mature was 60 percent, ahead of 46 last year and 43 average. Sorghum harvested was 2 percent, equal to last year and near 4 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 1 poor, 15 fair, 62 good, and 19 excellent. Dry beans dropping leaves was 95 percent, near 97 last year and equal to the average. Dry beans harvested was 64 percent, near 68 last year and 67 average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 29 fair, 52 good, and 12 excellent. Alfalfa hay fourth cutting was 77 percent complete, near 73 last year and 79 average.

Proso millet harvested was 77 percent, near 78 last year, but ahead of 62 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 7 poor, 33 fair, 45 good, and 9 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 5 short, 92 adequate, and 2 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-09-29-2014.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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