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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, August 31, 2015 - For the week ending August 30, 2015, cooler temperatures were noted in eastern counties where significant rainfall occurred, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. However, western dryland crops and pastures were showing stress as producers worked to keep up with demands of irrigated crops. Final hay harvest was active, as was preparation for winter wheat planting in the west. There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 29 short, 61 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 25 short, 67 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 18 fair, 58 good, and 19 excellent. Corn dough was at 91 percent, near 93 last year and the five-year average of 95. Dented was at 59 percent, equal to last year, but behind 64 average. Mature was at 1 percent, behind 7 last year and 8 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 26 fair, 59 good, and 14 excellent. Sorghum coloring was at 43 percent, well behind 68 last year, but near 42 average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 20 fair, 57 good, and 17 excellent. Soybeans setting pods was at 96 percent, near 99 last year and 98 average. Dropping leaves was at 10 percent, ahead of 4 last year and 3 average.

Alfalfa condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 28 fair, 54 good, and 13 excellent. Alfalfa third cutting was at 94 percent, ahead of 89 last year and 88 average. Fourth cutting was at 29 percent, ahead of 17 for both last year and the average.

Dry edible beans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 67 good, and 9 excellent. Dropping leaves was at 33 percent, near 34 last year, but ahead of 20 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 6 poor, 25 fair, 55 good, and 11 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 7 short, 89 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and Nebraska Extension.

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2015/CropProg-08-31-2015.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

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

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