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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, September 8, 2015 – For the week ending September 6, 2015, above average temperatures and generally dry conditions were experienced throughout Nebraska, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures averaged up to ten degrees above normal, causing some livestock and dryland crop stress in areas where there was minimal rainfall. Fieldwork activities included cutting silage and winding down irrigation. There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 30 short, 59 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 25 short, 67 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 18 fair, 57 good, and 19 excellent. Corn dough was at 94 percent, near 97 last year and the five-year average of 98. Dented was at 75 percent, near 73 last year and 79 average. Mature was at 12 percent, near 14 last year and 16 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 26 fair, 58 good, and 14 excellent. Sorghum coloring was at 70 percent, behind 81 last year, but near 66 average. Mature was at 3 percent, equal to last year, and near 2 average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 21 fair, 56 good, and 17 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was at 21 percent, ahead of 9 for both last year and average.

Winter wheat planted was at 2 percent, behind 10 last year and 9 average.

Alfalfa condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 29 fair, 53 good, and 13 excellent. Alfalfa third cutting was at 97 percent, near 94 last year and 93 average. Fourth cutting was at 41 percent, ahead of 32 last year and 30 average.

Dry edible beans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 67 good, and 9 excellent. Dry edible beans dropping leaves was at 80 percent, ahead of 65 last year, and well ahead of 49 average. Harvested was at 2 percent, near 3 last year and 5 average.

Proso millet harvested was at 18 percent, ahead of 3 last year, but near 16 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 6 poor, 26 fair, 54 good, and 11 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 8 short, 88 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-09-08-2015.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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