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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, October 19, 2015 - For the week ending October 18, 2015, above normal temperatures combined with no precipitation provided good harvest conditions, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. While temperatures averaged two to six degrees above normal, the first frost of the season was noted in western counties which aided crop drydown. Cattle producers started to move livestock from grass to available stalk fields. There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 33 short, 58 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 29 short, 64 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 18 fair, 55 good, and 21 excellent. Corn mature was at 97 percent, near 93 last year and 95 for the five-year average. Harvested was at 40 percent, ahead of 27 last year, but behind 46 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 25 fair, 56 good, and 18 excellent. Sorghum mature was at 96 percent, near 94 for both last year and the average. Harvested was at 35 percent, ahead of 25 last year, but near 34 average.

Soybeans harvested was at 79 percent, ahead of 66 last year, but near 81 average.

Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 6 poor, 32 fair, 55 good, and 7 excellent. Winter wheat planted was at 97 percent, equal to last year, and near 96 average. Emerged was at 83 percent, behind 88 last year, but ahead of 76 average.

Dry edible beans harvested was at 94 percent, near 91 last year and 93 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 9 poor, 28 fair, 54 good, and 6 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 11 short, 86 adequate, and 1 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-10-19-2015.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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