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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, January 4, 2016 - For the month of December 2015, temperatures averaged four to six degrees above normal across the eastern half of the State and near normal elsewhere, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. At mid-month, rainfall accumulations totaled three or more inches across the eastern third of the State. As the month closed, snow cover was present in many areas, limiting fieldwork activities and livestock grazing. The combination of snow and rain left many feedlots muddy until cold temperatures late in the month caused soils to freeze. Topsoil moisture rated 2 percent very short, 13 short, 80 adequate, and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 3 percent very short, 18 short, 77, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 38 fair, 51 good, and 8 excellent.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 13 fair, 75 good, and 12 excellent.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 20 fair, 76 good, and 3 excellent.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 3 short, 92 adequate, and 4 surplus.

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 UNL Extension Service.

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:
<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

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