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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Lincoln, Neb. January 3, 2017 – For the month of December 2016, temperatures averaged two to six degrees below normal, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Precipitation in the form of snow and rain was recorded during the month. High winds on Christmas day caused damage to numerous pivots in south central counties. At the end of the month, snow cover was limited to northern Panhandle counties. This allowed good use of stalk fields for winter grazing in other areas. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 12 percent very short, 22 short, 64 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 11 percent very short, 26 short, 62 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 44 fair, 41 good, and 5 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 17 fair, 71 good, and 11 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 54 average, and 46 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 20 fair, 72 good, and 7 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 75 average, and 25 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 3 short, 91 adequate, and 6 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 8 short, 91 adequate, and 1 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/2017/CropProg-01-03-2017.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:
<http://www.hpccc.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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