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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Lincoln, NE – For the week ending May 1, 2016, wet, cool conditions kept producers from making widespread planting progress, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Snow blanketed the southwest as well as Panhandle counties late in the week with accumulations of six inches or more recorded in portions of the Panhandle. Statewide rainfall of one to two inches was common with heavier amounts of five inches or more were recorded in central Nebraska. Temperatures averaged four to six degrees below normal. Producers were waiting for soils to dry before planting could resume. Pasture conditions are now rated well above last year and the five-year average. There were 1.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 short, 70 adequate, and 23 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 short, 82 adequate, and 11 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn planted was at 26 percent, behind 45 last year and the five-year average of 31. Emerged was at 7 percent, near 6 last year and 4 average.

Sorghum planted was at 1 percent, behind 8 last year and near 3 average.

Soybeans planted was at 2 percent, behind 9 last year, but near 6 average.

Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 35 fair, 50 good, and 11 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was at 71 percent, well ahead of 42 last year and 32 average. Headed was at 1 percent, near 2 last year and 3 average.

Oats condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 33 fair, 62 good, and 4 excellent. Oats planted was at 86 percent, behind 98 last year, but near 88 average. Emerged was at 70 percent, behind 80 last year, but ahead of 59 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 28 fair, 62 good, and 9 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 short, 90 adequate, and 8 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/2016/CropProg-05-02-2016.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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