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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Lincoln, NE – For the week ending May 15, 2016, rain amounts of one to two inches were common across the eastern half of the State during the first half of the week, with heavier amounts in east central counties, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Hail accompanied the rain in portions of the State. Planting progress was limited in eastern counties as producers waited for soils to dry. Temperatures averaged two to six degrees below normal. Producers continued to move cows and calves to pasture. There were 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 short, 80 adequate, and 18 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 3 short, 86 adequate, and 11 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn planted was at 74 percent, behind 82 last year and the five-year average of 81. Emerged was at 30 percent, behind 47 last year and 35 average.

Sorghum planted was at 13 percent, well behind 34 last year and behind 21 average.

Soybeans planted was at 29 percent, behind 36 last year and 43 average. Emerged was at 3 percent, near 4 last year, but behind 8 average.

Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 30 fair, 55 good, and 12 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was at 91 percent, near 90 last year, but ahead of 74 average. Headed was at 34 percent, ahead of 19 last year and 17 average.

Oats condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 23 fair, 71 good, and 5 excellent. Oats planted was at 92 percent, behind 100 last year and 98 average. Emerged was at 86 percent, behind 94 last year, but near 84 average. Oats jointed was at 25 percent, behind 35 last year.

Alfalfa first cutting was at 4 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but behind 10 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 19 fair, 67 good, and 13 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 short, 92 adequate, and 6 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-05-16-2016.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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