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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Lincoln, NE – For the week ending August 14, 2016, Nebraska experienced near normal temperatures, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Many areas received more than two inches of rain, while large pockets in the central and southwestern parts of the State remained dry. In these dry areas, there was concern about the lack of rainfall affecting dryland crop conditions. There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 30 short, 59 adequate, and 3 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, 59 good, and 17 excellent. Corn dough was 76 percent, ahead of 64 last year and the five-year average of 66. Dented was 17 percent, ahead of 11 last year, but near 19 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 15 fair, 68 good, and 17 excellent. Sorghum headed was 87 percent, near 91 last year, but ahead of 76 average. Coloring was 27 percent, ahead of 10 both last year and average.

Soybeans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 18 fair, 63 good, and 15 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 97 percent, equal to both last year and average. Setting pods was 81 percent, near 77 last year and 80 average.

Oats harvested was 89 percent, near 91 last year, and behind 96 average.

Alfalfa condition rated 4 percent very poor, 4 poor, 17 fair, 62 good, and 13 excellent. Alfalfa third cutting was 77 percent, ahead of 60 last year and 62 average. Fourth cutting was 17 percent, ahead of 11 last year.

Dry edible beans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 31 fair, 53 good, and 11 excellent. Dry edible beans blooming was 93 percent, equal to last year. Setting pods was 84 percent, equal to last year.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 24 fair, 59 good, and 10 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 11 short, 86 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 National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2016/CropProg-08-15-2016.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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