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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Lincoln, NE – For the week ending August 28, 2016, temperatures averaged two to four degrees below normal, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Precipitation of an inch or more was limited to the southern border counties and portions of the extreme east. Much of the State remained dry. The cooler temperatures reduced crop moisture demands. In western counties, producers continued preparing summer fallow for winter wheat planting. There were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 32 short, 57 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 30 short, 61 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 19 fair, 59 good, and 16 excellent. Corn dough was 95 percent, ahead of 89 last year, and near the five-year average of 92. Dented was 61 percent, ahead of 53 last year and 56 average. Mature was 5 percent, near 1 last year and 7 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 17 fair, 64 good, and 19 excellent. Sorghum coloring was 74 percent, well ahead of 39 last year and 36 average. Mature was 2 percent.

Soybeans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 19 fair, 61 good, and 16 excellent. Soybeans setting pods was 96 percent, near 95 last year, and equal to average. Dropping leaves was 8 percent, near 9 last year and 4 average.

Winter wheat planted was 1 percent, equal to average.

Alfalfa condition rated 4 percent very poor, 4 poor, 18 fair, 62 good, and 12 excellent. Alfalfa third cutting was 93 percent, near 92 last year, and ahead of 86 average. Fourth cutting was 37 percent, ahead of 27 last year, and well ahead of 17 average.

Dry edible beans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 33 fair, 52 good, and 10 excellent. Dry edible beans blooming was 93 percent. Setting pods was 88 percent, behind 98 last year and 97 average. Dropping leaves was 19 percent, behind 26 last year, but near 16 average.

Proso millet harvested was 6 percent, near 2 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 9 poor, 23 fair, 55 good, and 10 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 12 short, 86 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/2016/CropProg-08-29-2016.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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