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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Lincoln, NE – For the week ending September 18, 2016, temperatures averaged near normal in the east and two degrees below normal across western Nebraska, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Minimal precipitation fell across western areas, while rainfall was widespread over eastern Nebraska. Parts of the northeast received five inches or more of rain. Dry bean combining was underway in western counties. Seed corn and silage harvests continued. The first fields of soybeans were being taken and winter wheat seeding was active in the west. There were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 23 short, 65 adequate, and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 26 short, 64 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 20 fair, 57 good, and 17 excellent. Corn dented was 95 percent, near 91 last year, and equal to the five-year average. Mature was 45 percent, near 41 both last year and average. Harvested was 2 percent, near 4 last year, and behind 7 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 63 good, and 22 excellent. Sorghum mature was 42 percent, ahead of 28 last year, and well ahead of 21 average.

Soybeans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 19 fair, 60 good, and 17 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 51 percent, behind 57 last year, but ahead of 44 average. Harvested was 2 percent, equal to last year, and near 3 average.

Winter wheat planted was 45 percent, ahead of 40 last year and 37 average. Emerged was 8 percent, near 6 last year and 4 average.

Alfalfa fourth cutting was 60 percent, behind 74 last year, and near 63 average.

Dry edible beans condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 33 fair, 55 good, and 9 excellent. Dry edible beans dropping leaves was 91 percent, behind 94 last year, but ahead of 85 average. Harvested was 29 percent, behind 42 last year, and near 31 average.

Proso millet harvested was 24 percent, well behind 62 last year and 44 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 8 poor, 25 fair, 56 good, and 8 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 11 short, 87 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-09-19-2016.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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