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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**Lincoln, NE** – For the week ending October 2, 2016, ideal fall harvest conditions occurred with minimal precipitation and near normal temperatures, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The dry conditions allowed grain moisture levels in standing crops to be drawn down and permitted easy access to fields. Soybean harvest was widespread. Winter wheat was being planted in southern counties. There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 28 short, 61 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 26 short, 65 adequate, and 2 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 20 fair, 56 good, and 17 excellent. Corn mature was 85 percent, ahead of 77 both last year and the five-year average. Harvested was 15 percent, near 14 last year, but behind 21 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 61 good, and 24 excellent. Sorghum mature was 89 percent, ahead of 72 last year, and well ahead of 66 average. Harvested was 23 percent, ahead of 5 last year and 8 average.

Soybeans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 18 fair, 60 good, and 18 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 89 percent, near 86 last year and 85 average. Harvested was 27 percent, near 26 last year, and equal to average.

Winter wheat planted was 85 percent, ahead of 80 last year and 77 average. Emerged was 60 percent, ahead of 41 both last year and average.

Alfalfa fourth cutting was 79 percent, behind 92 last year and 85 average.

Dry edible beans harvested was 73 percent, near 77 last year and 74 average.

Proso millet harvested was 68 percent, well behind 91 last year, and behind 79 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 9 poor, 26 fair, 54 good, and 8 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 10 short, 88 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-10-03-2016.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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