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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, April 8, 2013 -- For the week ending of April 7, 2013, above normal temperatures across much of the state encouraged green up of winter wheat, but with soil moisture supplies short, pastures showed little growth as producers considered how to deal with declining forage supplies, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Fieldwork was limited to anhydrous applications and spring tillage operations as producers await soil temperatures to rise and soil moisture supplies to improve. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 37 percent very short, 40 short, 23 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 62 percent very short, 33 short, 5 adequate, and 0 surplus. There were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork.

**Weather Report:** Precipitation and temperature data are now being provided through the High Plains Regional Climate Center. See link below for the latest updates. A link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor graphic is also provided.

**Field Crops Report:** Wheat conditions rated 18 percent very poor, 33 poor, 38 fair, 10 good, and 1 excellent. Wheat jointed was 1 percent, behind last year's 9 and 2 average.

Oats planted were at 41 percent, behind last year's 48 but ahead of 30 average. Oats emerged was 6 percent, behind 13 last year but ahead of 4 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Hay and forage supplies rated 23 percent very short, 41 short, 36 adequate, and 0 surplus. Cattle and calves condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 20 fair, 71 good, and 7 excellent. Spring calving was 74 percent complete. Stock water supplies rated 13 percent very short, 27 short, 60 adequate, and 0 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://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2013/CropProg-04-08-2013.pdf>

*Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:*

[http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update\\_region&state=NE&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=NE&region=HPRCC)

*Access the US Drought Monitor at:*

[http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM\\_state.htm?NE,HP](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?NE,HP)