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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, May 13, 2013 -- For the week ending May 12, 2013, corn planting was active early in the week until light rain Wednesday through Friday limited progress, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Corn planting was most advanced in south central counties and least in northeastern areas where precipitation has been 25-50 percent above normal since April 1. Average temperatures were again below normal, with lows dipping below freezing in some areas. Soil temperatures as of Sunday were 55 degrees or higher throughout the state. Pastures continue to show limited growth with much of the grazing land in the western half of the state in poor or very poor condition. Fieldwork was limited with only 4.7 days considered suitable. Statewide, topsoil moisture supplies rated 14 percent very short, 25 short, 59 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 40 percent very short, 42 short, 18 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn planted was 43 percent, well behind last year's 89 and 10 days behind 77 average. Emerged was 2 percent, well behind last year's 52 and 25 average.

Soybeans planted was 7 percent, behind last year's 56 and 33 average.

Sorghum planted was 2 percent, behind 22 last year and 12 average.

Wheat conditions rated 14 percent very poor, 34 poor, 40 fair, 12 good, and 0 excellent. Wheat jointed was 34 percent, well behind last year's 94 and 2 weeks behind 67 average.

Oat conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 8 poor, 55 fair, 32 good, and 1 excellent. Oats planted were at 95 percent, behind last year's 99 and 98 average. Oats emerged were 59 percent, behind last year's 91 and 83 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 7 percent very short, 17 short, 75 adequate, and 1 surplus. Pasture and range condition rated 28 percent very poor, 41 poor, 27 fair, 4 good, and 0 excellent. Hay and forage supplies rated 25 percent very short, 46 short, 29 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-05-13-2013.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®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?NE,HP