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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, June 24, 2013 -- For the week ending June 23, 2013, rainfall across much of the State combined with above normal temperatures to boost the growth of young crops, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Rainfall amounts of two inches or more were recording in northern rangeland counties and portions of the eastern Panhandle. However, most totals were less than an inch. Damaging hail was reported in a number of counties, however most storms were localized. High winds made herbicide application a challenge. Hay harvest was active with high humidity and rain limiting good drying conditions. Temperatures were 3 to 5 degrees above normal across the east and south and near normal elsewhere. Most of the wheat in the southern third of the state was turning color with harvest expected to begin near July 4th. Statewide, producers had 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 27 short, 65 adequate, and 1 surplus, well above previous year. However, very short moisture conditions continue to exist in portions of South Central, Southwestern and Northwestern Nebraska. Statewide, subsoil moisture supplies rated 20 percent very short, 34 short, 46 adequate, and 0 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 22 fair, 60 good, 15 excellent.

Soybean conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 22 fair, 67 good, and 9 excellent. Soybeans emerged was 95 percent, behind last year's 100 but near 96 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 30 fair, 38 good, and 24 excellent. Sorghum emerged was 91 percent, behind last year's 97 but near 89 average.

Wheat conditions rated 26 percent very poor, 25 poor, 31 fair, 17 good, and 1 excellent. Wheat headed was 98 percent, compared to 100 last year and 99 average. Wheat turning color was 40 percent, well behind 98 last year and 57 average. Wheat ripe was 1 percent, well behind 60 last year and 14 average.

Proso millet was 97 percent planted, near last year's 98 but ahead of 71 average.

Oat conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 31 fair, 47 good, and 9 excellent. Oats headed were 77 percent, behind last year's 96 but near 79 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 30 fair, 60 good, and 10 excellent. Dry beans planted were 99 percent, ahead of last year's 97 and 95 average. Emerged was 84 percent, ahead of 81 last year and 71 average.

Alfalfa conditions were 2 percent very poor, 11 poor, 35 fair, 46 good, and 6 excellent. Alfalfa first cutting was 84 percent complete, behind last year's 99 but near 86 average. Alfalfa second cutting was 2 percent complete, well behind last year's 63 and 16 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 12 short, 82 adequate, and 1 surplus. Pasture and range condition was 10 percent very poor, 26 poor, 40 fair, 21 good, and 3 excellent. Hay and forage supplies rated 25 percent very short, 36 short, 38 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://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2013/CropProg-06-24-2013.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 U.S. Drought Monitor at:

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