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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, July 15, 2013 -- For the week ending July 14, 2013, dryland crop conditions declined due to above normal temperatures and limited rainfall, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures averaged 4 degrees above normal with irrigation in full swing. Wheat harvest was complete in southeastern areas and was expected to gain momentum in Panhandle counties in the coming days. The second cutting of alfalfa was near 50 percent complete with excellent harvest conditions reported. The high temperatures and humidity resulted in some livestock losses during the week. Statewide, producers had 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies declined and rated 17 percent very short, 45 short, 38 adequate, and 0 surplus. Statewide, subsoil moisture supplies also declined and rated 28 percent very short, 41 short, 31 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: All corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 22 fair, 54 good, and 17 excellent. Irrigated corn conditions rated 81 percent good or excellent, compared to 78 average. Dryland corn conditions rated 57 percent good or excellent, compared to 69 average. Corn silking was 14 percent complete, behind 67 last year and 36 average.

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 23 fair, 59 good, and 11 excellent. Thirty-nine percent of the crop was blooming, behind 60 last year but near 40 average. Two percent of the crop was setting pods, behind 12 last year but near 4 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 13 poor, 33 fair, 30 good, and 22 excellent.

Wheat conditions rated 23 percent very poor, 24 poor, 33 fair, 18 good, and 2 excellent. Wheat turning color was 99 percent, behind 100 last year but equal to 99 average. Wheat ripe was 57 percent, well behind 100 last year and 71 average. Twenty-nine percent of the crop was harvested, well behind 96 last year and 42 average.

Oat conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 11 poor, 30 fair, 46 good, and 8 excellent. Oats harvested were 27 percent, compared to last year's 88 and 31 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 22 fair, 70 good, and 8 excellent. Dry beans blooming were 5 percent, behind 26 last year and 10 average.

Alfalfa conditions were 4 percent very poor, 10 poor, 35 fair, 46 good, and 5 excellent. Alfalfa second cutting was 48 percent complete, behind last year's 89 and 60 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 7 percent very short, 16 short, 77 adequate, and 0 surplus. Pasture and range condition was 12 percent very poor, 26 poor, 39 fair, 22 good, and 1 excellent. Hay and forage supplies rated 21 percent very short, 33 short, 46 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-07-15-2013.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