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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, August 12, 2013 -- For the week ending August 11, 2013, a second week of below normal temperatures was accompanied by rainfall across the northern half of the state as well as southwestern counties, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The cooler conditions reduced stress on growing crops but slowed development with corn progress about a week behind average. Winter wheat harvest was virtually complete. Pastures continued to show slow improvement. Statewide, producers had 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 13 percent very short, 33 short, 52 adequate, and 2 surplus. Statewide, subsoil moisture supplies rated 26 percent very short, 40 short, 34 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: All corn condition rated 6 percent very poor, 7 poor, 20 fair, 47 good, and 20 excellent. Irrigated corn conditions rated 83 percent good or excellent, compared to 75 average. Dryland corn conditions rated 45 percent good or excellent, compared to 60 average. Corn silking was 99 percent complete, compared to 100 last year and 99 average. Corn in dough was 35 percent, well behind 85 last year and 57 average. Corn dented was 1 percent, well behind 48 last year and 17 average.

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 22 fair, 56 good, and 15 excellent. Ninety-six percent of the crop was blooming, near 97 last year and 95 average. Seventy-two percent of the crop was setting pods, behind 80 last year but equal 72 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 17 poor, 26 fair, 39 good, and 12 excellent. Sorghum heading was 58 percent, behind 63 for both last year and average.

Wheat harvested was 98 percent, behind 100 last year and 99 average.

Oats harvested were 92 percent, behind last year's 100 and near 95 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 19 fair, 68 good, and 9 excellent. Dry beans blooming were 97 percent, near 95 last year and 96 average. Eighty-one percent of the crop was setting pods, ahead of 71 last year and 68 average.

Alfalfa conditions were 5 percent very poor, 12 poor, 28 fair, 50 good, and 5 excellent. Alfalfa second cutting was 96 percent complete, behind last year's 100 and 99 average. Third cutting was 32 percent complete, behind 89 last year and 54 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 8 percent very short, 17 short, 74 adequate, and 1 surplus. Pasture and range condition was 16 percent very poor, 17 poor, 35 fair, 31 good, and 1 excellent.

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-08-12-2013.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