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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, August 19, 2013 -- For the week ending August 18, 2013, most of the state saw another week of cooler than normal temperatures, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Reporters indicated that, in many areas, warmer temperatures are needed in order to advance crop maturity. Statewide, producers had 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 13 percent very short, 31 short, 55 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 26 percent very short, 38 short, 36 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: All corn condition rated 5 percent very poor, 7 poor, 23 fair, 45 good, and 20 excellent. Irrigated corn conditions rated 79 percent good or excellent, compared to 75 average. Dryland corn conditions rated 45 percent good or excellent, compared to 59 average. Corn in dough was 69 percent, behind 92 last year and 78 average. Corn dented was 11 percent, well behind 65 last year and 33 average.

Soybean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 23 fair, 56 good, and 16 excellent. Eighty-eight percent of the crop was setting pods, near 90 last year and 86 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 7 percent very poor, 17 poor, 29 fair, 33 good, and 14 excellent. Sorghum heading was 77 percent, ahead of 74 last year but behind 81 average.

Oats harvested were 94 percent, behind last year's 100 and 99 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 11 fair, 66 good, and 19 excellent. Ninety-two percent of the crop was setting pods, behind 95 last year but ahead of 89 average.

Alfalfa conditions were 4 percent very poor, 12 poor, 30 fair, 47 good, and 7 excellent. The third cutting of alfalfa was 59 percent complete, behind 93 last year and 69 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 7 percent very short, 14 short, 78 adequate, and 1 surplus. Pasture and range condition was 13 percent very poor, 21 poor, 36 fair, 28 good, and 2 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-08-19-2013.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