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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, August 26, 2013 -- For the week ending August 25, 2013, above normal temperatures pushed crop development after three weeks of cool conditions, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The hot, windy weather stressed dryland crops in areas short on moisture. Significant rainfall of an inch or more was recorded at midweek over a large area of central and northeastern Nebraska while southern and western areas remained dry. Proso millet harvest was just underway in Panhandle counties and winter wheat producers were busy with preparations for fall seeding. Statewide, producers had 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 16 percent very short, 36 short, 48 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 26 percent very short, 40 short, 34 adequate, and 0 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** All corn condition rated 5 percent very poor, 6 poor, 23 fair, 46 good, and 20 excellent. Irrigated corn conditions rated 81 percent good or excellent, compared to 76 average. Dryland corn conditions rated 44 percent good or excellent, compared to 59 average. Corn in dough was 82 percent, behind 98 last year and 90 average. Corn dented was 29 percent, well behind 80 last year and 52 average.

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 22 fair, 56 good, and 16 excellent. Ninety-four percent of the crop was setting pods, near 95 last year and equal to 94 average. Soybeans dropping leaves were 1 percent, behind 3 last year but equal to 1 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 9 percent very poor, 20 poor, 30 fair, 31 good, and 10 excellent. Sorghum heading was 89 percent, ahead of 82 last year but behind 91 average. Sorghum turning color was 8 percent, behind 13 last year and 20 average.

Proso millet was 1 percent harvested, equal to 1 average.

Oats harvested were 98 percent, behind last year's 100 and 100 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 18 fair, 65 good, and 16 excellent. Ninety-six percent of the crop was setting pods, behind 100 last year but near 97 average. Dry beans dropping leaves were 5 percent, ahead of the 2 average.

Alfalfa conditions were 5 percent very poor, 15 poor, 32 fair, 42 good, and 5 excellent. The third cutting of alfalfa was 79 percent complete, behind 95 last year but near 80 average. The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 2 percent complete, behind 24 last year and 9 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Stock water supplies rated 6 percent very short, 15 short, 78 adequate, and 1 surplus. Pasture and range condition was 15 percent very poor, 19 poor, 35 fair, 30 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-08-26-2013.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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