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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, September 16, 2013 -- For the week ending September 15, 2013, temperatures for the fourth week in a row averaged above normal. Rainfall across southern Nebraska was expected to boost germination prospects for fall planted winter wheat but came too late to impact western dryland crops, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn silage harvest was active in many areas and harvest of high moisture corn for feedlots had started. Dry bean and millet harvests were active in western counties. Statewide, producers had 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 20 percent very short, 40 short, 40 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 29 percent very short, 43 short, 28 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: All corn condition rated 7 percent very poor, 7 poor, 23 fair, 45 good, and 18 excellent. Irrigated corn conditions rated 81 percent good or excellent, compared to 76 average. Dryland corn conditions rated 36 percent good or excellent, compared to 59 average. Corn dented was 91 percent, behind 100 last year but near 92 average. Corn mature was 16 percent, behind 71 last year and 29 average. Corn harvested was 2 percent, behind 21 last year and 5 average.

Soybean conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 9 poor, 27 fair, 49 good, and 11 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves were 36 percent, behind 47 last year but ahead of 25 average. Harvest was 1 percent complete, behind 4 last year and equal to with the 1 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 11 percent very poor, 19 poor, 32 fair, 36 good, and 2 excellent. Sorghum turning color was 84 percent, ahead of 66 last year and 75 average. Mature was 3 percent, behind 17 last year and 9 average.

Winter wheat was 22 percent planted, near 19 last year but behind 30 average.

Proso millet was 62 percent harvested, ahead of 34 last year and 26 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 63 good, and 13 excellent. Dry beans dropping leaves were 91 percent, ahead of the 63 last year and 58 average. Thirty-one percent of the crop was harvested, ahead of 17 last year and 21 average.

Alfalfa conditions were 6 percent very poor, 18 poor, 32 fair, 38 good, and 6 excellent. The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 38 percent complete, behind 77 last year and 47 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 8 percent very short, 20 short, 72 adequate, and 0 surplus. Pasture and range condition was 16 percent very poor, 22 poor, 36 fair, 25 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-09-16-2013.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