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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, October 21, 2013 -- For the week ending October 20, 2013, an inch or more of precipitation early in the week covered much of the eastern two-thirds of the state, slowing harvest progress, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Most soybean acres were harvested with producer's attention now moving to corn. Below normal temperatures and wet conditions combined to slow drydown of corn acres. Livestock producers were moving cattle to harvested corn fields as they became available. Statewide, producers had 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 23 short, 69 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 18 percent very short, 37 short, 45 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: All corn condition rated 7 percent very poor, 7 poor, 18 fair, 47 good, and 21 excellent. Irrigated corn conditions rated 84 percent good or excellent. Dryland corn conditions rated 46 percent good or excellent. Corn mature was 92 percent, behind 100 last year but equal to 92 average. Corn harvested was 32 percent, well behind 88 last year and 44 average.

Soybean conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 7 poor, 21 fair, 52 good, and 17 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves were 99 percent, near 100 last year and 100 average. Harvest was 80 percent complete, behind 94 last year but near 81 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 19 percent very poor, 21 poor, 25 fair, 33 good, and 2 excellent. Sorghum mature was 98 percent, near 97 last year but ahead of 85 average. Harvest was 32 complete, behind 60 last year but near 30 average.

Winter wheat rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 25 fair, 68 good, and 4 excellent. Wheat was 96 percent seeded, near 97 last year and 97 average. Wheat emerged was 73 percent, ahead of 56 last year but behind 80 average.

Proso millet was 86 percent harvested, behind 93 last year but equal to 86 average.

Ninety-four percent of dry beans were harvested, ahead of 90 last year but near 96 average.

The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 89 percent complete, behind 100 last year but behind 96 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 6 percent very short, 14 short, 80 adequate, and 0 surplus. Pasture and range condition was 14 percent very poor, 23 poor, 36 fair, 25 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-10-21-2013.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