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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, December 30, 2013 -- For the month of December 2013, temperatures averaged near normal across central and western counties, while being 4 to 6 degrees below normal across northern and southeastern areas, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Precipitations in the form of snow occurred early and again late in the month, but most accumulations were light. This left many stalk fields open for grazing, with forage supplies adequate in most areas. Drought conditions continue across much of the western half of the state. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 25 short, 67 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 14 percent very short, 30 short, 56 adequate, and 0 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 31 fair, 58 good, 7 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 10 short, 85 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Hay and forage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 5 short, 91 adequate, 4 surplus.

Cattle and calves condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 7 fair, 88 good, 4 excellent.

Sheep and lambs condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 7 fair, 89 good, 4 excellent.

*Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and UNL Extension Service.*

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