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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, October 6, 2014 -- For the week ending October 5, 2014, heavy rainfall of three or more inches fell across much of the Panhandle and portions of southeast Nebraska, limiting fall harvest activities, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures retreated during the week with frost reported in some areas. There were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 19 short, 73 adequate, and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 22 short, 67 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planted was 89 percent, ahead of 81 for the five-year average. Winter wheat emerged was 64 percent, ahead of 46 average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 18 fair, 52 good, and 22 excellent. Corn mature was 77 percent, near 81 average. Corn harvested was 11 percent, behind 24 average.

Soybean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 20 fair, 54 good, and 20 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 91 percent, equal to the average. Soybeans harvested was 16 percent, well behind 41 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 32 fair, 40 good, and 22 excellent. Sorghum mature was 69 percent, near 66 average. Sorghum harvested was 5 percent, behind 11 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 1 poor, 15 fair, 62 good, and 19 excellent. Dry beans harvested was 77 percent, behind 82 average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 28 fair, 53 good, and 12 excellent. Alfalfa hay fourth cutting was 83 percent complete, near 84 average.

Proso millet harvested was 82 percent, ahead of 73 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 7 poor, 32 fair, 47 good, and 9 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 5 short, 91 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Note: Due to a lapse in federal funding in October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013 and October 13, 2013 were canceled. Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available. Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2009-2013 using published estimates for 2009-2012 and imputed estimates for 2013.

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://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2014/CropProg-10-06-2014.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/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?NE>

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