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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, October 27, 2014 -- For the week ending October 26, 2014, rain across the Panhandle as well as eastern areas slowed harvest progress at mid-week, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures, which averaged 10 degrees above normal, aided the drydown of unharvested crops. Soybean harvest was nearing completion with much of the attention now focused on corn. There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 26 short, 68 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 24 short, 67 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat conditions rated 0 very poor, 1 poor, 18 fair, 74 good, and 7 excellent. Winter wheat emerged was 94 percent, near 91 last year, but ahead of 87 for the five-year average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 18 fair, 51 good, and 24 excellent. Corn mature was 96 percent, equal to last year and average. Corn harvested was 40 percent, behind 52 last year and 59 average.

Soybeans harvested was 87 percent, behind 92 last year, but near 89 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 31 fair, 41 good, and 22 excellent. Sorghum harvested was 50 percent, behind 59 last year, but near 52 average.

Dry beans harvested was 97 percent, equal to last year and near 96 average.

Alfalfa hay fourth cutting was 95 percent complete, near 91 last year and 96 average.

Proso millet harvested was 96 percent, ahead of 88 last year and 89 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 7 poor, 32 fair, 48 good, and 8 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 5 short, 92 adequate, and 2 surplus.

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-10-27-2014.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