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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, April 13, 2015 - For the week ending April 12, 2015, temperatures averaged above normal with an inch or more of precipitation falling across east central and northeastern counties, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Cloudy conditions, combined with drizzle, began mid-week and extended through Friday. This kept fieldwork to a minimum but did little to mitigate drought conditions which persisted in central and southern areas. The danger of range fires continued in western and northern areas. Soil temperatures were too cool for row crop germination, with only a few corn fields planted. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 15 percent very short, 32 short, 50 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 13 percent very short, 29 short, 57 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 12 percent very poor, 18 poor, 34 fair, 33 good, and 3 excellent.

Oats planted was at 70 percent, well ahead of 25 last year and the five-year average of 46. Oats emerged was at 12 percent, ahead of 4 last year, but near 10 average.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 13 fair, 73 good, and 13 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 64 average, and 36 light. Calving progress rated 76 percent complete.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 15 fair, 73 good, and 12 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 65 average, and 35 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 2 percent very short, 8 short, 87 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 13 short, 83 adequate, and 1 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/2015/CropProg-04-13-2015.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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