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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, April 20, 2015 - For the week ending April 19, 2015, clear conditions during the first part of the week allowed fieldwork to advance, but gave way to rain which limited activity during the latter half, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. An inch or more of precipitation was common throughout the State, with two to three inches reported in west central counties. Temperatures averaged six degrees above normal across the eastern half of Nebraska, but were near normal in the Panhandle. Topsoil moisture conditions moved higher, as did pasture prospects. The rain kept soil temperatures cool and limited fieldwork. Statewide, there were 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 24 short, 63 adequate, and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 12 percent very short, 28 short, 58 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn planted was at 4 percent, equal to last year, and near the five-year average of 5.

Winter wheat condition rated 13 percent very poor, 18 poor, 32 fair, 34 good, and 3 excellent. Winter wheat jointed rated 6 percent complete, ahead of 0 last year, but behind 16 average.

Oats planted was at 84 percent, ahead of 61 last year and 69 average. Oats emerged was at 34 percent, well ahead of 14 last year and 21 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, 63 average, and 37 light. Calving progress rated 84 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, 64 average, and 36 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 2 percent very short, 9 short, 86 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 13 short, 82 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/2015/CropProg-04-20-2015.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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