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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, May 18, 2015 - For the week ending May 17, 2015, precipitation during the last half of the week limited fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall of one inch or more was common, except for portions of northeast and southwest Nebraska, which received lesser amounts. Lowland flooding was again reported in southeastern counties where fieldwork was at a standstill. Temperatures were cool, averaging two to four degrees below normal. There were 2.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 10 short, 67 adequate, and 17 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 18 short, 65 adequate, and 10 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn planted was at 85 percent, near 89 last year and 87 for the five-year average. Emerged was at 54 percent, ahead of 39 last year and 40 average.

Sorghum planted was at 38 percent, ahead of 24 last year and 22 average. Emerged was at 2 percent, near 5 last year and 4 average.

Soybeans planted was at 41 percent, behind 61 last year and 51 average. Emerged was at 6 percent, behind 11 last year and 12 average.

Winter wheat condition rated 13 percent very poor, 18 poor, 32 fair, 34 good, and 3 excellent. Winter wheat jointed rated 93 percent complete, well ahead of 69 last year and 71 average. Headed was at 24 percent, ahead of 9 last year and 17 average.

Oats condition rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 27 fair, 59 good, and 3 excellent. Oats emerged was at 95 percent, ahead of 88 last year and 86 average. Jointed was at 39 percent, ahead of 13 last year.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 8 poor, 31 fair, 50 good, and 6 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 9 short, 85 adequate, and 3 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-05-18-2015.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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