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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, August 17, 2015 - For the week ending August 16, 2015, Nebraska experienced near-normal temperatures, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Although some areas received up to three inches of rainfall, most of the State remained relatively dry. Producers continued irrigation activities and preparations for the fall planting of wheat. There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 28 short, 62 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 25 short, 67 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 17 fair, 59 good, and 19 excellent. Corn dough was at 72 percent, near 76 last year and the five-year average of 74. Dented was at 14 percent, near 18 last year, but behind 27 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 26 fair, 60 good, and 13 excellent. Sorghum headed was at 94 percent, ahead of 88 last year and 80 average. Sorghum coloring was at 13 percent, behind 35 last year, but near 12 average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 21 fair, 56 good, and 17 excellent. Soybeans blooming was at 98 percent, near 99 last year, and equal to the average. Setting pods was at 81 percent, behind 88 last year, but near 85 average. Dropping leaves was at 1 percent, ahead of 0 for both last year and the average.

Oats harvested was at 94 percent, near 98 for both last year and the average.

Alfalfa condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 28 fair, 55 good, and 12 excellent. Alfalfa second cutting was at 97 percent, equal to the last year. Third cutting was at 67 percent, equal to the last year, and near 68 average. Fourth cutting was at 14 percent.

Dry edible beans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 66 good, and 10 excellent. Dry edible beans blooming was at 96 percent, ahead of 91 last year. Setting pods was at 90 percent, ahead of 83 last year and 84 average. Dropping leaves was at 3 percent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 6 poor, 24 fair, 55 good, and 12 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 7 short, 89 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and Nebraska Extension.

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2015/CropProg-08-17-2015.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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