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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, October 13, 2015 - For the week ending October 11, 2015, temperatures averaged six to eight degrees above normal with the only measurable precipitation recorded in the southwestern Panhandle, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The dry conditions allowed soybean harvest to progress rapidly. Windy conditions late in the week combined with the above normal temperatures to speed crop dry down. There were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 28 short, 63 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 26 short, 66 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 19 fair, 53 good, and 21 excellent. Corn mature was at 92 percent, ahead of 87 last year, but near 90 for the five-year average. Harvested was at 26 percent, ahead of 18 last year, but behind 34 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 25 fair, 56 good, and 18 excellent. Sorghum mature was at 89 percent, ahead of 84 last year, but near 86 average. Harvested was at 17 percent, ahead of 11 last year, but near 21 average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 20 fair, 54 good, and 20 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was at 95 percent, near 96 for both last year and the average. Harvested was at 57 percent, ahead of 41 last year, but behind 63 average.

Winter wheat planted was at 93 percent, near 94 last year and 91 average. Emerged was at 70 percent, behind 78 last year, but ahead of 64 average.

Alfalfa condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 29 fair, 54 good, and 12 excellent. Alfalfa fourth cutting was at 95 percent, ahead of 88 last year and 89 average.

Dry edible beans harvested was at 87 percent, near 84 last year and 88 average.

Proso millet harvested was 95 percent, ahead of 85 last year and 86 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 9 poor, 28 fair, 54 good, and 6 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 9 short, 87 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-10-13-2015.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?NE>

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