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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, April 18, 2016 - For the week ending April 17, 2016, temperatures averaged four to six degrees above normal with widespread precipitation across the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall amounts of three or more inches were common across south central and southwestern Nebraska, while eastern border counties remained mostly dry. Snow was recorded late in the week across portions of the Panhandle. Corn planting started during the week but was halted as rain crossed the State. Windy conditions were experienced during much of the week. There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 24 short, 64 adequate, and 6 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 17 short, 77 adequate, and 3 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn planted was at 7 percent, near 3 for both last year and the five-year average.

Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 40 fair, 48 good, and 9 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was at 18 percent, ahead of 4 last year and 12 average.

Oats planted was at 71 percent, behind 80 last year, but ahead of 66 average. Emerged was at 23 percent, behind 36 last year, but near 21 average.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 10 fair, 75 good, and 15 excellent. Calving was 85 percent complete, near 82 last year and 84 average. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 67 average, and 32 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 10 fair, 84 good, and 6 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 76 average, and 24 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 5 short, 92 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 5 short, 93 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/2016/CropProg-04-18-2016.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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