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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**Lincoln, NE** – For the week ending July 17, 2016, temperatures averaged one to three degrees below normal, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Precipitation was minimal across the Panhandle and southwest. Parts of central and eastern Nebraska received an inch or more of rain. Winter wheat harvested was near completion in the southwest with most of the remaining unharvested acres in the Panhandle. There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 22 short, 70 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 19 short, 75 adequate, and 2 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 16 fair, 62 good, and 18 excellent. Corn silking was 55 percent, near 51 last year, and ahead of the five-year average of 48.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 18 fair, 68 good, and 14 excellent. Sorghum headed was 7 percent, behind 15 last year, and near 8 average.

Soybeans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 19 fair, 62 good, and 15 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 54 percent, near 56 both last year and average. Setting pods were 1 percent, behind 13 of both last year and average.

Winter wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 8 poor, 24 fair, 51 good, and 14 excellent. Winter wheat harvested was 75 percent, well ahead of 52 both last year and average.

Oats condition rated 1 percent very poor, 1 poor, 26 fair, 64 good, and 8 excellent. Oats coloring was 93 percent, near 91 last year. Harvested was 49 percent, well ahead of 25 last year, and ahead of 43 average.

Alfalfa condition rated 3 percent very poor, 3 poor, 13 fair, 65 good, and 16 excellent. Alfalfa second cutting was 80 percent, ahead of 61 last year and 67 average. Third cutting was 7 percent.

Dry edible beans condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 27 fair, 57 good, and 15 excellent. Dry edible beans blooming was 30 percent, near 29 last year, and ahead of 18 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 2 poor, 19 fair, 64 good, and 13 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 6 short, 91 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/2016/CropProg-07-18-2016.pdf

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at: <a href="http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps">http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps</a>

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at: http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?NE

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