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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**Lincoln, NE** – For the week ending July 31, 2016, temperatures averaged two to four degrees below normal, lessening crop moisture demands and livestock stress, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Precipitation was widespread, but amounts varied from over three inches in portions of central Nebraska to little or no accumulations in extreme eastern counties. Hail was reported in localized areas. There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 27 short, 65 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 25 short, 69 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 18 fair, 59 good, and 18 excellent. Corn silking was 95 percent, near 91 both last year and the five-year average. Dough was 25 percent, ahead of 20 last year, but near 26 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 16 fair, 68 good, and 16 excellent. Sorghum headed was 42 percent, behind 52 last year, but ahead of 37 average. Coloring was 1 percent, near 3 both last year and average.

Soybeans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 62 good, and 14 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 87 percent, near 86 both last year and average. Setting pods was 43 percent, behind 48 last year, and near 46 average.

Winter wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 8 poor, 24 fair, 50 good, and 15 excellent. Winter wheat harvested was 97 percent, ahead of 90 last year and 89 average.

Oats condition rated 2 percent very poor, 1 poor, 26 fair, 63 good, and 8 excellent. Oats harvested was 76 percent, ahead of 71 last year, but behind 82 average.

Alfalfa condition rated 4 percent very poor, 3 poor, 16 fair, 63 good, and 14 excellent. Alfalfa second cutting was 96 percent, ahead of 86 last year and 90 average. Third cutting was 41 percent, ahead of 29 last year and 32 average.

Dry edible beans condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 26 fair, 57 good, and 15 excellent. Dry edible beans blooming was 92 percent, ahead of 74 last year, and well ahead 67 average. Setting pods was 60 percent, well ahead of 39 last year and 23 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 21 fair, 62 good, and 11 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 8 short, 89 adequate, and 2 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-08-01-2016.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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