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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**Lincoln, NE** – For the week ending August 21, 2016, temperatures averaged two degrees below normal as cooler conditions prevailed, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Precipitation of an inch or more was limited to portions of the southern Panhandle and the eastern third of the State. Much of the State remained dry, with drought conditions in south central counties as well as the northwest. Panhandle producers continued preparations for winter wheat planting. Irrigation was active in most counties. There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 32 short, 58 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 30 short, 62 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 19 fair, 58 good, and 17 excellent. Corn dough was 87 percent, ahead of 81 last year, and near the five-year average of 84. Dented was 42 percent, ahead of 30 last year and 37 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 16 fair, 66 good, and 18 excellent. Sorghum headed was 95 percent, near 97 last year, but ahead of 88 average. Coloring was 44 percent, well ahead of 24 last year and 21 average.

Soybeans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 19 fair, 61 good, and 15 excellent. Soybeans setting pods was 92 percent, near 88 last year and 89 average. Dropping leaves was 2 percent, near 4 last year and 1 average.

Oats harvested was 95 percent, near 96 last year and 98 average.

Alfalfa condition rated 4 percent very poor, 4 poor, 17 fair, 62 good, and 13 excellent. Alfalfa third cutting was 86 percent, ahead of 81 last year and 78 average. Fourth cutting was 30 percent, ahead of 20 last year, and well ahead of 9 average.

Dry edible beans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 31 fair, 53 good, and 11 excellent. Dry edible beans blooming was 93 percent, near 96 last year. Setting pods was 85 percent, behind 94 last year and 93 average. Dropping leaves was 5 percent, near 8 last year and 2 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 6 poor, 24 fair, 57 good, and 10 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 12 short, 86 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-08-22-2016.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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