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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**LINCOLN, Neb. September 25, 2017** – For the week ending September 24, 2017, temperatures averaged near normal across western Nebraska, but six to ten degrees above normal in the east, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall of an inch or more was received across most of the State, with some central counties recording up to four inches. Harvest activities were slowed due to the moisture. There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 26 short, 69 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 34 short, 58 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 3 percent very poor, 8 poor, 22 fair, 50 good, and 17 excellent. Corn dented was 96 percent, near 98 last year and 97 for the five-year average. Mature was 55 percent, behind 66 last year and 62 average. Harvested was 7 percent, near 6 last year, but behind 13 average.

Soybean condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 26 fair, 52 good, and 12 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 80 percent, ahead of 72 last year and 70 average. Harvested was 10 percent, near 8 last year, and equal to average.

Winter wheat planted was 47 percent, well behind 68 last year, and behind 59 average. Emerged was 15 percent, well behind 37 last year, and behind 21 average.

Sorghum condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 21 fair, 56 good, and 20 excellent. Sorghum coloring was 98 percent, near 100 last year and 94 average. Mature was 50 percent, behind 60 last year, but ahead of 42 average. Harvested was 13 percent, near 9 last year, and ahead of 4 average.

Alfalfa condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 27 fair, 47 good, and 16 excellent. Alfalfa fourth cutting was 83 percent complete, ahead of 69 last year and 74 average.

Dry edible beans condition rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 20 fair, 52 good, and 17 excellent. Dry edible beans dropping leaves was 90 percent, near 94 last year. Harvested was 58 percent, ahead of 48 last year and 52 average.

Proso millet harvested was 60 percent, ahead of 52 last year, but behind 66 average.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 20 poor, 44 fair, 27 good, and 5 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 9 short, 89 adequate, and 0 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/2017/CropProg-09-25-2017.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/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?NE>

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