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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**LINCOLN, Neb. October 2, 2017** – For the week ending October 1, 2017, temperatures averaged four to eight degrees below normal across western Nebraska, but two to six degrees above normal in the east, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Accumulations of an inch or more of rain were common across most of the State, with exception of Panhandle area, recorded less than an inch. Significant rainfall continued to limit harvest activities. There were 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 19 short, 73 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 28 short, 63 adequate, and 2 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 3 percent very poor, 8 poor, 23 fair, 48 good, and 18 excellent. Corn mature was 70 percent, behind 83 last year and 77 average. Harvested was 12 percent, near 14 last year, and behind 20 average.

Soybean condition rated 3 percent very poor, 7 poor, 27 fair, 51 good, and 12 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 93 percent, ahead of 87 last year and 86 average. Harvested was 19 percent, behind 24 last year and 26 average.

Winter wheat planted was 70 percent, behind 83 last year and 76 average. Emerged was 42 percent, behind 57 last year, but near 40 average.

Sorghum condition rated 2 percent very poor, 2 poor, 20 fair, 55 good, and 21 excellent. Sorghum mature was 62 percent, well behind 85 last year, but near 66 average. Harvested was 17 percent, near 21 last year, but ahead of 10 average.

Alfalfa condition rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 27 fair, 47 good, and 13 excellent. Alfalfa fourth cutting was 87 percent complete, ahead of 78 last year, and near 83 average.

Dry edible beans dropping leaves was 98 percent. Harvested was 65 percent, behind 70 last year and 71 average.

Proso millet harvested was 67 percent, near 66 last year, but behind 79 average.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 16 poor, 39 fair, 35 good, and 5 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 8 short, 91 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-10-02-2017.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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