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SORGHUM E-Notes

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NSP Chairman Participates in Nebraska State Fair Farm Bill Forum

NSP Chairman Gerald Simonsen, a sorghum producer from Ruskin, Neb., represented sorghum producers in a farm bill forum Aug. 30 during the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island. The forum was hosted by KRVN and Rural Radio Network. The forum featured representatives from the state's grain sorghum, wheat, corn and soybean associations. Simonsen addressed issues such as crop insurance, the Energy Title and how important it is to maintain the safety net our producers currently have.

NSP and USCP Staff Meet with CARB

This week NSP and USCP staff traveled to California to meet with members from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to discuss pathways for sorghum under the low carbon fuel standard being implemented in California. USCP and NSP will continue to work with CARB and provide data as CARB works to develop a pathway for grain sorghum ethanol. Ethanol entering California will need a pathway developed by January 1 in order to meet state requirements under this new standard.

This Week's Crop Report

Heading of this year's sorghum crop was complete or nearly complete in all estimating states except New Mexico. Overall progress advanced to 95 percent complete by Aug. 29, four percent ahead of last year and 5 percent ahead of the 5-year average. Fifty-eight percent of the sorghum acreage was at or beyond the coloring stage, 12 percent ahead of last year and 4 percent ahead of the 5-year average. Warm temperatures prevailed throughout much of the Great Plains, promoting continued rapid coloring. Maturity inched forward during the week, advancing just 1 point to 26 percent complete by week's end, 2 percent behind last year and 3 percent behind the 5-year average. With activity limited to the Delta and Texas, 17 percent of the nation's sorghum crop was harvested by Aug. 29, seven percent behind last year and 6 percent behind the 5-year average. While the harvest pace was well ahead of normal in the Delta, progress in Texas trailed last year by 19 percent and the 5-year average by 16 percent. Overall, 62 percent of the sorghum crop was reported in good to excellent condition, down slightly from ratings last week but 13 percentage points better than the same time last year.

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Upcoming Field Days and Events

Sep. 2 Oklahoma State University Field Day, *Goodwell, Okla.*
Sep. 2 Texas A&M Field Day, *Bushland, Texas*
Sept. 8 Sorghum Field Day, *Blue Hill, Neb.*

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Quote of the Week:

"The first farmer was the first man, and all historic nobility rests on possession and use of land."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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