



News Release

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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, May 19, 2014 -- For the week ending May 18, 2014, precipitation across much of the western half the state improved topsoil moisture supplies, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. However, southwest Nebraska again received only limited amounts of rainfall and remained in severe to extreme drought. Statewide, temperatures averaged 9 to 12 degrees below normal. Freezing temperatures were reported on multiple nights. Producers were assessing the impact on crops and evaluating if replanting was necessary. Producers affected by the previous week's storms continued clearing debris and working on damaged irrigation equipment. Western producers were moving cattle to summer pastures. The number of days considered suitable for fieldwork was 4.5. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 12 percent very short, 24 short, 61 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 16 percent very short, 33 short, 50 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 8 percent very poor, 20 poor, 32 fair, 37 good, and 3 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 71 percent, ahead of 57 last year but behind the five-year average of 76. Winter wheat headed was 11 percent, ahead of 1 last year, but behind 17 average.

Corn planted was 91 percent, ahead of 78 last year but near 89 average. Corn emerged was 43 percent, ahead of 23 last year but near 45 average.

Soybeans planted was 65 percent, well ahead of 29 last year and 55 average. Soybeans emerged was 13 percent ahead of 2 last year but near 14 average.

Sorghum planted was at 26 percent, ahead of 9 last year but near 24 average. Sorghum emerged was 6 percent, ahead of 0 last year and 4 average.

Oats condition rated 2 percent very poor, 17 poor, 40 fair, 40 good, and 1 excellent. Oats planted was 98 percent, equal to last year and near 99 average. Oats emerged was 89 percent, ahead of 78 last year, but near 90 average. Oats jointing was 15 percent.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 39 fair, 46 good, and 7 excellent. Alfalfa hay first cutting was 1 percent complete, equal to last year, but behind the average of 14.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range condition rated 12 percent very poor, 15 poor, 40 fair, 32 good, and 1 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 10 short, 84 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/2014/CropProg-05-19-2014.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=NE®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?NE>

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