



# News Release

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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, April 21, 2014 -- For the week ending April 20, 2014, cold temperatures at the beginning of the week gave way to warmer conditions, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures averaged 4 to 6 degrees below normal with soils beginning to warm by the weekend. Oat seeding was active. Limited amounts of corn had been planted. Precipitation was light with less than three tenths of an inch recorded in most areas. Heavier amounts were received on Sunday in east central counties. Drought intensity continued to be severe across much of the western half of the state. The number of days suitable for fieldwork was 5.3. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 13 percent very short, 41 short, 45 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 17 percent very short, 44 short, 39 adequate, and 0 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 10 poor, 29 fair, 52 good, and 7 excellent.

Oats planted was 67 percent, equal to last year and near the five-year average of 70 percent. Oats emerged was 16 percent, near 17 last year but behind 24 average.

Sorghum planted was 1 percent, ahead of 0 last year and 0 average.

Corn planted was 4 percent, ahead of 0 last year and near 6 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 8 short, 86 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Hay and forage supplies rated 2 percent very short, 8 short, 86 adequate, and 4 surplus.

Cattle and calf condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 11 fair, 77 good, and 11 excellent. Cattle and calf losses rated 17 percent below average, 82 average, and 1 above average. Percentage of cows calved since January 1 was 86 percent.

Sheep and lamb condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 10 fair, 82 good, and 7 excellent. Sheep and lamb losses rated 11 percent below average, 89 average, and 0 above average.

*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-04-21-2014.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&region=HP\\_RCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=NE&region=HP_RCC)

*Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:*

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

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