



# News Release

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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, April 28, 2014 -- For the week ending April 27, 2014, corn planting picked up momentum but progress was limited by rain at mid-week across much of the eastern half of the state, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. An inch of rainfall was common in eastern and south central counties. However, little or no moisture was received across western counties as drought conditions continued. Soybean planting was underway but was limited as producers were focused on corn. Temperatures averaged 6 to 8 degrees above normal. The number of days suitable for fieldwork was 5.3. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 14 percent very short, 39 short, 46 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 17 percent very short, 45 short, 38 adequate, and 0 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 11 poor, 30 fair, 51 good, and 5 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 5 percent, near 6 last year but behind the five-year average of 25.

Oats condition rated 1 percent very poor, 18 poor, 46 fair, 34 good, and 1 excellent. Oats planted was 92 percent, well ahead of 70 last year and 82 average. Oats emerged was 61 percent, well ahead of 23 last year and 42 average.

Sorghum planted was at 2 percent, ahead of 0 last year and 0 average.

Corn planted was 20 percent, ahead of 3 last year but near 22 average. Corn emerged was 2 percent, near 0 last year and 1 average.

Soybeans planted was 6 percent, ahead of 0 last year and 2 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, 9 short, 85 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, 83 average, and 0 above average. Percentage of cows calved since January 1 was 93 percent.

Sheep and lamb condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 10 fair, 82 good, and 7 excellent. Sheep and lamb losses rated 12 percent below average, 88 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-04-28-2014.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](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=NE&region=HP)  
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Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

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

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