



News Release

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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, May 5, 2014 -- For the week ending May 4, 2014, precipitation in the form of snow in the extreme northwest and rain across most other areas of the state slowed fieldwork, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Amounts of an inch of rain were common across the north and east while central counties received lesser amounts. By week's end, soils had dried and fieldwork was widespread. Temperatures averaged 3 to 6 degrees below normal in most areas. The number of days considered suitable for fieldwork were 4.2. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 13 percent very short, 38 short, 48 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 16 percent very short, 45 short, 39 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 16 poor, 35 fair, 42 good, and 4 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 21 percent, ahead of 8 last year but behind the five-year average of 39.

Oats condition rated 1 percent very poor, 19 poor, 41 fair, 38 good, and 1 excellent. Oats planted was 94 percent, ahead of 82 last year but near 91 average. Oats emerged was 70 percent, well ahead of 36 last year and 62 average.

Corn planted was 44 percent, ahead of 12 last year but near 45 average. Corn emerged was 7 percent, ahead of 2 last year but equal to the average.

Soybeans planted was 11 percent, ahead of 1 last year but equal to the average.

Sorghum planted was at 3 percent, ahead of 1 last year but equal to the average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and Range condition rated 13 percent very poor, 15 poor, 46 fair, 25 good, and 1 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 9 short, 85 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Cattle and calf condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 10 fair, 77 good, and 12 excellent. Cattle and calf losses rated 20 percent below average, 79 average, and 1 above average. Percentage of cows calved since January 1 was 96 percent.

Sheep and lamb condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 9 fair, 80 good, and 10 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-05-05-2014.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=HP_RCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

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

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