



News Release

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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, June 30, 2014 -- For the week ending June 29, 2014, rain of an inch or more coupled with lower average temperatures provided excellent conditions for pastures and spring planted crops, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Wheat was coloring in most areas, but dry down was slow due to high humidity and wet conditions. Winter wheat harvest had not yet started. Producers worked between rain events to apply herbicides and additional nitrogen to corn. Irrigation needs were limited. Repairs continued on storm damaged equipment. Alfalfa second cutting advanced but was slow due to the wet conditions. The number of days considered suitable for fieldwork were 4.0. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 14 short, 75 adequate, and 9 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 9 percent very short, 17 short, 70 adequate, and 4 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 14 poor, 31 fair, 45 good, and 4 excellent. Winter wheat coloring was 78 percent, ahead of 70 last year, but equal to the five-year average. Winter wheat mature was 19 percent, ahead of 4 last year, but behind 26 average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 23 fair, 52 good, and 18 excellent. Corn silking was 1 percent, near 0 last year and 4 average.

Soybeans conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 23 fair, 57 good, and 14 excellent. Soybeans blooming was at 21 percent, ahead of 2 last year and 7 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 38 fair, 45 good, and 15 excellent. Sorghum emerged was 91 percent, behind 93 last year and 97 average. Sorghum headed was 1 percent, near 0 both last year and the average.

Oat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 18 poor, 29 fair, 48 good, and 2 excellent. Oats jointing was 95 percent. Oats headed was 75 percent, behind 91 both last year and the average. Oats coloring was at 31 percent.

Dry beans condition rated 4 percent very poor, 2 poor, 18 fair, 60 good, and 16 excellent. Dry beans emerged was 95 percent, behind 96 last year, but ahead of 90 average.

Proso millet planted was 55 percent, well behind 100 last year and 89 average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 35 fair, 49 good, and 7 excellent. Alfalfa hay first cutting was 95 percent complete, near 92 last year, and equal to the average. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 25 percent complete, ahead of 5 last year, but near 26 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 7 percent very poor, 11 poor, 30 fair, 46 good, and 6 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 6 short, 90 adequate, and 2 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-06-30-2014.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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