



News Release

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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, July 14, 2014 -- For the week ending July 13, 2014, rain of an inch or more was common across much of the state with hail producing storms damaging crops in portions of central and southern Nebraska, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures were below normal across the north and east. Wheat harvest progressed northward and was near one-third complete. Corn was in the pollination stage. Hay harvest resumed but continued to be difficult. Pasture conditions in most areas continued to improve. The number of days considered suitable for fieldwork were 5.3. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 21 short, 73 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 21 short, 69 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 14 poor, 29 fair, 44 good, and 7 excellent. Winter wheat coloring was 97 percent, near 98 last year, and the five-year average of 99. Winter wheat mature was 65 percent, ahead of 53 last year, but near 64 average. Winter wheat harvested was 31 percent, ahead of 27 last year, but behind 40 average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 19 fair, 52 good, and 22 excellent. Corn silking was 33 percent, ahead of 12 last year, but near 32 average.

Soybeans conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 21 fair, 53 good, and 19 excellent. Soybeans blooming was at 55 percent, ahead of 36 last year and 40 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 36 fair, 43 good, and 19 excellent. Sorghum headed was 10 percent, ahead of 0 last year and 1 average. Sorghum coloring was at 1 percent, near 0 for both last year and average.

Oat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 17 poor, 28 fair, 50 good, and 2 excellent. Oats headed was 97 percent, near 99 last year and average. Oats coloring was at 70 percent. Oats mature was at 38 percent. Oats harvested was at 13 percent, behind 23 last year and 30 average.

Dry bean condition rated 3 percent very poor, 1 poor, 16 fair, 64 good, and 16 excellent. Dry beans blooming was at 6 percent, near 4 last year and 7 average.

Proso millet planted was 82 percent, behind 100 last year and 99 average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 32 fair, 52 good, and 8 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 53 percent complete, ahead of 44 last year, but behind 60 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 10 poor, 30 fair, 47 good, and 8 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 short, 91 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-07-14-2014.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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