



# News Release

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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, July 21, 2014 -- For the week ending July 20, 2014, the State saw unseasonably cool temperatures and only isolated rainfall according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. With the dry conditions, wheat harvest was over one half complete. Also, producers in many areas started irrigating their row crops last week. The number of days suitable for fieldwork were 6.4. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 28 short, 66 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 26 short, 65 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 14 poor, 28 fair, 44 good, and 8 excellent. Winter wheat mature was 84 percent, ahead of 80 last year but behind a five year average of 87. Winter wheat harvested was 54 percent, ahead of 49 last year but behind 61 average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 17 fair, 52 good, and 24 excellent. Corn silking was 62 percent, ahead of 45 last year, but near 60 average. Corn dough was 8 percent, ahead of 0 last year but near 6 average

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 20 fair, 54 good, and 19 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 73 percent, ahead of 61 last year and 62 average. Soybean setting pods was 32 percent, well ahead of 11 last year and 14 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 35 fair, 42 good, and 20 excellent. Sorghum headed was 23 percent, well ahead of 4 last year and 7 average. Sorghum coloring was 4 percent, ahead of 0 for both last year and average.

Oat conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 18 poor, 26 fair, 50 good, and 3 excellent. Oats coloring was 91 percent. Oats mature was 70 percent. Oats harvested was 31 percent, behind 60 last year and 56 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 1 poor, 16 fair, 63 good, and 17 excellent. Dry beans blooming was 22 percent, near 24 last year and 25 average.

Proso millet planted was 90 percent, behind 100 both last year and average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 32 fair, 53 good, and 9 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 71 percent complete, near 69 last year and 74 average. Alfalfa hay third cutting was 16 percent complete, ahead of 1 last year and 9 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 11 poor, 30 fair, 46 good, and 8 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 7 short, 91 adequate, and 1 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-07-21-2014.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=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=NE&region=HPRCC)

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

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

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