



News Release

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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, July 28, 2014 -- For the week ending July 27, 2014, above normal temperatures and limited precipitation drew on soil moisture supplies with irrigation active in most areas, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The dry conditions supported hay harvest which was active statewide. Wheat harvest continued moving north in Panhandle counties. The number of days suitable for fieldwork were 6.7. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 35 short, 59 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 9 percent very short, 29 short, 62 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat mature was 97 percent, ahead of 93 last year but equal to the five-year average. Winter wheat harvested was 79 percent, ahead of 72 last year but behind 83 average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 19 fair, 52 good, and 22 excellent. Corn silking was 85 percent, ahead of 77 last year, but near 83 average. Corn dough was 23 percent, ahead of 3 last year and 15 average.

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 21 fair, 55 good, and 17 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 83 percent, near 80 last year and 79 average. Soybean setting pods was 53 percent, well ahead of 22 last year and 30 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 33 fair, 41 good, and 21 excellent. Sorghum headed was 36 percent, well ahead of 23 last year and 20 average. Sorghum coloring was 5 percent, ahead of 0 last year and average.

Oat conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 18 poor, 27 fair, 49 good, and 3 excellent. Oats coloring was 97 percent. Oats mature was 84 percent. Oats harvested was 58 percent, well behind 79 last year and 73 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 1 poor, 16 fair, 61 good, and 19 excellent. Dry beans blooming was 50 percent, behind 60 last year and 57 average.

Proso millet planted was 98 percent, near 100 both last year and average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 31 fair, 53 good, and 8 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 86 percent complete, equal to last year and near 87 average. Alfalfa hay third cutting was 36 percent complete, well ahead of 5 last year and 17 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 11 poor, 30 fair, 47 good, and 7 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 8 short, 89 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-07-28-2014.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®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

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

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