



News Release

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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, June 8, 2015 - For the week ending June 7, 2015, rainfall of one to two inches was common, with six inches or more reported across portions of the southeast, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures averaged two to four degrees above normal. The wet soil conditions again limited planting activities and were favorable for disease development in wheat. Alfalfa harvest continued to be challenging, with hay quality issues in some areas. Clear skies and warmer conditions were needed to boost growth and development of row crops. There were 3.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 9 short, 69 adequate, and 19 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 15 short, 66 adequate, and 14 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 30 fair, 58 good, and 7 excellent. Corn planted was at 97 percent, near 100 for both last year and the five-year average. Emerged was at 89 percent, behind 97 last year and 95 average.

Sorghum planted was at 59 percent, well behind 89 last year and 81 average. Emerged was at 30 percent, near 32 last year, but behind 46 average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 26 fair, 58 good, and 10 excellent. Soybeans planted was at 83 percent, behind 99 last year and 95 average. Emerged was at 59 percent, well behind 89 last year and 79 average.

Winter wheat condition rated 14 percent very poor, 19 poor, 29 fair, 36 good, and 2 excellent. Winter wheat headed was at 85 percent, ahead of 80 last year and 73 average. Turning color was at 10 percent, near 7 last year, but behind 16 average.

Oats condition rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 26 fair, 62 good, and 3 excellent. Oats jointed was at 80 percent, well ahead of 40 last year. Headed was at 39 percent, ahead of 25 last year and 31 average.

Alfalfa condition rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 26 fair, 55 good, and 12 excellent. Alfalfa first cutting was at 36 percent, behind 48 last year and 52 average.

Dry edible beans planted was at 23 percent, well behind 56 last year and 54 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 6 poor, 27 fair, 53 good, and 11 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 6 short, 85 adequate, and 7 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/2015/CropProg-06-08-2015.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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