



News Release

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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, July 20, 2015 - For the week ending July 19, 2015, temperatures averaged two to three degrees above normal across much of the State, with widespread precipitation reported, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall totals of two inches or more were recorded in portions of central and northeast Nebraska, with lesser amounts elsewhere. The hot, humid conditions continued to boost crop development, but stressed livestock. Wheat harvest was near completion in southern counties, and was active in the Panhandle. There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 23 short, 66 adequate, and 6 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 19 short, 72 adequate, and 4 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 21 fair, 57 good, and 16 excellent. Corn silking was at 63 percent, ahead of 58 last year and the five-year average of 57.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 29 fair, 62 good, and 8 excellent. Sorghum headed was at 20 percent, near 21 last year, but ahead of 9 average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 22 fair, 57 good, and 15 excellent. Soybeans blooming was at 61 percent, behind 70 last year, but equal to the average. Setting pods was at 17 percent, behind 30 last year, but near 16 average.

Winter wheat condition rated 15 percent very poor, 20 poor, 32 fair, 31 good, and 2 excellent. Mature was at 96 percent, ahead of 81 last year and 83 average. Harvested was at 62 percent, ahead of 51 last year and 56 average.

Oats condition rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 25 fair, 61 good, and 6 excellent. Oats coloring was at 95 percent, ahead of 88 last year. Mature was at 72 percent, ahead of 65 last year. Harvested was at 28 percent, equal to last year, but well behind 52 average.

Alfalfa condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 25 fair, 58 good, and 12 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was at 67 percent, near 68 last year, but behind 72 average.

Dry edible beans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 70 good, and 6 excellent. Blooming was at 40 percent, well ahead of 20 for both last year and the average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 21 fair, 60 good, and 12 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 8 short, 88 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and Nebraska Extension.

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2015/CropProg-07-20-2015.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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