



# News Release

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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, August 10, 2015 - For the week ending August 9, 2015, temperatures averaged one to two degrees above normal with an inch or more of precipitation across much of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Irrigation slowed in many south central and southwestern counties after rainfall of two or more inches was received. Aerial spraying of fungicides on corn was active. Seasonally hot, humid conditions stressed livestock. There were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 25 short, 66 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 23 short, 69 adequate, and 3 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 18 fair, 59 good, and 18 excellent. Corn silking was at 98 percent, equal to both last year and the five-year average. Dough was at 43 percent, behind 59 last year and 54 average. Dented was at 5 percent, equal to last year, but behind 13 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 27 fair, 60 good, and 11 excellent. Sorghum headed was at 82 percent, ahead of 76 last year and 67 average. Coloring was at 4 percent, well behind 25 last year, but near the average of 6.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 21 fair, 57 good, and 16 excellent. Soybeans blooming was at 94 percent, near both last year and the average of 95. Setting pods was at 67 percent, behind 78 last year, but near 70 average.

Winter wheat harvested was 98 percent, near 97 last year, and equal to the average.

Oats mature was at 96 percent, near 97 last year. Harvested was at 83 percent, behind 93 last year, and 95 average.

Alfalfa condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 28 fair, 54 good, and 13 excellent. Alfalfa second cutting was at 93 percent, near both last year and the average of 97. Third cutting was at 41 percent, behind 56 last year, and 51 average. Fourth cutting was at 4 percent.

Dry edible beans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 67 good, and 9 excellent. Dry edible beans blooming was at 86 percent, near 84 last year, but behind 91 average. Setting pods was at 69 percent, ahead of 62 last year, but near 65 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 6 poor, 23 fair, 57 good, and 11 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 7 short, 89 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-08-10-2015.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&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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