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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**LINCOLN, NE** - For the week ending April 24, 2016, temperatures averaged two to four degrees above normal in eastern areas, but near normal elsewhere, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall amounts of one to three inches were common across the eastern third of the State while western areas remained mostly dry. Corn planting was slow as producers waited for soils to dry from rains that have covered most of the State over the last two weeks. Pastures and winter wheat were responding to the improved soil moisture supplies. There were 2.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 8 short, 79 adequate, and 12 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 11 short, 83 adequate, and 5 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn planted was at 16 percent, near 13 last year, but ahead of 11 for the five-year average. Emerged was at 1 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but equal to average.

Sorghum planted was at 1 percent, equal to both last year and average.

Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 36 fair, 50 good, and 10 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was at 56 percent, well ahead of 14 last year and 19 average.

Oats planted was at 85 percent, behind 92 last year, but ahead of 80 average. Emerged was at 54 percent, behind 63 last year but ahead of 41 average.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 10 fair, 75 good, and 15 excellent. Calving was 90 percent complete, near 88 last year and 89 average. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 68 average, and 31 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 10 fair, 84 good, and 6 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 75 average, and 25 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 5 short, 91 adequate, and 4 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 4 short, 92 adequate, and 3 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/2016/CropProg-04-25-2016.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:  
<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:  
<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?NE>

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