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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**Lincoln, NE** – For the week ending July 24, 2016, temperatures averaged four degrees above normal, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Precipitation of an inch or more covered much of the southwest and parts of the southern Panhandle. The eastern half of the State remained mostly dry. Drought conditions existed in south central counties. Seed corn detasseling was active and winter wheat harvest was wrapping up. Producers with livestock in confined areas were taking measures to lessen heat stress. There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 27 short, 64 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 23 short, 71 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 17 fair, 61 good, and 18 excellent. Corn silking was 82 percent, ahead of 77 last year and the five-year average of 76. Corn in dough was 13 percent, near 9 last year, and equal to average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 18 fair, 68 good, and 14 excellent. Sorghum headed was 25 percent, behind 36 last year, and near 23 average.

Soybeans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 19 fair, 63 good, and 14 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 75 percent, near 72 last year and equal to average. Setting pods was 19 percent, behind 28 both last year and average.

Winter wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 8 poor, 24 fair, 50 good, and 15 excellent. Winter wheat harvested was 92 percent, ahead of 76 last year and 74 average.

Oats condition rated 2 percent very poor, 1 poor, 26 fair, 63 good, and 8 excellent. Oats coloring was 96 percent, near 95 last year. Harvested was 65 percent, ahead of 51 last year, and near 67 average.

Alfalfa condition rated 4 percent very poor, 3 poor, 15 fair, 64 good, and 14 excellent. Alfalfa second cutting was 92 percent, ahead of 76 last year and 81 average. Third cutting was 21 percent, near 16 last year and 20 average.

Dry edible beans condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 26 fair, 58 good, and 15 excellent. Dry edible beans blooming was 81 percent, well ahead of 60 last year and 42 average. Setting pods was 30 percent, ahead of 11 last year.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 21 fair, 63 good, and 11 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 7 short, 90 adequate, and 2 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-07-25-2016.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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