



News Release

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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, July 7, 2014 -- For the week ending July 6, 2014, clear skies during the week allowed wheat harvest to get underway in southern districts, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. After a cool beginning, temperatures gave way to hot, humid conditions with irrigation starting in a number of counties. Corn was entering the pollination stage with the first tassels beginning to appear. The dry weather conditions allowed hay harvest to continue and producers were able to apply herbicides to spring planted crops. The number of days considered suitable for fieldwork were 6.0. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 20 short, 72 adequate, and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 21 short, 68 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 14 poor, 31 fair, 45 good, and 4 excellent. Winter wheat coloring was 85 percent, behind 90 last year, and the five-year average of 93. Winter wheat mature was 37 percent, ahead of 27 last year, but behind 44 average. Winter wheat harvested was 13 percent, ahead of 10 last year, but behind 26 average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 21 fair, 52 good, and 20 excellent. Corn silking was 8 percent, ahead of 1 last year, but behind 14 average.

Soybeans conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 22 fair, 57 good, and 16 excellent. Soybeans blooming was at 39 percent, ahead of 17 last year and 21 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 37 fair, 44 good, and 17 excellent. Sorghum emerged was 100 percent, near 99 last year and equal to the average. Sorghum headed was 3 percent, near 0 both last year and the average.

Oat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 17 poor, 28 fair, 50 good, and 2 excellent. Oats headed was 87 percent, behind 96 both last year and 97 average. Oats coloring was at 45 percent. Oats mature was at 11 percent. Oats harvested was at 2 percent, near 0 last year, but behind 18 average.

Dry beans condition rated 4 percent very poor, 2 poor, 18 fair, 60 good, and 16 excellent. Dry beans blooming was at 1 percent equal to both last year and the average.

Proso millet planted was 62 percent, well behind 100 last year and 96 average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 33 fair, 51 good, and 7 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 37 percent complete, ahead of 17 last year, but near 41 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 7 percent very poor, 11 poor, 30 fair, 45 good, and 7 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 6 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/2014/CropProg-07-07-2014.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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