



News Release

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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, August 4, 2014 -- For the week ending August 3, 2014, cooler temperatures limited moisture demands of non-irrigated crops. However, another week of only scattered rainfall stressed dryland crops and pastures, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Irrigation continued non-stop in many areas. Wheat harvest was near completion with only northern Panhandle fields remaining. The dry conditions also supported hay harvest. The number of days considered suitable for fieldwork were 6.7. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 10 percent very short, 39 short, 51 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 12 percent very short, 31 short, 57 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat harvested was 93 percent, near of 90 last year and 95 for the five-year average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 20 fair, 52 good, and 20 excellent. Corn silking was 94 percent, near 91 last year and equal to the average. Corn dough was 42 percent, well ahead of 13 last year and 32 average.

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 22 fair, 54 good, and 16 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 90 percent, equal to last year and the average. Soybean setting pods was 68 percent, well ahead of 46 last year and 50 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 32 fair, 41 good, and 20 excellent. Sorghum headed was 56 percent, well ahead of 33 last year and 39 average. Sorghum coloring was 16 percent, well ahead of 0 last year and average.

Oat conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 18 poor, 27 fair, 49 good, and 3 excellent. Oats mature was 97 percent. Oats harvested was 82 percent, near 84 last year but behind 87 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 1 poor, 15 fair, 62 good, and 19 excellent. Dry beans blooming was 70 percent, behind 81 last year and 80 average. Dry beans setting pods was 25 percent, behind 36 last year and 35 average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 31 fair, 51 good, and 9 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 94 percent complete, near 91 last year and equal to the average. Alfalfa hay third cutting was 47 percent complete, well ahead of 15 last year and 33 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 12 poor, 31 fair, 45 good, and 6 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 10 short, 87 adequate, and 1 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-08-04-2014.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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