



News Release

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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, September 15, 2014 -- For the week ending September 14, 2014, below normal temperatures coupled with rain in the east and light snow in western portions of the State slowed fieldwork activities, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Moisture accumulations across the southeastern third of the state were an inch or more with lesser amounts elsewhere. Frost was recorded during the week. Winter wheat seeding continued in western counties. The number of days considered suitable for fieldwork were 3.8. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 19 short, 71 adequate, and 7 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 24 short, 65 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planted was 26 percent, ahead of 20 last year, but near 27 for the five-year average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 19 fair, 51 good, and 22 excellent. Corn dented was 88 percent, equal to last year, but behind 92 average. Corn mature was 29 percent, ahead of 14 last year, but near 28 average.

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 20 fair, 54 good, and 19 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 25 percent, behind 33 last year, but near 26 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 32 fair, 39 good, and 22 excellent. Sorghum coloring was 89 percent, ahead of 81 last year and 76 average. Sorghum mature was 10 percent, ahead of 3 last year, but near 8 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 63 good, and 20 excellent. Dry beans setting pods was 98 percent. Dry beans dropping leaves was 76 percent, behind 89 last year, but ahead of 66 average. Dry beans harvested was 15 percent, behind 29 last year and 23 average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 28 fair, 52 good, and 12 excellent. Alfalfa hay fourth cutting was 40 percent complete, ahead of 34 last year, but behind 47 average.

Proso millet harvested was 4 percent, well behind 60 last year and 33 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 8 poor, 33 fair, 46 good, and 8 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 5 short, 91 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/2014/CropProg-09-15-2014.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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