



News Release

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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, September 22, 2014 -- For the week ending September 21, 2014, sunshine and above normal temperatures across much of the state helped move crop development towards maturity, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall was limited to portions of the eastern third of the State with accumulations generally less than an inch. Dry bean harvest was active in the west and early sugarbeet harvest was underway. Winter wheat was being seeded and seed corn harvest was active. There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 21 short, 71 adequate, and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 24 short, 66 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planted was 56 percent, ahead of 45 last year and 50 for the five-year average. Winter wheat emerged was 11 percent, near 10 last year and 13 average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 19 fair, 51 good, and 22 excellent. Corn dented was 94 percent, near 95 last year and 97 average. Corn mature was 50 percent, ahead of 33 last year and 45 average. Corn harvested was 3 percent, near 4 last year, but behind 9 average.

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 21 fair, 53 good, and 19 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 55 percent, behind 63 last year, but near 51 average. Soybeans harvested was 1 percent, near 3 last year and 5 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 32 fair, 39 good, and 22 excellent. Sorghum coloring was 94 percent, equal to last year, but ahead of 87 average. Sorghum mature was 25 percent, ahead of 15 last year and 21 average. Sorghum harvested was 1 percent, near 0 last year and equal to the average.

Dry bean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 64 good, and 19 excellent. Dry beans dropping leaves was 85 percent, behind 96 last year, but near 84 average. Dry beans harvested was 41 percent, behind 46 last year, but near 44 average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 28 fair, 52 good, and 12 excellent. Alfalfa hay fourth cutting was 66 percent complete, ahead of 55 last year, but near 67 average.

Proso millet harvested was 35 percent, well behind 73 last year and 49 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, 92 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-09-22-2014.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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