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## NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, April 6, 2015 - For the week ending April 5, 2015, temperatures averaged six to eight degrees above normal across much of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall of up to an inch fell in east central and southeastern areas of Nebraska with lesser amounts across the southwest and southern Panhandle counties. Much of the northern third of the State remained dry. Range fires were reported in some western counties. Concerns increased over winter wheat and pastures needing rain. Producers continued preparation for spring planting. There were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 17 percent very short, 36 short, 46 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 14 percent very short, 30 short, 55 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 11 percent very poor, 19 poor, 36 fair, 31 good, and 3 excellent.

Oats planted was at 44 percent, well ahead of 6 last year and the five-year average of 26.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 72 good, and 13 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 65 average, and 35 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 15 fair, 73 good, and 12 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 67 average, and 33 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 2 percent very short, 7 short, 88 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 13 short, 83 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/2015/CropProg-04-06-2015.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&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=NE&region=HPRCC)

*Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:*

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?NE>

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