



News Release

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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, May 26, 2015 - For the week ending May 24, 2015, cloudy, wet conditions hampered spring planting activities with an inch or more of rainfall common in the western half of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures were again cool, and averaged six to eight degrees below normal. The wet conditions have been favorable for disease development in southeastern wheat fields, with some producers applying fungicide. Sunshine and warmer conditions were needed to dry soils and boost corn and soybean development. Alfalfa harvest has been slow due to the wet conditions. Pastures continued to improve. There were 2.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 9 short, 69 adequate, and 17 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 17 short, 66 adequate, and 11 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 32 fair, 54 good, and 7 excellent. Planted was at 92 percent, near 96 for both last year and the five-year average. Emerged was at 73 percent, near 70 last year, but ahead of 67 average.

Sorghum planted was at 50 percent, near 53 last year and ahead of 41 average. Emerged was at 16 percent, ahead of 12 last year and 11 average.

Soybeans planted was at 59 percent, behind 85 last year and 73 average. Emerged was at 22 percent, behind 38 last year and 31 average.

Winter wheat condition rated 14 percent very poor, 18 poor, 32 fair, 34 good, and 2 excellent. Winter wheat jointed rated 95 percent complete, ahead of 79 last year and 83 average. Headed was at 40 percent, ahead of 26 last year and 29 average.

Oats condition rated 3 percent very poor, 8 poor, 27 fair, 59 good, and 3 excellent. Jointed was at 53 percent, well ahead of 25 last year. Headed was at 2 percent, near 5 last year, but behind 7 average.

Alfalfa condition rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 25 fair, 58 good, and 10 excellent. First cutting was at 11 percent, near 9 last year, but behind 20 average.

Dry edible beans planted was at 3 percent, near 4 last year, but behind 10 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 8 poor, 29 fair, 53 good, and 6 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 8 short, 83 adequate, and 6 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-05-26-2015.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®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

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

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