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**(Neb.)- Nebraska Crops Progress, Moisture A Worry**

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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Clear skies and sunshine have boosted corn and soybean development in Nebraska and allow wheat harvest to progress in southern counties.

The USDA in Monday's crop progress report says the state saw little or no rainfall for the week ending Sunday with topsoil moisture supplies declining as seasonally hot temperatures return.

Spring-planted, dry-land crops in much of the western two-thirds of the state are showing signs of stress.

Irrigated corn is 83 percent good or excellent better than 77 percent average.

Dry-land corn is 66 percent good or excellent. Average is 71 percent.

Corn silking is 1 percent complete, behind 16 percent average.

Soybeans are 5 percent very poor or poor, 19 fair, and 76 percent excellent.

Twenty percent of the crop is blooming near the 21 percent average.