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(Neb.)-Recent Dry Weather Hurts Some Nebraska Crops



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LINCOLN, Neb. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - The recent warm and dry conditions are taking a toll on Nebraska's crops, but irrigated crops are still doing well.

The U.S. Agriculture Department says in its latest crop update that only about 36 percent of the state's topsoil and 26 percent of the subsoil had adequate or surplus moisture.

The USDA estimates that 82 percent of the irrigated corn is in good or excellent shape. That's better than the average of 75 percent good or excellent at this time of year.

Only about 39 percent of the dryland corn is in good or excellent condition. That's significantly worse than the average of 58 percent.

About 66 percent of the soybean crop is in good or excellent condition.