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### Hot, Dry, Conditions Stress Nebraska Crops

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - It's turned hot and dry in Nebraska's and the crops that don't receive irrigation are quickly becoming stressed.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says pockets of rain early and late in the week did little to help the overall condition as crops near their peak demand for moisture.

Topsoil and subsoil moisture supplies declined last week.

Irrigated corn rates 82 percent good or excellent, compared to the 75 percent average while dry-land corn rates 45 percent good or excellent, compared to the 68 percent average. The poorest dry-land conditions are in South Central counties.

Corn silking is 50 percent complete. Average is 64 percent.

Sixty-five percent of the soybean crop is blooming, near the 61 percent average.

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