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(Neb.) - Nebraska farmers make good progress on corn crop

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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Nebraska farmers have taken advantage of drier fields to make progress on getting the corn crop planted.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says in Monday's report that 44 percent of the corn was planted before rain moved in late in the week. That compares to 14 percent the week before and ahead of last year's 12 percent. The average is 23 percent.

Four percent of the corn has emerged.

Six percent of the soybean crop has been planted, ahead of the average of two percent.

Sorghum planting is just beginning, while 93 percent of the expected oat crop has been planted. The winter wheat crop is rated 70 percent good to excellent.

The report says spring calving is 94 percent complete.

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