Nebraska Corn And **Beans Near Average**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The Nebraska corn crop is faring far better than some other states including neighboring Iowa with 75 percent of the crop in good or excellent condition. Just 2 percent is rated poor.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says in its weekly crop report released Monday that Nebraska's corn is 100 percent emerged in line with the normal average.

In Iowa where soggy fields have hampered planting, 12 percent of the crop is in poor condition, worse among the 18 leading corn growing states, 4 percent is very poor and 6 percent hasn't been planted yet.

Nebraska's soybeans are 77 percent good or excellent, 21 percent fair and just 2 percent poor. Ninety percent has emerged, which is near average.

Jury Finds Man Not Guilty In Stabbing

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Jurors in Lincoln have found a man not guilty in the stabbing death of a man last August.

The Lincoln Journal Star reports the Lancaster County jury on Monday found Joshua Ål-

bright not guilty of murder. Albright had been charged in the death of 30-year-old Benjamin Miller.

Police say the confrontation was about a woman both men dated.

Albright's attorney argued his client was only defending himself.

Library Expansion **Bids Come In High**

MITCHELL (AP) - Bids to expand and renovate the public library in Mitchell have come in slightly higher than expected.

The Daily Republic reports that that lowest bid for the project is about \$2.3 million, about \$123,000 over the estimate. Architect Larry Jirsa says the budget for new furniture can be adjusted to keep the project within the estimate.

The expansion project will include a new meeting room, a children's reading area, a reference area, more storage space and a new circulation desk. The project is to be completed by September 2014.

Contamination At Missile Site Spreads

FIRTH, Neb. (AP) - A builder who bought land around an old Atlas nuclear missile site in southeast Nebraska wants the federal government to sink a new well for his housing development.

But the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers favors a slower, permanent cleanup of groundwater

Nebraska **Concerns Raised About Nuclear Plant**

BY JOSH FUNK Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. - Federal regulators say the utility that runs the Cooper nuclear power plant in southeast Nebraska needs to improve how workers respond to problems.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials said Monday they plan to meet with the Nebraska Public Power District on June 26 to discuss concerns inspectors identified last year.

The NRC said that Cooper's overall performance is ac-ceptable, but regulators to know what NPPD has done to improve the way problems are analyzed and addressed.

NRC spokeswoman Lara Uselding said the utility hasn't always fully addressed the root causes of some problems at Cooper, located near Brownville on the Missouri River, about 70 miles south of Omaha. The NRC didn't provide any specific examples of the problems at Cooper in regulatory letters outlining the concern. Regulators also said utility officials have used conser-

vative assumptions in some of their decisions.

NPPD spokesman Mark Becker said the plant's managers are working to correct this issue and will give regulators an update next week. But Becker emphasized Cooper's safety.

'În no way does it mean that the plant is not operating safely," Becker said.

The NRC hasn't found any serious safety violations at Cooper recently under the agency's color-coded regulatory system. Only minor concerns, called green findings, were identified in 2012.

Cooper is in better shape than Nebraska's other nuclear power plant. Fort Calhoun, about 20 miles north of Omaha, has been shut down since April 2011 because of flooding, a small fire at the plant and a series of safety violations regulators have since identified.

Fort Calhoun's owner, the Omaha Public Power District, is working to address all the concerns and hopes to resume generating power there this summer. But the NRC must agree that Fort Calhoun is ready to operate safely before it can be restarted.

Man Allegedly Shoots 2 Others, Then Kills Self In Clear Lake Incident

CLEAR LAKE (AP) — A man shot and wounded two people before killing himself in the northeastern South Dakota city of Clear Lake, Attorney General Marty Jackley said Monday.

Authorities were called to a home about 9 p.m. Sunday for a reported double shooting. Jackley said two people were flown to a hospital while the man alleged to have shot them, Brett Pommer, 40, barricaded himself inside the residence.

Officers tried but failed to make contact with Pommer, and SWAT team members eventually entered the home and found Pommer dead of what Jackley said was a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Information on the other two people and their conditions was not immediately released

Pommer pleaded twice to disorderly conduct in Codington County, one in 2003 and another in 2005, according to The *Argus* Leader. He was acquitted of four counts of aggravated assault in Hamlin County in 2003. Clear Lake Mayor Gordon Lee said people

in the small community are in shock. 'A tragedy like this puts life in perspective," he said.

Panel Begins Domestic Abuse Study

PIERRE (AP) — A South Dakota legislative panel started a study Monday of the state's domestic abuse law, but didn't get around to discussing whether its protections should cover people in abusive same-sex relation-

ships. The study was prompted after the House and Senate couldn't agree this legislative session on whether samesex couples should be protected by the domestic abuse law, killing a bill that would have more clearly defined who is protected.

Legislative staff and state officials explained to the Domestic Abuse Study Committee on Monday how the

law, first instituted in the early 1980s, worked, but the subject of same-sex couples never arose.

Sen. Deb. Soholt, R-Sioux Falls, the committee chair, said the issue will likely be discussed when the panel

meets again Aug. 1. "We will explore that further," So-holt said after Monday's meeting. 'We'll get there.

The committee spent much of Monday talking about problems in restoring the right to buy, use or possess a gun to people who have been convicted of a crime related to domestic violence.



contamination from a chemical used to clean missile fuel lines.

The Lincoln Journal Star says the struggle between Dan Kadavy and the federal government has its origins in 1994, when Kadavy bought the land near Firth. But the chemical that pervaded the nearby missile site migrated to the groundwater under Kadavy's 16 acres.

He says he's losing thousands of dollars a month and can't wait for the corps' longterm efforts to prove out.

1 Killed, 1 Critically Hurt In Neb. Crash

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb. (AP) A rollover crash in southeast Nebraska last weekend killed one person and critically injured another.

The Cass County Sheriff's of-fice says the one-vehicle acci-dent happened Saturday evening around 8:40.

Authorities say 43-year-old Chris Frederick of Plattsmouth lost control of the 1999 Ford F-150 he was driving. The truck rolled several times and landed on its passenger side.

Rescuers had to cut open the truck's cab to reach Frederick and his passenger, 50-yearold Christine Foster.

Frederick died at the scene of the crash.

Foster was flown to an Omaha hospital in critical condition. Her condition wasn't immediately available Monday morning.

Man Is Rescued From The Platte River

WATERLOO, Neb. (AP) - A man has been rescued from the Platte River in eastern Nebraska.

Authorities say swimmers rescued the man from the river at Two Rivers State Park on Sunday around 4 p.m. and began CPR. The man and his brother had been jumping off a log into the water.

Douglas County Sheriff's Sgt. Brian Parizek says the man was flown in critical condition to Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.



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