

## S.D. Farmers Wrapping Up Spring Planting

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — South Dakota farmers are wrapping up their spring planting, and ranchers in the state are almost done moving cattle to pasture.

The Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop and weather report that the development of the state's winter wheat crop is well ahead of the average pace.

Topsoil moisture in South Dakota is rated 78 percent adequate to surplus. Range and pasture conditions are rated 75 percent good to excellent.

## Wind And Storms Impact Nebraska's Crops

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Some Nebraska farmers will have to replant after storms brought tornadoes and hail — but also some much needed rain

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says in Tuesday's report that weather continued to affect crops in most locations with hot, dry and windy conditions, while storms in central and northeast Nebraska damaged some corn and soybean fields.

The report shows most of the corn has emerged, and 79 percent of the crop is good or excellent conditions. Soybean planting is 93 percent complete. The average is 77 percent.

Last week's heaviest rain fell in the central and northeast regions, which saw over 2 inches in isolated areas. Even with the rain, 52 percent of the topsoil and 54 percent of the subsoil is very short or short.

## Herseth Sandlin To Work For Raven Industries

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Raven Industries has named former South Dakota congresswoman Stephanie Herseth Sandlin as the company's attorney and vice president for corporate development.

Herseth Sandlin has worked as a partner in a Washington, D.C., law firm over the past year. She will begin her duties with Raven Industries on Sept. 1. The Sioux Falls-based company makes an array of specialty products for the agricultural, aviation and construction industries.

Herseth Sandlin lost her first run for Congress in 2002 but won a special election in June 2004. She was later re-elected to three full terms in the U.S. House before losing a re-election bid in 2010 to Republican Kristi Noem.

## Swearing-In For Neb. Supreme Court Justice

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The newest member of the Nebraska Supreme Court will be sworn in next week.

The court says a ceremony for 56-year-old William Cassel, of O'Neill, is on Monday at the Capitol in Lincoln.

Gov. Dave Heineman appointed Cassel to the high court in April. Cassel, who served on the Nebraska Court of Appeals since 2003, replaces Justice John Gerrard, who left the Supreme Court for an appointment as a federal judge.

Cassel spent 12 years as a district court judge, and worked as a private attorney in Ainsworth from 1979 to 1992.

He will serve as the justice from the Supreme Court's third district in eastern Nebraska, which includes 19 counties and parts of Douglas and Sarpy counties around Omaha.

## Website: Omaha Best U.S. City To Raise Kids

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Omaha has been named the best city to raise kids in a new Kiplinger.com ranking.

The personal finance website's list is based on a combination of factors. Kiplinger looked for cities with great schools, lots of libraries and parks and a low cost of living relative to household income. Crime rates were also included.

The website says the Millard neighborhood of southwest Omaha is an especially good place for families because of the strong schools and safe streets.

Omaha was also praised for the quality of its zoo, children's museum and other family friendly amenities.

Omaha beat out Richland, Wash.; Suwanee, Ga.; Thousand Oaks, Calif.; East Grand Rapids, Mich.; Appleton, Wis.; Sunnyvale, Calif.; Middletown, N.Y.; Corona, Calif.; and Stamford, Conn.

# Senators Say Flooding Was Unifying Moment

By The Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — Two U.S. senators who symbolize disagreements between upstream and downstream states over management of the Missouri River say last year's historic flooding was a unifying moment.

Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., and Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., toured dams and levees along the river on Tuesday and Wednesday. Their home states have long battled over whether the river should be managed to benefit upstream recreation or downstream navigation, but the flooding last summer has put flood control at the forefront of priorities.

"That was certainly a unifying moment we hadn't had on the Missouri River before," Blunt said.

Hoeven and Blunt say they are working in the Senate to initiate a new era of cooperation among Missouri River states to improve flood control and river management. The two last year helped form a working group of senators from Missouri River states and also worked on the Senate Appropriations Committee to help secure hundreds of millions of dollars for Army Corps of Engineers flood recovery efforts.

"Flood control is the No. 1 objective," Blunt said Tuesday while he and Hoeven toured the Garrison Dam in North Dakota, where about \$52 million in repairs are scheduled to be done by the end of the year. "This funding is to be ready for the next flood."

"We appear to be fortunate this year that we're not having to deal with water that was well outside the norm last year," he said. "That year's coming again. We just don't know when."

The 2,341-mile Missouri River flows from Montana through the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Missouri. It is managed by the corps, which estimates that flooding last year due to excessive spring snowmelt and rain caused \$630 million in damage to levees, dams and

channels built to control the river.

Hoeven and Blunt said a better understanding by Congress and the corps of how the river system's components work together can help river managers meet the challenges of flooding and the needs of residents both upstream and downstream. Besides recreation and barge navigation, river uses include everything from irrigation to hydroelectric power generation.

"What Sen. Blunt and I are trying to do is create better coordination and a better relationship between the upstream and downstream states," Hoeven said.

Top corps officials accompanied the senators on the tour, which took officials to Montana later Tuesday and to sites in the lower basin on Wednesday.

## Corps: Fort Peck Dam Repair May Top \$225 Million

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Proposed repairs to bolster Montana's Fort Peck Dam following epic flooding along the Missouri River last year would cost more than \$225 million, according to cost estimates released Wednesday by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

But with money short, Corps officials acknowledged they are able to afford only \$46 million for damage assessments and repair work for now. Most of that will be spent on repairs to the dam's spillway.

Record snowfalls and massive spring rains in Wyoming and Montana last year prompted the release of unprecedented volumes of water from the Corps' six Missouri River dams.

The torrent damaged Fort Peck's spillway gates and eroded areas downstream from the dam, located at the top of the Missouri River system.

The most expensive repairs outlined by the Corps' engineering consultants would bolster the spillway so it could handle releases of 265,000 cubic feet of water per second. That's more than four times the peak release of almost 66,000 during last year's flooding.

Fort Peck Project Manager John Daggett said the proposed repairs are needed to ensure the spillway can be used to safely release water.

Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer said Wednesday that the state would support any work that improves safety and storage capacity for the dam.

But the Democrat added that the high-end estimates offered by the Corps appeared unrealistic given federal budget constraints.

"The Army Corps of Engineers oftentimes has grandiose plans. But the checks are written by Congress and there seems to be a diminishing appetite for borrowing more money from China and giving it to the Corps of Engineers," Schweitzer said. "In tough times, you don't buy another ranch and build a new barn. You just make sure the roof keeps water out of your hay."

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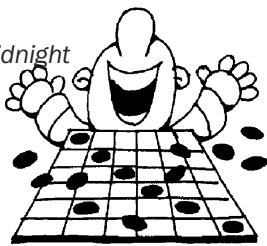
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