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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending August 11, 2002, rainfall in many areas slowed crop deterioration in spite of above normal temperatures, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Subsoil moisture supplies at 93 percent short and very short remained well below last year and average and were the lowest since 1974. Irrigation systems continued in full use where water allocations permitted. Grasshoppers continued to present problems. Producer activities included cutting dryland crops for silage or hay and livestock care.

This release is based on reports and data from county extension educators, FSA county directors, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center. Weather and Crop reports back to 1947 and current county specific comments can be found at: <http://www.agr.state.ne.us/agstats/cropwthr.htm>

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged from normals to seven degrees above normals across the State. Precipitation was statewide and ranged in amounts from traces to over 3.0 inches.

Field Crops Report: All corn condition improved and rated 34 percent good and excellent, well below the average of 65. Irrigated corn condition rated 56 percent good and excellent, below the five year average of 76. Dryland corn rated 4 percent good and excellent, far below the average of 47. There were 64 percent of the fields in the dough stage by Sunday, near last year at 65 and above average at 54. The crop was 27 percent dented, ahead of last year at 17 and average at 12.

Soybean condition held steady last week and rated 28 percent very poor, 27 poor, 30 fair, 14 good, and 1 excellent, well below last year and average. In 79 percent of the fields, pods were being set, ahead of last year at 67 and average at 72.

Sorghum condition rated 39 percent very poor, 34 poor, 23 fair, and 4 good, well below last year and average. Seventy-one percent of the fields had headed, near last year at 70 and average at 74. Fields were turning color on 12 percent of the acreage, ahead of last year at 4 and average at 5.

Dry bean fields had bloomed on 95 percent of the acreage, the same as last year and average at 95. Pods had been set on 72 percent of the acreage, ahead of last year's 71 and average at 62. Condition rated 16 percent very poor, 23 poor, 28 fair, 28 good, and 5 excellent.

Alfalfa condition rated 40 percent very poor, 31 poor, 18 fair, and 11 good, well below last year and average. Third cuttings made good progress where growth was sufficient for harvest and rated 62 percent complete, well ahead of last year at 43 and average at 34.

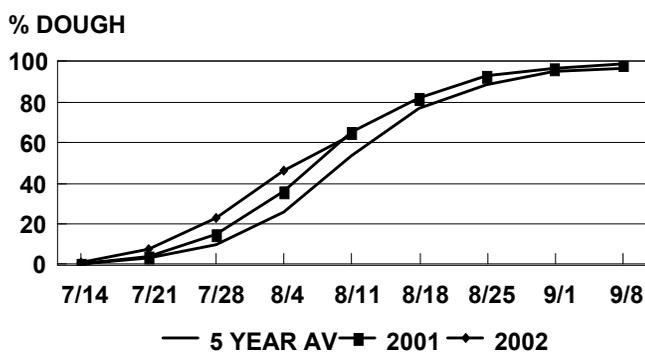
Livestock, Pasture, and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 64 percent very poor, 27 poor, and 9 fair, well below average. Producers continued to provide supplemental feed or dry lot cattle, and/or cull deeper into their herds.

Progress and Conditions: By District, Nebraska, as of August 11, 2002

Item	Agricultural Statistics Districts								State	Last Week	Last Year	Average
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Dough	29	71	52	89	71	46	80	74	64	46	65	54
% Corn Dent	0	5	6	0	23	7	33	49	27	12	17	12
% Soybeans Setting Pods	¹	90	84	71	70	74	83	86	79	59	67	72
% Sorghum Headed	0	38	67	79	76	65	59	77	71	52	70	74
% Sorghum Turning Color	0	0	0	0	12	12	18	11	12	2	4	5
% Alfalfa 3 rd Cutting	12	100	70	40	64	92	61	79	62	40	43	34
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.4	6.4	4.5	6.2	6.2	6.4	6.7	7.0	6.2	6.8	6.8	5.9
Topsoil Moisture												
- % Very short	89	45	14	75	68	82	52	98	66	75	17	21
- % Short	8	44	35	25	22	12	48	2	24	19	44	30
- % Adequate	3	11	31	0	10	5	0	0	8	4	39	48
- % Surplus	0	0	20	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	1
Subsoil Moisture												
- % Very Short	95	41	56	75	78	90	91	93	74	76	14	20
- % Short	5	36	29	25	20	8	9	7	19	17	44	31
- % Adequate	0	23	14	0	2	2	0	0	7	6	42	48
- % Surplus	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

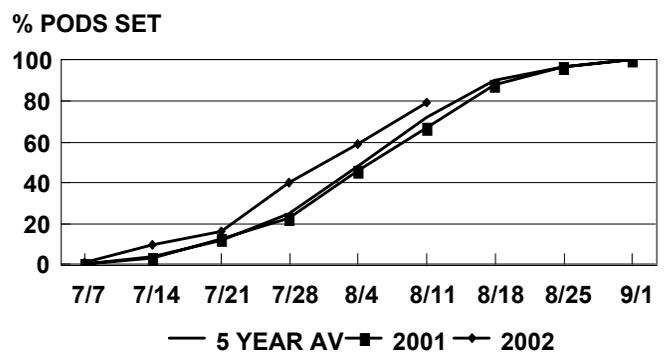
¹ Data not available.

CORN DOUGH



PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

SOYBEANS PODS SET



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