



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending May 28, 2006, hot and windy weather overshadowed the moisture received this week according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistic Service, Nebraska Field Office. Corn and soybean planting neared completion and irrigation systems were being run regularly to germinate crops. Dryland crops were showing stress as soil moisture supplies continued to deteriorate. The Panhandle, Southwest, and South Central Districts continue to be the driest, with precipitation since April 1 below 40 percent of normal.

Weather Summary: It was a hot week with temperatures averaging 7 to 13 degrees above normal. Triple digit highs were recorded in four districts last week. Precipitation ranged from a tenth of an inch in the North Central District to reports of up to two inches in the East Central.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending May 28, 2006

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	33	21	4	10
Short	34	37	20	22
Adequate	33	42	71	65
Surplus	0	0	5	3
Subsoil				
Very Short	21	18	11	18
Short	39	34	27	29
Adequate	40	48	62	53
Surplus	0	0	0	0
Days Suitable	6.2	6.8	5.7	5.2

Field Crops Report: Wheat conditions rated 17 percent very poor, 22 poor, 32 fair, 27 good, and 2 excellent, which continues to be well below last year. Wheat headed was at 65 percent, ahead of 58 last year and 57 average.

Corn emerged was at 92 percent, ahead of last year's 88 and 82 average. Corn conditions rated 4 percent poor, 28 fair, 62 good, and 6 excellent. This is near last year's condition. There were a few reports of corn being replanted in sandy soils.

Soybean planting had another big week because of the weather and was 93 percent complete. This is ahead of last year's 87 and well ahead of the 76 average. Soybeans emerged was at 48 percent, behind last year's 51 but ahead of the 40 average.

Alfalfa 1st cutting was 53 percent complete due to the dry weather and producers finishing up planting. This is well ahead of last year's 31 and the 26 average. Alfalfa conditions

declined and rated 3 percent very poor, 11 poor, 29 fair, 47 good, and 10 excellent. This rating continues to be above last year.

Oat conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 11 poor, 33 fair, 51 good, and 3 excellent, which is below last year. Oats headed was at 20 percent. This is well above last year and the five-year average.

Sorghum planted was 67 percent complete. This is even with last year and ahead of the 51 average. Sorghum was 22 percent emerged. This is above last year's 18 and average 16.

Dry bean planting was 33 percent complete. This is ahead of last year's 6 and average of 15. Dry beans emerged was at 3 percent which is near average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending May 28, 2006

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 1 st Cutting	53	27	31	26
Corn Emerged	92	69	88	82
Dry Beans Planted	33	10	6	15
Dry Beans Emerged	3	0	0	2
Oats Headed	20	0	0	6
Sorghum Planted	67	40	67	51
Sorghum Emerged	22	5	18	16
Soybeans Planted	93	72	87	76
Soybeans Emerged	48	13	51	40
Wheat Headed	65	35	58	57

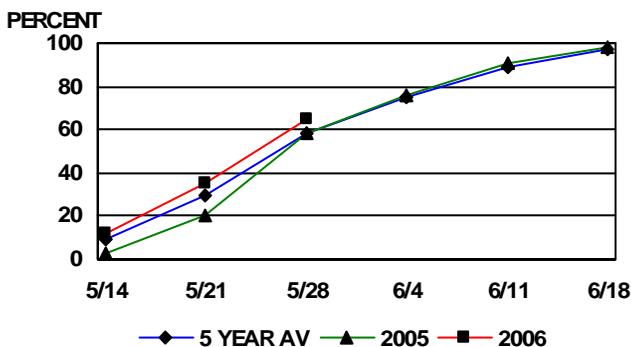
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending May 28, 2006

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	3	11	29	47	10
Corn	0	4	28	62	6
Oats	2	11	33	51	3
Wheat	17	22	32	27	2

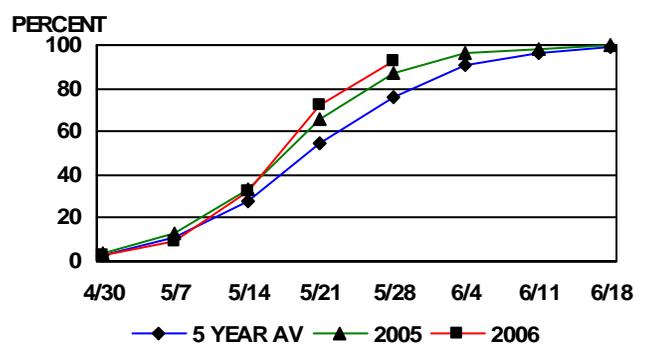
Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions continued to decline and rated 9 percent very poor, 19 poor, 34 fair, 35 good, and 3 excellent. Most cattle are now on summer pasture.

This release is based on data from FSA county directors, extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm.

WHEAT HEADED



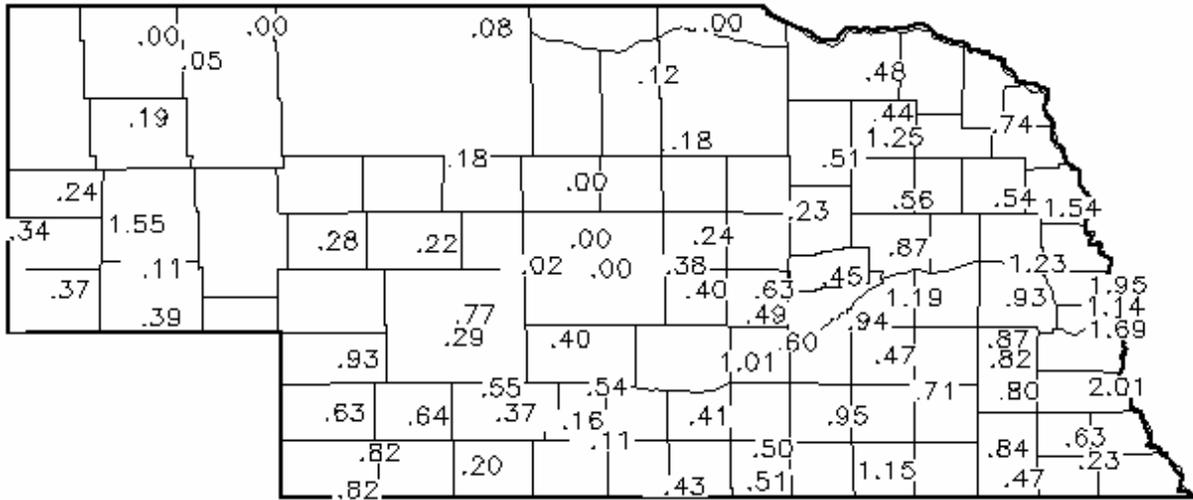
SOYBEANS PLANTED



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Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. May 28, 2006



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 - May 28, 2006

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.23	.13	.67	.37	1.09	.65	.28	.84
Total since April 1	1.79	3.60	4.42	2.41	5.32	1.51	2.13	6.07
Normal since April 1	4.49	5.07	5.97	5.72	6.41	4.89	5.51	6.47
Total as % of normal	39%	72%	74%	41%	82%	31%	38%	93%

Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, May 28, 2006

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15			
	Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal	
	High	Low						
NW	Alliance	92	42	67	+7	122	444	383
	Scottsbluff	95	43	69	+9	128	498	382
	Sidney	95	44	68	+7	124	461	396
NC	Ainsworth	98	51	73	+9	149	468	431
	Arthur	95	47	70	+8	133	472	422
	O'Neill	100	50	74	+10	154	466	437
NE	Concord	96	48	73	+8	155	463	457
	Elgin	98	50	74	+10	154	466	446
	West Point	96	51	74	+8	158	487	473
C	Grand Island	99	55	76	+12	163	545	443
	Lexington	100	50	76	+13	165	564	435
	Ord	99	48	74	+10	154	514	438
EC	Central City	97	51	76	+11	163	537	449
	Lincoln	94	53	75	+9	164	544	485
	Mead	95	52	75	+8	160	533	483
SW	Champion	100	46	73	+11	145	555	425
	Dickens	98	46	73	+10	147	560	429
	McCook	98	45	74	+11	154	559	432
SC	Minden	100	53	76	+13	163	564	439
	Red Cloud	94	53	76	+11	166	551	447
	Smithfield	99	52	76	+13	163	563	436
SE	Beatrice	93	55	76	+9	168	544	485
	Clay Center	95	55	75	+10	159	533	446
	Nemaha	91	54	75	+8	168	571	503

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center and Nebraska State Climate Office