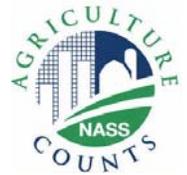




# Nebraska Weather and Crops

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**Agricultural Summary:** For the week ending June 11, 2006, triple digit temperatures the first half of the week gave way to cooler weather and rainfall over the weekend bringing some relief to stressed crops and pastures, according to USDA National Agricultural Statistic Service, Nebraska Field Office. However, soil moisture conditions continued to deteriorate. Producers were busy putting up hay and preparing for wheat harvest. The start of wheat harvest is 10-14 days away across the southern third of the state.

**Weather Summary:** Temperatures topped 100 degrees in every district but one last week. The Southwest District saw the highest temperatures with reports of up to 104. The Southwest District also saw their first significant precipitation since April 1 with nearly one inch of moisture recorded across the area.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending June 11, 2006

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Topsoil</b>				
Very Short	39	37	0	11
Short	32	31	3	17
Adequate	29	32	81	67
Surplus	0	0	16	5
<b>Subsoil</b>				
Very Short	34	30	2	16
Short	37	32	14	25
Adequate	29	38	81	58
Surplus	0	0	3	1
<b>Days Suitable</b>	6.3	6.3	2.9	4.4

**Field Crops Report:** Wheat conditions slipped further and rated 24 percent very poor, 27 poor, 32 fair, 15 good, and 2 excellent. This continues to be well below last year. Forty-nine percent of the wheat was turning color compared to 18 last year and 23 average. Harvest was expected to begin in southwestern counties the third full week of June.

Corn conditions rated 6 percent poor, 32 fair, 55 good, and 7 excellent. This is below last year's levels.

Soybean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 30 fair, 56 good, and 7 excellent, which is near last year. Nearly all the planted acreage had emerged.

Alfalfa first cutting continued to be about a week ahead of average and was 90 percent complete. This is well ahead of last year's 61 and 70 average. Alfalfa conditions declined and rated 4 percent very poor, 23 poor, 36 fair, 34 good, and 3 excellent. This rating is below last year. Dryland alfalfa regrowth has been slow due to the dry weather.

Oat conditions rated 8 percent very poor, 25 poor, 43 fair, 23 good, and 1 excellent, which is well below last year. Oats headed was at 67 percent. This is nearly a week ahead of last year and the average of 45.

Sorghum was 72 percent emerged. This is ahead of last year's 67 and the average of 65. Sorghum conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 49 fair, 39 good, and 5 excellent, which is below last year.

Dry bean planting was 87 percent complete. This is a week ahead of last year's 62 and average of 68. Dry beans emerged was at 35 percent, ahead of 12 last year and 23 average.

Proso millet planted was 39 percent complete. This is ahead of last year's 15 and average of 33.

### Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending June 11, 2006

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	90	76	61	70
Dry Beans Planted	87	61	62	68
Dry Beans Emerged	35	15	12	23
Oats Headed	67	32	45	45
Proso Millet Planted	39	9	15	33
Sorghum Planted	95	84	89	88
Sorghum Emerged	72	47	67	65
Soybeans Emerged	97	81	90	84
Wheat Headed	98	87	91	89
Wheat Turning Color	49	16	18	23

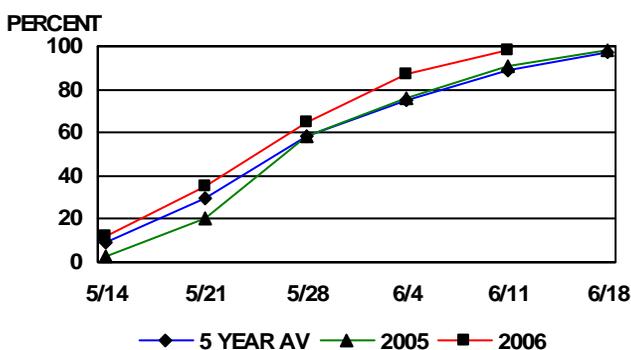
### Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending June 11, 2006

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	4	23	36	34	3
Corn	0	6	32	55	7
Oats	8	25	43	23	1
Sorghum	1	6	49	39	5
Soybeans	1	6	30	56	7
Wheat	24	27	32	15	2

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions continued to deteriorate and rated 22 percent very poor, 25 poor, 30 fair, 22 good, and 1 excellent. Cull cow sales have increased in areas experiencing short pastures. Hay prices were also on the rise in affected areas.

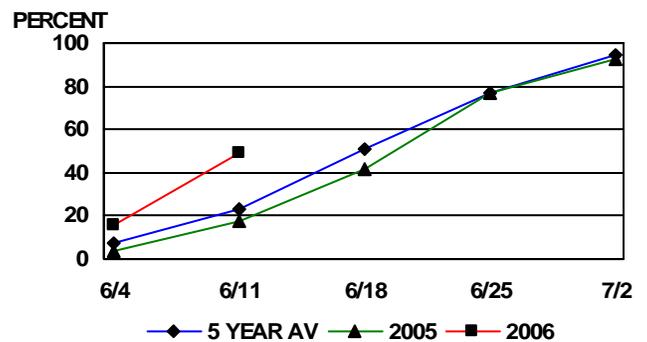
*This release is based on data from FSA county directors, extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: [http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts\\_cur.htm](http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm).*

WHEAT HEADED



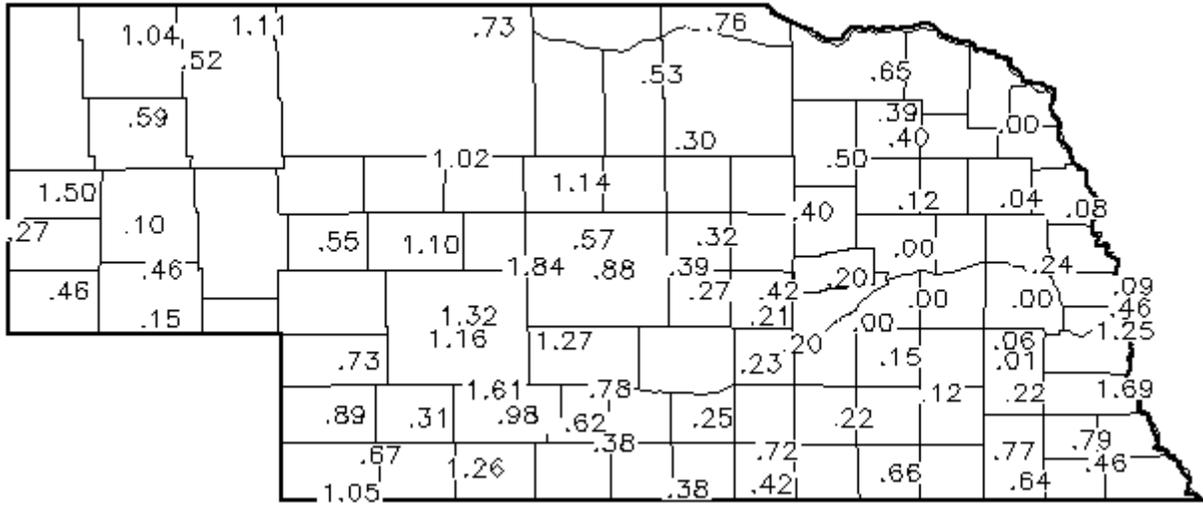
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**Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. June 11, 2006**



**Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – June 11, 2006**

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.67	.70	.32	.56	.26	.96	.56	.63
Total since April 1	2.84	4.43	5.14	3.14	6.32	2.87	3.77	8.12
Normal since April 1	5.86	6.74	7.97	7.55	8.41	6.53	7.31	8.44
Total as % of normal	48%	65%	65%	41%	75%	43%	51%	95%

**Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska,  
Week Ending Sunday, June 11, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15		
	Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal
	High	Low					
NW Alliance	101	51	73	+8	141	690	577
Scottsbluff	101	52	74	+9	149	757	575
Sidney	100	49	73	+8	146	709	596
NC Ainsworth	93	50	71	+3	140	739	662
Arthur	98	51	74	+6	149	734	643
O'Neill	95	50	71	+2	135	735	675
NE Concord	101	51	72	+2	139	763	701
Elgin	99	51	72	+2	138	751	690
West Point	101	54	73	+2	151	797	737
C Grand Island	100	52	75	+6	158	845	681
Lexington	98	55	77	+8	167	870	667
Ord	100	53	74	+5	147	801	675
EC Central City	100	54	74	+4	152	840	695
Lincoln	98	57	75	+3	160	868	759
Mead	99	54	74	+2	153	849	756
SW Champion	104	54	76	+9	156	828	648
Dickens	102	55	77	+9	158	842	656
McCook	98	57	76	+8	162	844	662
SC Minden	100	54	76	+7	162	866	673
Red Cloud	102	55	75	+6	157	856	689
Smithfield	96	54	75	+7	160	858	669
SE Beatrice	97	56	74	+2	157	851	759
Clay Center	101	53	74	+5	153	828	689
Nemaha	96	56	75	+3	164	901	776

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