



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending October 1, 2006, dry, warm conditions across the state allowed crops to dry down and producers into fields for fall harvest, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistic Service, Nebraska Field Office. Most corn harvested was high moisture while dry field conditions allowed soybean harvest to pick up. Heavy dews have made putting up quality alfalfa a challenge. Pasture and range conditions continued to improve.

Weather Summary: For the first time in over two months only traces of rain were recorded across the state. Temperatures averaged less than 1 degree above normal. The Southeast District saw highs in the mid 90's while the Northwest District recorded lows in the mid 20's. The Southeast and East Central Districts continued above average precipitation since April 1.

Sorghum harvested was 5 percent complete, behind last year's 12 and 13 average.

Eighty percent of the dry beans had dropped leaves, well behind last year's 99 and average of 90. Dry beans harvested were 47 percent complete, one week behind last year's 70 and 3 days behind the average of 61. Dry bean conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 5 poor, 36 fair, 54 good, and 5 excellent.

Producers had 80 percent of the winter wheat seeded, near last year's 81 and 83 average. Thirty-seven percent was emerged, well behind last year's 50 and 54 average.

Proso millet was 52 percent harvested, nearly two weeks behind last year's 76 and 72 average.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending October 1, 2006

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	8	7	17	29
Short	18	17	41	28
Adequate	73	68	42	42
Surplus	1	8	0	1
Subsoil				
Very Short	25	24	24	36
Short	30	30	35	31
Adequate	45	45	41	33
Surplus	0	1	0	0
Days Suitable	5.5	3.6	6.5	6.2

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 1, 2006

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	77	73	81	76
Corn Mature	88	73	80	79
Corn Harvested	10	6	16	15
Dry Beans Dropping Leaves	80	68	99	90
Dry Beans Harvested	47	26	70	61
Proso Millet Harvested	52	33	76	72
Sorghum Mature	72	55	83	71
Sorghum Harvested	5	3	12	13
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	93	70	97	90
Soybeans Harvested	17	4	41	26
Winter Wheat Seeded	80	57	81	83
Winter Wheat Emerged	37	18	50	54

Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 11 poor, 24 fair, 40 good, and 19 excellent. Irrigated fields rated 79 percent good or excellent, below last year's 81, while dryland fields rated 27, below last year's 41. Eighty-eight percent was mature, ahead of 80 last year and 79 average. Corn harvested was at 10 percent, behind last year's 16 and 15 average.

Soybean conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 8 poor, 28 fair, 43 good, and 18 excellent, near last year. Nearly all soybeans had turned color. Ninety-three percent were dropping leaves, behind last year's 97 but ahead of the 90 average. Soybeans harvested was 17 percent complete, one week behind last year's 41 and 3 days behind 26 average.

Alfalfa conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 13 poor, 36 fair, 38 good, and 7 excellent, near last year. Fourth cutting alfalfa was 77 percent complete, behind last year's 81 and near the 76 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 9 poor, 29 fair, 43 good, and 16 excellent, near last year. Seventy-two percent was mature, behind last year's 83 but near the average of 71.

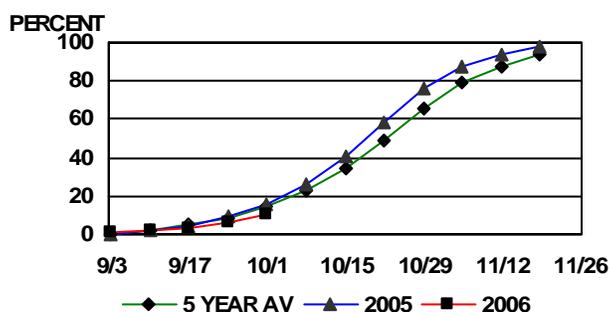
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 1, 2006

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	6	13	36	38	7
Corn	6	11	24	40	19
Dry Beans	0	5	36	54	5
Sorghum	3	9	29	43	16
Soybeans	3	8	28	43	18

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 18 percent very poor, 26 poor, 38 fair, 16 good, and 2 excellent.

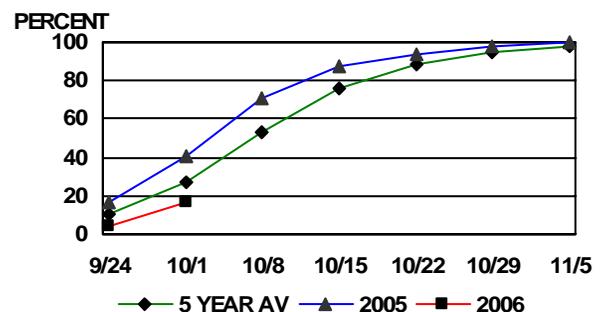
This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments can be found at:
http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/cmts_cur.htm

CORN HARVEST



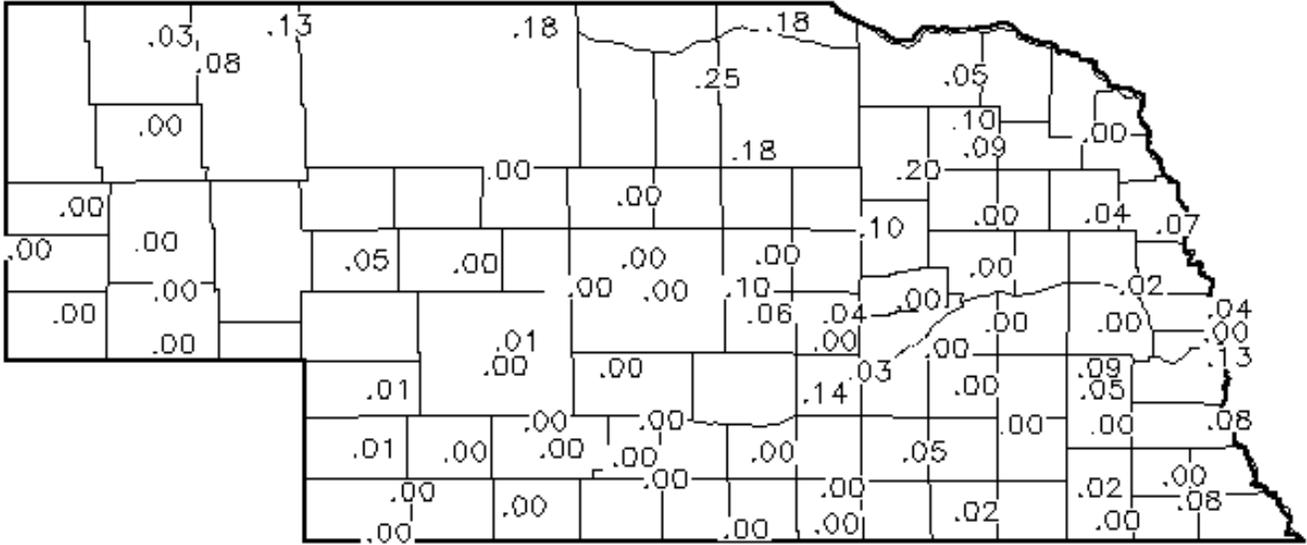
PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

SOYBEANS HARVESTED



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Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. October 1, 2006



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – October 1, 2006

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.02	.17	.09	.03	.04	.00	.00	.03
Total since April 1	9.93	15.37	19.13	16.06	22.20	13.98	18.06	23.30
Normal since April 1	13.05	16.66	19.40	18.39	21.17	15.64	18.19	22.23
Total as % of normal	76%	91%	98%	87%	104%	89%	99%	104%

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, October 1, 2006**

	Station	Temperature			
		Extremes		Average	Departure
		High	Low		
NW	Alliance	85	26	56	+1
	Scottsbluff	86	25	55	-1
	Sidney	84	29	57	0
NC	Ainsworth	90	35	60	+2
	Arthur	86	30	59	+1
	O'Neill	86	35	59	0
NE	Concord	90	36	59	0
	Elgin	86	36	59	0
	West Point	89	37	59	-1
C	Grand Island	90	36	60	+1
	Lexington	90	32	59	+1
	Ord	85	35	58	0
EC	Central City	91	36	60	+1
	Lincoln	93	41	63	+1
	Mead	93	40	61	0
SW	Champion	91	26	58	0
	Dickens	91	28	58	0
	McCook	90	31	60	+2
SC	Minden	92	34	60	+1
	Red Cloud	92	39	61	+2
	Smithfield	89	35	60	+2
SE	Beatrice	94	39	61	0
	Clay Center	89	37	59	0
	Nemaha	92	41	63	+1

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