



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending November 22, 2009, a third consecutive week of dry weather allowed corn and sorghum harvests to make good progress, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Corn and sorghum harvests are now two and a half weeks behind the average with many producers still reporting high grain moisture levels. Drying capacity continues to limit harvest progress. Long wait times at some elevators are being reported with facilities limiting deliveries of wet grain. Other activities included moving cattle onto stalks, fall tillage, and applying fertilizer.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged three degrees above normal across the state and ranged from near 60 to lows in the lower double digits. Precipitation was absent across the majority of the state. Snow fell in southeast counties early in the week with the district reporting over three quarters of an inch of moisture.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending November 22, 2009**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	0	0	2	9
Short	3	2	9	28
Adequate	92	90	86	61
Surplus	5	8	3	2
Subsoil				
Very Short	0	0	1	17
Short	7	6	17	32
Adequate	90	90	79	50
Surplus	3	4	3	1
Days Suitable	6.0	6.1	5.6	5.6

Field Crops Report: Corn harvested was 65 percent complete, well behind last year's 80 and 18 days behind the 92 average.

Sorghum harvest was 68 percent complete, behind last year's 75 and 19 days behind the average of 93.

Winter wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 28 fair, 59 good, and 12 excellent, below last year's 79 percent good or excellent rating.

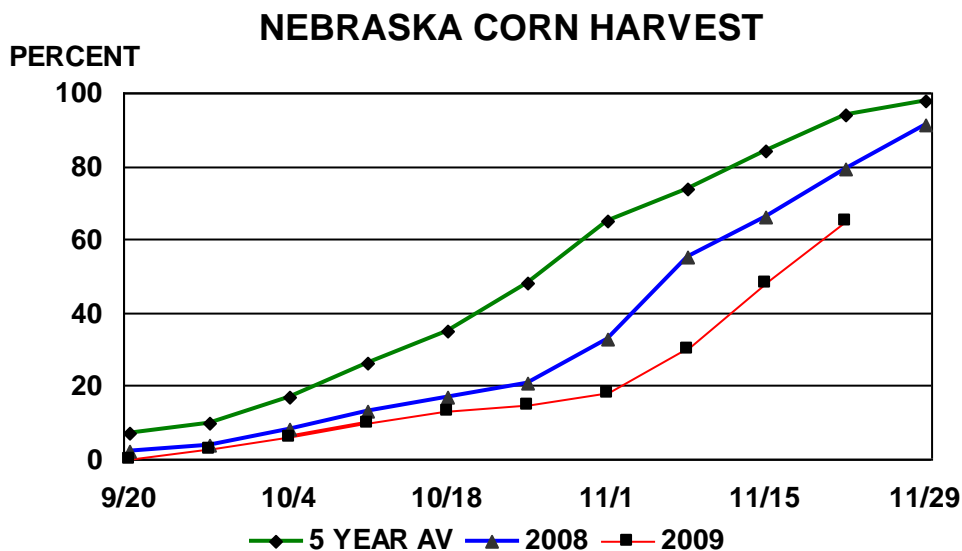
Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending November 22, 2009

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Corn Harvested	65	48	80	92
Sorghum Harvested	68	44	75	93

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending November 22, 2009

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Winter Wheat	0	1	28	59	12

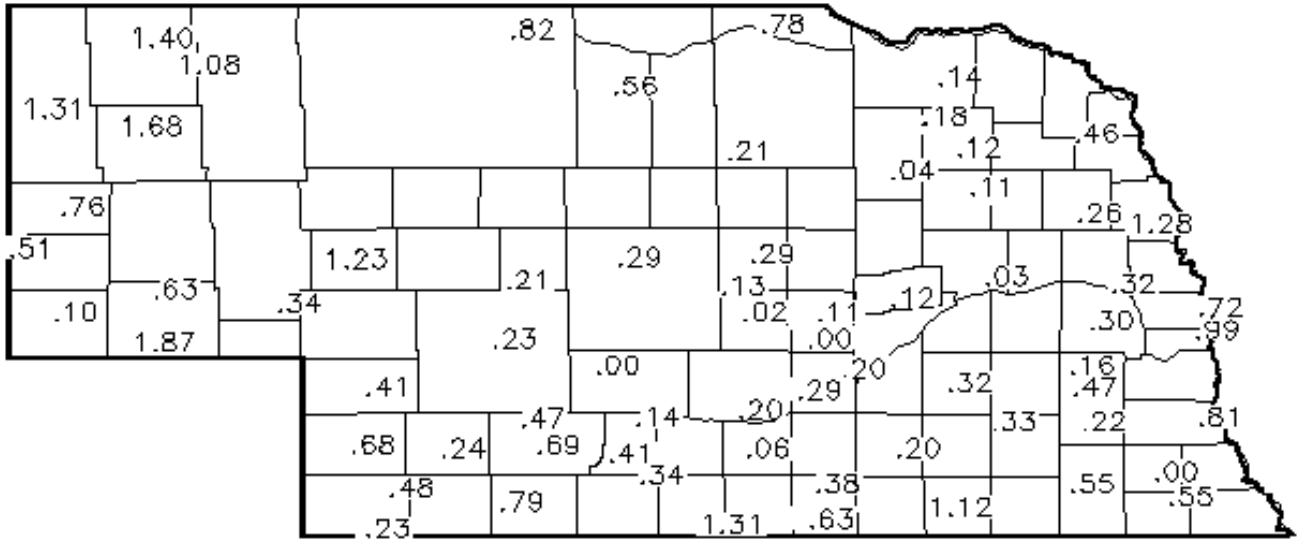
This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/cmts_cur.htm



PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. July 5, 2009



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – July 5, 2009

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.73	.84	.31	.16	.35	.56	.50	.51
Total since April 1	11.71	9.37	8.85	10.59	10.19	12.42	9.25	11.16
Normal since April 1	7.99	9.42	11.40	10.56	11.59	9.29	10.17	11.63
Total as % of normal	146%	100%	77%	99%	87%	133%	90%	95%

Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, July 5, 2009

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15		
	Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal
	High	Low					
NW Alliance	89	54	69	-4	128	898	1067
Scottsbluff	92	53	71	-2	139	983	1053
Sidney	86	53	69	-4	133	915	1118
NC Ainsworth	90	54	68	-6	126	959	1191
Arthur	86	51	68	-6	127	927	1166
O'Neill	90	53	69	-6	127	999	1213
NE Concord	86	52	69	-7	129	1087	1264
Elgin	91	55	70	-5	135	1069	1237
West Point	88	54	69	-7	133	1173	1305
C Grand Island	88	53	70	-5	140	1174	1217
Lexington	86	53	70	-5	138	1113	1196
Ord	91	50	69	-6	132	1091	1212
EC Central City	91	51	70	-5	137	1192	1241
Lincoln	91	57	73	-4	157	1360	1349
Mead	89	53	70	-8	135	1258	1348
SW Champion	89	53	71	-4	141	1032	1174
Dickens	87	48	69	-5	132	997	1181
McCook	89	55	72	-2	151	1197	1190
SC Minden	89	52	71	-3	146	1175	1203
Red Cloud	90	51	73	-2	159	1282	1230
Smithfield	86	55	70	-4	141	1124	1198
SE Beatrice	91	53	72	-5	149	1302	1349
Clay Center	88	52	71	-4	144	1209	1230
Nemaha	93	56	73	-4	155	1399	1353

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