



Weather and Crop Progress

2001 Nebraska Summary

January

Temperatures averaged mostly near to above normals for the month of January. Most snow fell during the second and last week of the month. Precipitation for the month was above normal statewide except for a few Panhandle counties.

February

Temperatures averaged mostly four to ten degrees below normals for the month of February. Measurable snowfall occurred in all but the second week of the month. High demand for hay and forage during the month continued to draw down producers supplies.

March

Temperatures for the month of March averaged near normals and ranged from seven degrees above to seven degrees below normals statewide. Precipitation occurred weekly in the form of snow and/or rain. Amounts ranged from traces to over an inch.

April

Temperatures for the month of April fluctuated from 3 degrees below normals to 7 degrees above normals. Precipitation was received weekly in the form of rain and snow.

May

Temperatures were as high as 13 degrees above normals during the first three weeks. The fourth week brought cooler temperatures. Precipitation during the first week was statewide. The remainder of the month saw limited precipitation.

June

Temperatures for the month of June fluctuated from 5 degrees below normals to 11 degrees above normals. Precipitation was received weekly across the State although the last two weeks were light with localized heavier amounts in the southeast and northeast.

July

Temperatures were mostly above normal for the month. Precipitation occurred statewide with lightest amounts recorded during the first week of July. By the end of the month, all districts had above or near normal precipitation for the year.

August

Except for the third week of August, temperatures ranged to 8 degrees above normals. Precipitation was light and scattered across the State. Crops were developing at a near normal pace.

September

Temperatures varied across the State from 8 degrees above normals the first week to 7 degrees below normals during the last week of September. Light freezing temperatures were recorded during the second week in the Panhandle. Precipitation was received during the first three weeks with none reported during the final week of September.

October

Temperatures varied from near normal levels to 6 degrees below normals. Precipitation during the second week of October slowed harvest while the remainder of the month experienced trace amounts. Overall, good fall harvest weather prevailed.

November

Temperatures ranged from 6 to 19 degrees above normals with only scattered trace amounts of precipitation across the State. Nearly fifty percent of the State had adequate subsoil moisture supplies.

December

Temperatures averaged up to 14 degrees above normals during the first three weeks of December with the fourth week ranging from normals to 4 degrees below normals. Precipitation was light for the month and fell as snow.

Usual Planting and Harvesting Dates Major Crops, Nebraska

Crop	Usual Planting Dates			Usual Harvesting Dates		
	Begin	Most Active	End	Begin	Most Active	End
Barley, Spring	Mar 20	Mar 25 - Apr 10	Apr 18	Jul 18	Jul 20 - Jul 25	Jul 30
Beans, Dry	May 26	Jun 9 - Jun 16	Jun 23	Sep 8	Sep 15 - Sep 29	Oct 13
Corn, for Grain	Apr 21	May 3 - May 19	Jun 1	Sep 21	Oct 11 - Nov 6	Dec 1
Corn, for Silage	Apr 21	May 3 - May 19	Jun 1	Aug 25	Sep 5 - Sep 25	Oct 10
Hay, Alfalfa				May 10		Oct 5
Hay, Other				Jun 5		Sep 20
Oats, Spring	Mar 24	Apr 2 - Apr 27	May 9	Jul 4	Jul 15 - Aug 2	Aug 12
Rye	Aug 30	Sep 12 - Sep 26	Oct 6	Jun 30	Jul 12 - Jul 30	Aug 8
Sorghum, for Grain	May 11	May 20 - Jun 8	Jun 19	Sep 19	Oct 8 - Oct 30	Nov 17
Sorghum, for Silage	May 11	May 20 - Jun 8	Jun 19	Aug 25	Sep 10 - Sep 30	Oct 10
Soybeans	May 9	May 18 - Jun 4	Jun 17	Sep 19	Sep 30 - Oct 15	Oct 27
Sugarbeets	Apr 1	Apr 10 - Apr 30	May 5	Oct 5	Oct 10 - Oct 30	Nov 5
Wheat, Winter	Aug 30	Sep 12 - Sep 26	Oct 6	Jun 26	Jul 7 - Jul 26	Aug 8

SOURCE: USDA's Usual Planting and Harvesting Dates for U.S. Field Crops, December 1997.