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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending June 12, 2005, variable temperatures and continued rainfall aided crop and pasture development but made hay harvest difficult, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. With the ongoing rains, weed control has fallen behind in many fields.

Weather Summary: Temperatures for the week averaged from 6 degrees below normal to 2 degrees above with the state averaging 2 degrees below. Precipitation since April 1 continued to average above normal across all districts. The north central counties have recorded twice their normal precipitation since April 1 and the northeast has received 50 percent more than average.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending June 12, 2005**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	0	0	27	21
Short	3	6	30	26
Adequate	81	88	40	51
Surplus	16	6	3	2
Subsoil				
Very Short	2	2	47	28
Short	14	14	24	28
Adequate	81	82	28	44
Surplus	3	2	0	0
Days Suitable	2.9	2.7	5.6	5.4

Field Crops Report: Wheat conditions remained stable and rated 7 percent very poor, 16 poor, 33 fair, 36 good, and 8 excellent. Fields were reported to be 93 percent headed, behind last year at 98 but near the average at 92. Twenty percent of the fields were reported as turning color, well behind last year at 52 and the average at 37.

Corn condition rated 2 percent poor, 23 fair, 59 good, and 16 excellent. Conditions continue higher than last year and normal.

Soybean planting moved to 98 percent, near last year at 97 and in line with the average. Soybean emergence at 92 percent was ahead of last year and average at 88.

Sorghum planting was at 90 percent complete, behind 94 last year and 91 for average. Seventy percent of the crop had emerged.

Oat condition rated 3 percent poor, 25 fair, 53 good, and 19 excellent. Fifty percent of the crop has headed, compared to 67 last year and 53 for the average.

Alfalfa conditions improved slightly and rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 38 fair, 40 good, and 11 excellent. First cutting was 62 percent complete, behind last year at 78 and average at 77. Wet conditions have impacted quality.

Proso Millet planting remained slow and was 17 percent complete, behind last year at 65.

Dry Bean planting progressed to 68 percent complete, behind last year at 79 and the average at 76. Fourteen percent of the crop had emerged.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending June 12, 2005

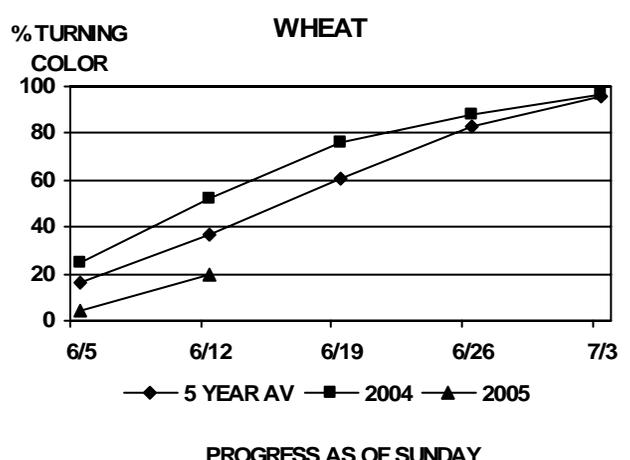
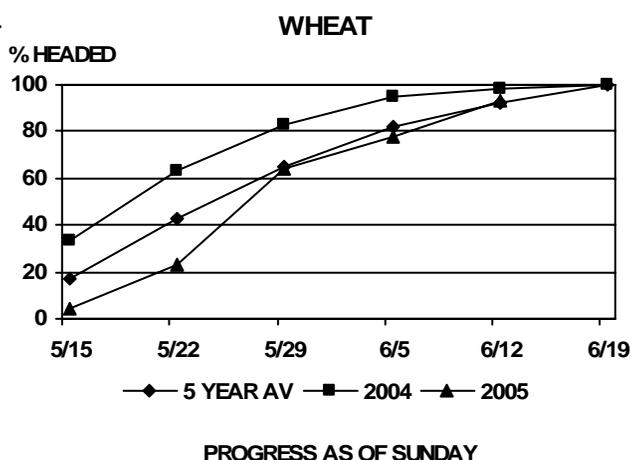
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 1 st Cutting	62	57	78	77
Dry Beans Planted	68	24	79	76
Sorghum Planted	90	82	94	91
Sorghum Emerged	70	49	74	72
Soybeans Planted	98	97	97	98
Soybeans Emerged	92	79	88	88
Wheat Headed	93	78	98	92
Wheat Turning Color	20	4	52	37

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending June 12, 2005

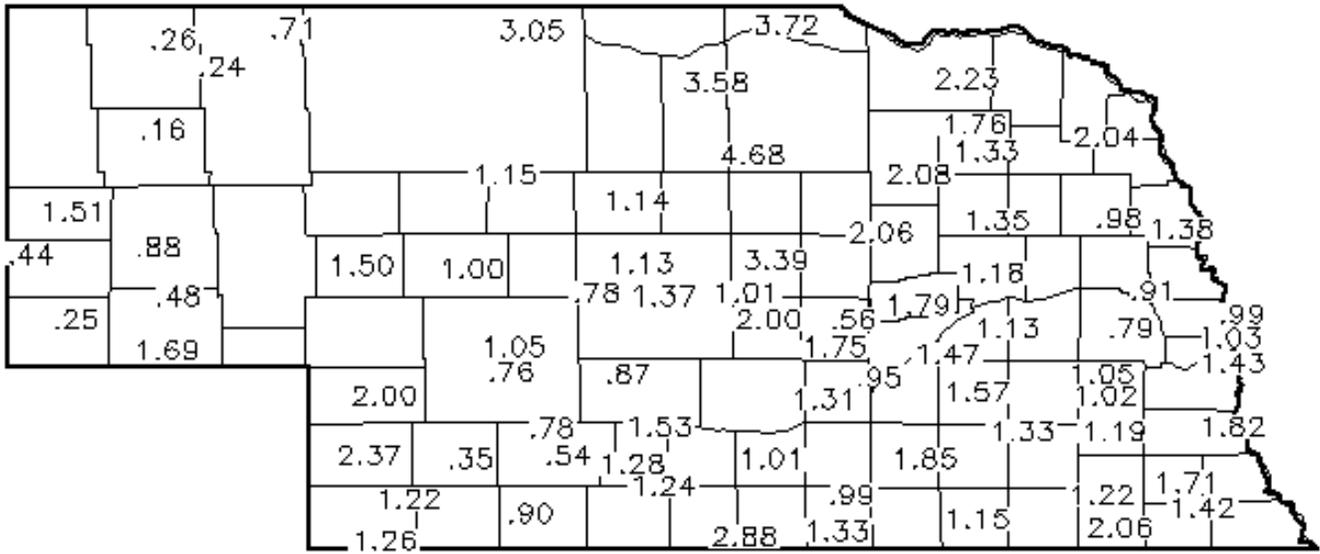
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	2	9	38	40	11
Corn	0	2	23	59	16
Oats	0	3	25	53	19
Sorghum	0	3	40	48	9
Soybeans	0	2	24	60	14
Wheat	7	16	33	36	8

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions improved and rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 30 fair, 48 good, and 14 excellent. Conditions continue above last year and normal.

This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm. For those receiving an e-mail text version of this publication, a complete version including crop progress charts and precipitation maps can be found at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/2005.htm>



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. June 12, 2005



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – June 12, 2005

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.55	2.76	1.53	1.36	1.21	1.11	1.59	1.65
Total since April 1	8.02	14.13	12.16	11.34	10.32	7.44	8.66	9.51
Normal since April 1	5.96	6.86	8.11	7.68	8.56	6.65	7.43	8.58
Total as % of normal	135%	205%	150%	147%	120%	112%	116%	111%

Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, June 12, 2005

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15			
	Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal	
	High	Low						
NW	Alliance	87	39	60	-5	81	457	587
	Scottsbluff	88	48	61	-4	80	518	586
	Sidney	86	46	60	-6	75	462	606
NC	Ainsworth	87	48	64	-5	95	527	679
	Arthur	84	47	62	-6	87	507	651
	O'Neill	87	49	66	-4	110	569	692
NE	Concord	91	51	70	-1	135	645	725
	Elgin	88	51	67	-2	120	626	710
	West Point	90	51	71	0	142	721	757
C	Grand Island	90	52	69	-1	127	732	702
	Lexington	89	54	68	-1	126	687	685
	Ord	88	50	67	-3	115	647	693
EC	Lincoln	91	58	74	+2	161	844	781
	Central City	89	53	70	0	135	736	715
	Mead	91	54	72	0	150	800	777
SW	Champion	91	50	65	-3	103	601	660
	North Platte	86	50	66	-3	113	607	670
	Curtis	88	53	67	-2	114	627	672
SC	Smithfield	88	55	67	-2	121	658	687
	Minden	89	57	69	0	132	727	693
	Red Cloud	91	57	72	+2	146	788	710
SE	Beatrice	90	59	73	+1	157	834	781
	Clay Center	90	55	70	+1	138	757	709
	Nemaha	88	61	74	+2	164	884	803

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

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