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**GENERAL:** For the week ending June 9, 2002, warmer temperatures and rains in central and western counties improved crop conditions, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The first significant rainfall in months fell in southern Panhandle and Southwest counties. This stopped the decline in wheat condition and provided moisture for grain development. Other producer activities included spraying and cultivating for weed control.

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

**WEATHER:** Temperatures averaged two to seven degrees above normals across the State. Precipitation was scattered across the State and ranged from traces to over two inches in portions of the Panhandle and Central Districts.

**CROPS: Corn** condition rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 31 fair, 49 good, and 11 excellent, lower than last year and average. Most of the crop had germinated with 98 percent of the acreage emerged, virtually the same as last year's 99 percent and the average of 98.

**Soybean** planting was virtually complete at 99 percent, ahead of last year's 95 and average at 96. Eighty-five percent of the crop was emerged, ahead of last year's 76 and average at 79. Condition of the crop rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 37 fair, 49 good, and 7 excellent.

**Sorghum** planting reached 91 percent complete, ahead of last year at 80 and average at 88. Emergence was noted on 67 percent of the acreage, ahead of last year at 59 and 66 average.

**Wheat** condition improved last week as a result of early week rains and rated 26 percent very poor, 28 poor, 30 fair, 14 good and 2 excellent but continued to trail last year and average. Statewide, 84 percent had headed, ahead of last year's 75 percent and behind average at 89. Half of the wheat was showing color in the Southeast but none yet in the Panhandle. Statewide, 17 percent was coloring, compared with 5 percent last year and 17 average.

**Oat** fields were headed on 35 percent of the acreage, behind 45 last year and 50 average. Condition was rated 8 percent very poor, 14 poor, 35 fair, 38 good, and 5 excellent, behind last year and average.

**Dry bean** planting progressed to 61 percent complete, slightly behind last year and average at 62. Twenty percent of the crop was emerged, near last year's 18 and average of 24.

**Proso millet** planting continued to make good progress with 41 percent seeded to date. Rainfall received should aid germination.

**Alfalfa** condition rated 4 percent very poor, 17 poor, 36 fair, 39 good, and 4 excellent. Statewide, 68 percent of the first cutting had been taken by week's end, ahead of 65 percent last year and 57 average.

**LIVESTOCK: Pasture and range** conditions continued below average and rated 15 percent very poor, 22 poor, 38 fair, 24 good, and 1 excellent. Rains received have helped pastures to green up but pastures remain behind normal development. With 90 percent of the Southwest in poor or very poor condition, producers have been weighing options to maintain herds.

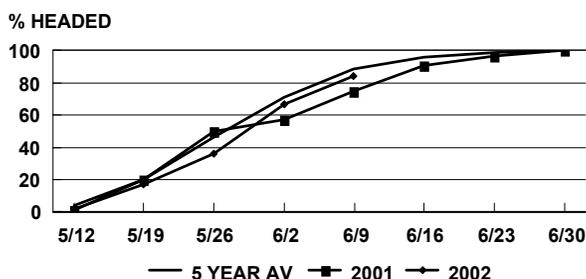
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**Progress and Conditions: By District, Nebraska, as of June 9, 2002**

Item	Agricultural Statistics Districts								State	Last Week	Last Year	Average
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Emerged	87	98	98	100	99	95	99	100	98	89	99	98
% Soybeans Planted	<sup>1</sup>	98	99	99	99	86	99	99	99	90	95	96
% Soybeans Emerged	<sup>1</sup>	83	76	94	88	62	96	90	85	58	76	79
% Sorghum Planted	70	95	99	84	96	85	93	94	91	66	80	88
% Sorghum Emerged	40	73	74	53	69	71	74	67	67	27	59	66
% Wheat Headed	68	85	66	62	77	96	99	99	84	67	75	89
% Wheat Turning Color	0	1	2	2	5	8	35	50	17	1	5	17
% Alfalfa 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	22	65	73	68	84	50	76	91	68	40	65	57
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.8	6.5	6.4	6.0	6.8	5.9	6.9	6.7	6.4	5.6	3.7	4.5
Topsoil Moisture - % Very short	40	10	15	18	10	58	25	10	24	28	0	10
- % Short	34	39	48	56	34	30	46	39	39	24	9	15
- % Adequate	26	51	37	26	55	12	29	51	37	47	87	66
- % Surplus	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	9
Subsoil Moisture - % Very Short	50	11	13	26	12	65	37	9	28	30	1	11
- % Short	35	32	44	61	38	30	43	29	38	31	12	15
- % Adequate	15	57	43	13	49	5	20	59	34	39	85	70
- % Surplus	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	2	4

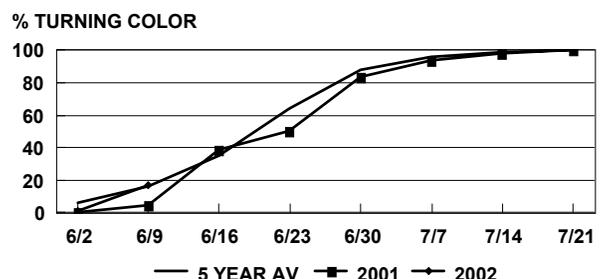
<sup>1</sup> Data not available.

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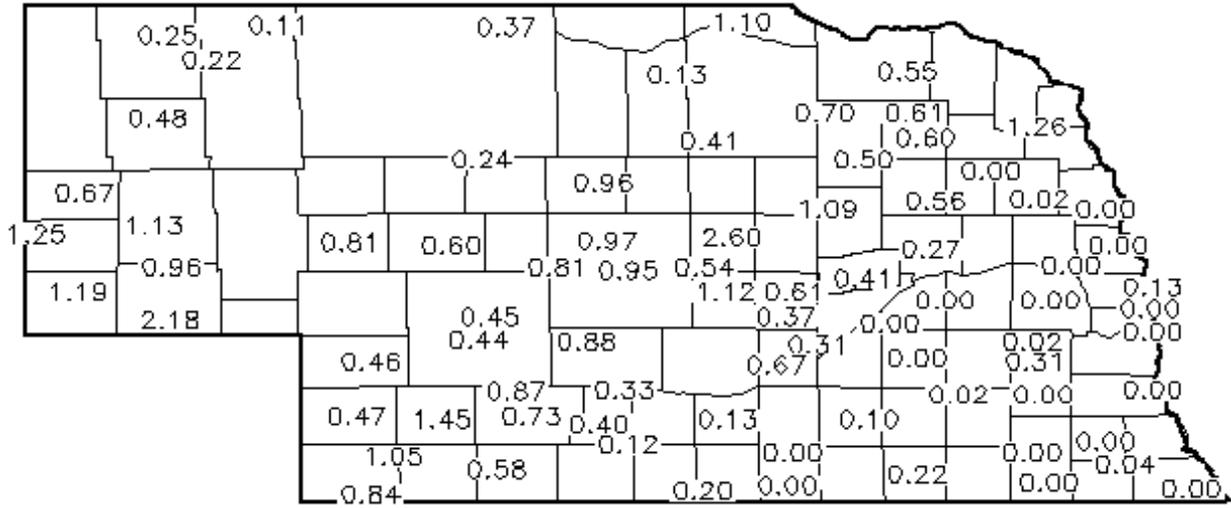
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**Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending June 9, 2002**



**Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 - June 9, 2002**

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.76	.55	.60	.87	.08	.64	.12	.04
Total since April 1	2.46	4.64	5.81	4.75	7.09	2.78	4.68	8.06
Normal since April 1	5.67	6.54	7.68	7.29	8.12	6.30	7.09	8.15
Total as % of normal	43%	71%	75%	65%	87%	44%	65%	99%

Source: High Plains Climate Center data as of 8:00 a.m.

**Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska,  
Week Ending Sunday, June 9, 2002**

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15		
	Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal
	High	Low					
NW	Alliance	94	45	67	3	111	534
	Scottsbluff	94	44	67	4	113	534
	Sidney	97	45	69	4	121	546
NC	Ainsworth	94	46	71	5	140	582
	Arthur	94	46	69	3	125	572
	O'Neill	92	45	71	4	141	601
NE	Concord	92	48	70	2	135	628
	Elgin	93	50	71	2	136	633
	West Point	92	52	72	2	145	667
C	Grand Island	93	51	72	4	145	646
	Lexington	101	52	74	6	149	634
	Ord	95	50	72	4	144	646
EC	Lincoln	90	54	73	2	156	715
	Central City	93	51	73	4	149	657
	Mead	92	54	73	3	153	704
SW	Champion	97	51	73	6	137	591
	North Platte	99	52	74	7	144	596
	Curtis	98	51	73	6	141	608
SC	Arapahoe	96	45	70	5	132	568
	Minden	97	54	73	5	146	636
	Red Cloud	96	52	75	6	160	656
SE	Beatrice	90	52	73	2	154	716
	Clay Center	93	52	72	3	145	653
	Nemaha	89	56	73	2	161	754

Source: High Plains Climate Center.

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