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**Agricultural Summary:** For the week ending June 23, 2002, above normal temperatures and minimal rainfall caused a decline in crop conditions and accelerated wheat maturity, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Concerns over high grasshopper counts continued to be reported. Producer activities included weed control, irrigation, and livestock care.

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 Summary:** Temperatures averaged from four to ten degrees above normals across the State. Statewide, precipitation was scattered and very light.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition declined and rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 33 fair, 44 good, and 10 excellent, lower than last year and average.

Soybean condition declined and rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 33 fair, 51 good, and 6 excellent, below last year and average.

Sorghum was virtually all emerged at 98 percent, ahead of last year at 93 and 95 average. Condition of the crop declined and rated 2 percent very poor, 12 poor, 43 fair, 39 good, and 4 excellent, below last year and average.

Wheat condition declined from last week and rated 28 percent very poor, 33 poor, 26 fair, 12 good and 1 excellent and

continued to trail last year and average. Virtually all wheat fields had headed by week's end. Seventy-seven percent was coloring, a few days ahead of last year at 50 and 64 average. Fields were beginning to ripen in the southern districts with harvest expected to begin later this week.

Oat fields were headed on 90 percent of the acreage, nearly a week ahead of last year's 70 percent and 75 average. Condition was rated 11 percent very poor, 18 poor, 34 fair, 32 good, and 5 excellent, below last year and average.

Dry bean planting progressed to 97 percent complete, near last year's 99 and average at 97. Sixty-five percent of the crop was emerged, behind last year's 81 and average of 82.

Proso millet planting continued to make good progress with 89 percent seeded to date.

Alfalfa condition declined and rated 8 percent very poor, 20 poor, 36 fair, 33 good, and 3 excellent, well below last year and average. Statewide, 93 percent of the first cutting had been taken by week's end, behind the 95 percent last year but ahead of 90 average. Second cutting activities were 8 percent completed, ahead of last year at 6 and average at 5.

Wild hay condition rated 21 percent very poor, 17 poor, 38 fair, 22 good, and 2 excellent.

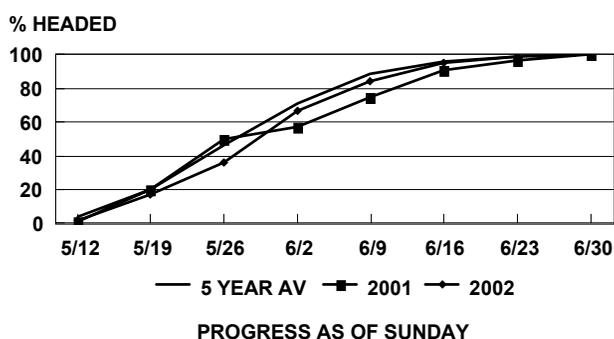
**Livestock, Pasture, and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions continued to decline and remained below average. Condition rated 21 percent very poor, 27 poor, 33 fair, and 19 good. The Southwest and Panhandle districts continue to be stressed more than other areas of the State.

### Progress and Conditions: By District, Nebraska, as of June 23, 2002

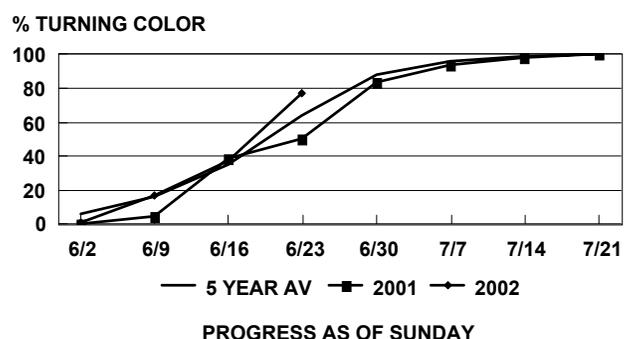
Item	Agricultural Statistics Districts									State	Last Week	Last Year	Average
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE					
% Sorghum Emerged	100	99	100	94	100	100	99	97	98	98	88	93	95
% Wheat Headed	99	99	95	95	97	100	100	100	99	99	95	98	99
% Wheat Turning Color	50	78	57	74	72	99	98	93	77	77	37	50	64
% Alfalfa 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	72	90	99	94	100	98	98	100	93	93	83	95	90
% Alfalfa 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	0	0	7	3	9	0	20	31	8	8	2	6	5
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.9	6.6	5.6	6.4	6.8	6.9	5.8	7.0	6.5	6.5	5.9	5.9	5.1
Topsoil Moisture - % Very short	67	22	12	26	15	61	44	47	37	37	28	4	10
- % Short	27	36	37	60	36	27	33	39	36	36	40	29	22
- % Adequate	6	42	49	14	49	12	23	14	27	27	32	64	62
- % Surplus	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6
Subsoil Moisture - % Very Short	64	12	18	36	12	68	61	24	36	36	29	2	11
- % Short	33	38	35	59	46	28	25	46	38	38	39	22	18
- % Adequate	3	50	45	5	42	4	14	30	26	26	32	75	67
- % Surplus	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4

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

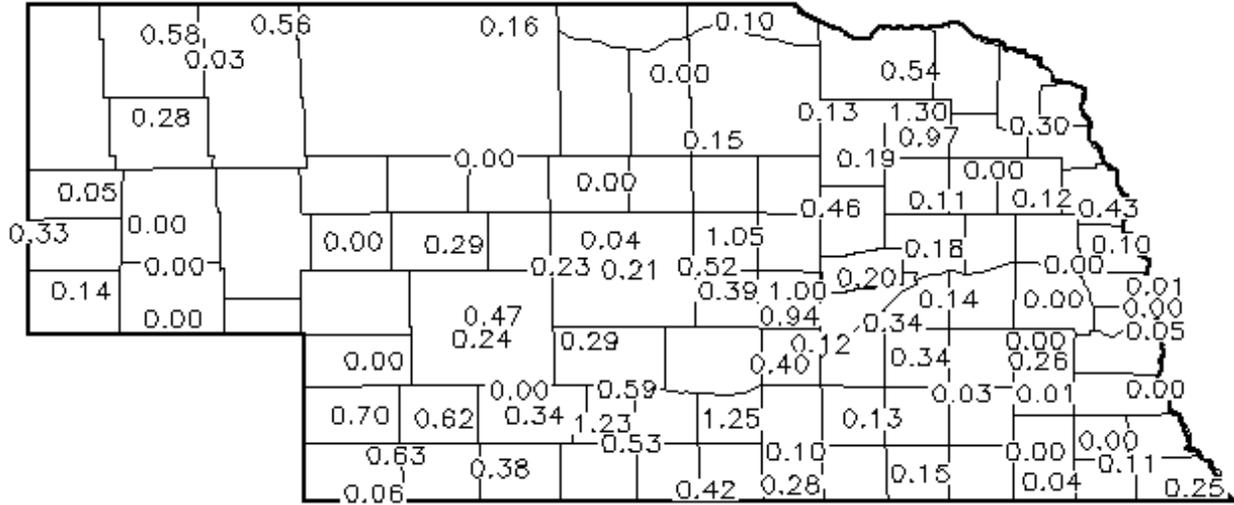
### WHEAT HEADED



### WHEAT TURNING COLOR



**Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending June 23, 2002**



**Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 - June 23, 2002**

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.22	.37	.50	.50	.12	.41	.66	.09
Total since April 1	2.82	4.69	7.95	5.90	8.87	3.69	6.56	9.29
Normal since April 1	7.01	8.24	9.66	9.09	10.09	7.91	8.80	10.11
Total as % of normal	40%	56%	81%	65%	87%	46%	74%	92%

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

**Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska,  
Week Ending Sunday, June 23, 2002**

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15		
	Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal
	High	Low					
NW Alliance	95	51	74	6	149	779	763
Scottsbluff	97	51	75	8	152	845	763
Sidney	98	55	76	7	155	835	782
NC Ainsworth	96	57	77	7	173	864	846
Arthur	95	57	75	6	159	824	825
O'Neill	93	59	77	6	178	896	895
NE Concord	92	58	77	5	177	932	922
Elgin	93	62	78	6	180	935	923
West Point	91	59	78	4	185	983	986
C Grand Island	95	60	79	7	186	999	940
Lexington	98	62	80	9	184	1020	921
Ord	95	59	78	6	182	954	930
EC Lincoln	96	64	82	7	200	1101	1044
Central City	91	61	78	6	188	1011	957
Mead	97	61	82	7	194	1067	1027
SW Champion	100	57	80	9	175	958	853
North Platte	101	58	80	9	181	952	863
Curtis	100	56	81	10	181	978	881
SC Arapahoe	98	49	76	7	159	866	820
Minden	97	59	80	8	184	1010	925
Red Cloud	97	58	81	8	190	1134	954
SE Beatrice	95	62	81	6	193	1090	1044
Clay Center	95	59	79	7	186	1005	951
Nemaha	93	62	80	5	190	1146	1080

Source: High Plains Climate Center.

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