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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending June 5, 2005, below normal temperatures and significant widespread rainfall limited fieldwork but improved crop and pasture conditions, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Rain fell throughout the state with totals between 2 and 4 inches common. Producer activities included limited planting of crops along with continuing the first cutting of alfalfa.

Weather Summary: Temperatures for the week averaged from 1 to 8 degrees below normal with the state averaging 4 degrees below. Precipitation since April 1 averaged above normal across all districts with the Panhandle and southern one-third finally receiving significant rainfall.

Oat condition rated 2 percent poor, 23 fair, 50 good, and 25 excellent. Seventeen percent of the crop has headed, compared to 42 last year and 28 for the average.

Alfalfa conditions showed improvement and rated 1 percent very poor, 13 poor, 36 fair, 41 good, and 9 excellent. First cutting was 57 percent complete, ahead of last year at 55 but in line with the average.

Proso Millet planting was slowed due to wet soils and was 5 percent complete, behind last year at 57.

Dry Bean planting progressed with 24 percent in the ground, well behind last year at 55 and the average at 53. Three percent of the crop had emerged.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending June 5, 2005**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	0	4	28	17
Short	6	20	27	22
Adequate	88	71	44	59
Surplus	6	5	1	2
Subsoil				
Very Short	2	11	48	25
Short	14	27	27	29
Adequate	82	62	25	46
Surplus	2	0	0	0
Days Suitable	2.7	5.7	5.7	5.2

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending June 5, 2005

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Alfalfa 1 st Cutting	57	34	55	57
Corn Emerged	98	91	98	95
Dry Beans Planted	24	7	55	53
Sorghum Planted	82	71	81	79
Sorghum Emerged	49	20	45	50
Soybeans Planted	97	90	92	93
Soybeans Emerged	79	55	73	71
Wheat Headed	78	64	95	82
Wheat Turning Color	4	1	25	16

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending June 5, 2005

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	13	36	41	9
Corn	0	2	28	55	15
Oats	0	2	23	50	25
Sorghum	0	4	52	38	6
Soybeans	1	2	28	61	8
Wheat	5	15	37	36	7

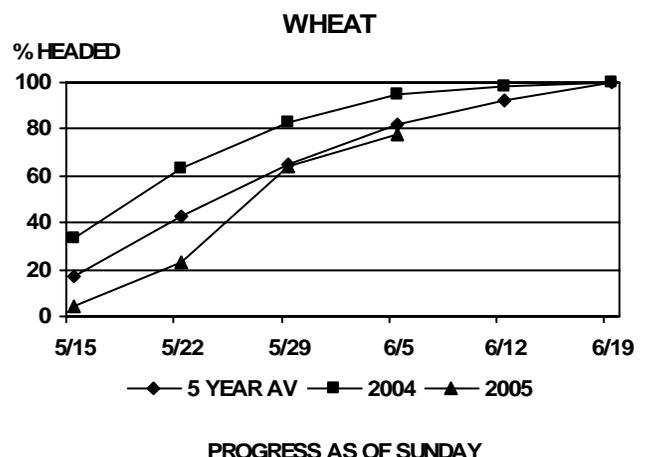
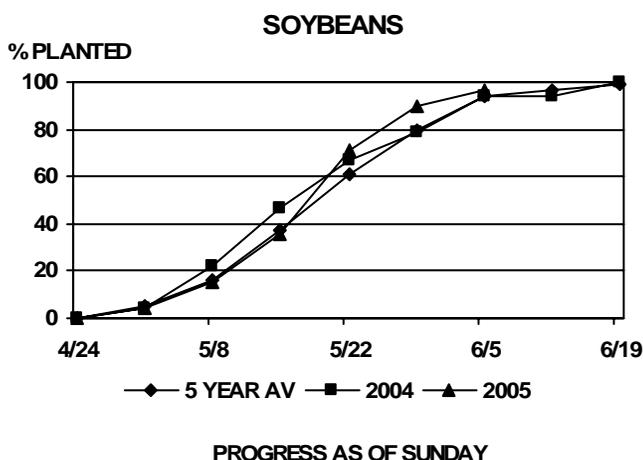
Field Crops Report: Wheat conditions showed limited improvement and rated 5 percent very poor, 15 poor, 37 fair, 36 good, and 7 excellent. Fields were reported to be 78 percent headed, behind last year at 95 and average at 82. Four percent of the fields were reported as turning color, well behind last year and the average at 25 and 16, respectively.

Corn emergence at 98 percent was same as last year and ahead of average at 95. Corn condition rated 2 percent poor, 28 fair, 55 good, and 15 excellent. Conditions rated higher than last year and normal.

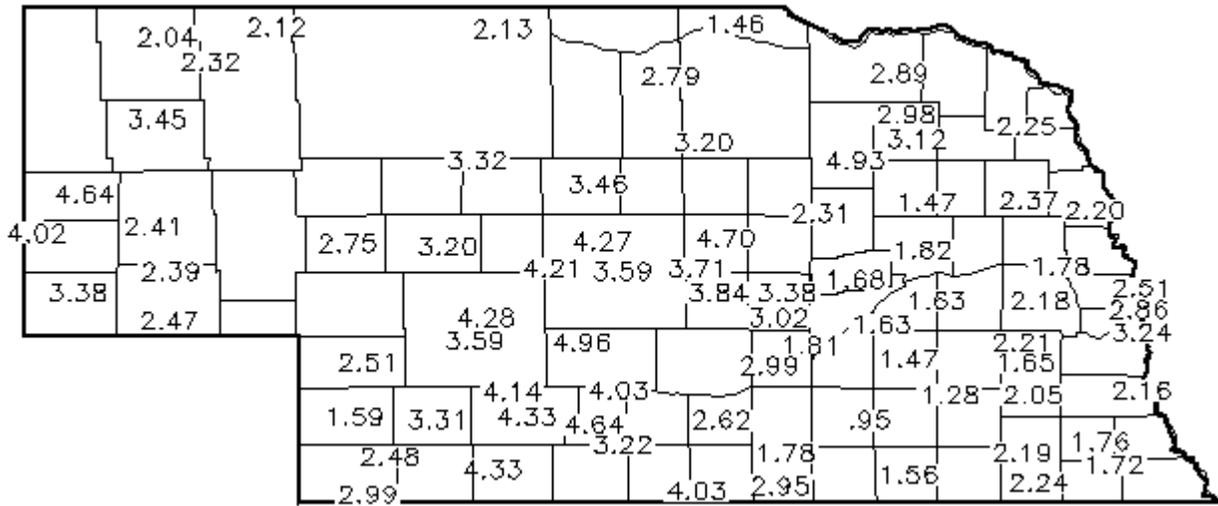
Soybean planting had progressed to 97 percent, ahead of last year at 92 and the average at 93. Soybean emergence at 79 percent was ahead of last year at 73 and average at 71.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions improved and rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 30 fair, 53 good, and 11 excellent. Conditions continue to be 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 5, 2005



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – June 5, 2005

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	3.21	2.89	2.80	3.52	2.15	3.19	3.30	1.71
Total since April 1	7.48	11.40	10.62	9.98	9.10	6.34	7.07	7.86
Normal since April 1	5.28	6.02	7.09	6.76	7.55	5.82	6.54	7.59
Total as % of normal	142%	189%	150%	147%	120%	108%	108%	103%

Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, June 5, 2005

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15			
	Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal	
	High	Low						
NW	Alliance	79	39	56	-7	122	376	485
	Scottsbluff	79	39	56	-6	142	438	484
	Sidney	79	40	55	-8	128	387	500
NC	Ainsworth	78	46	62	-4	164	432	552
	Arthur	78	44	58	-7	140	420	532
	O'Neill	77	44	63	-4	171	459	562
NE	Concord	78	41	65	-3	195	510	588
	Elgin	78	45	63	-4	183	506	576
	West Point	79	43	66	-3	215	579	613
C	Grand Island	80	48	65	-2	200	605	571
	Lexington	80	47	62	-4	177	561	558
	Ord	80	48	64	-3	189	532	563
EC	Lincoln	81	44	68	-2	233	683	632
	Central City	80	45	65	-2	207	601	580
	Mead	81	42	67	-3	221	650	629
SW	Champion	80	44	59	-6	156	498	539
	North Platte	80	44	60	-6	159	494	547
	Curtis	80	41	60	-6	161	513	549
SC	Smithfield	79	47	61	-5	166	537	560
	Minden	79	50	64	-3	189	595	564
	Red Cloud	82	49	65	-2	213	642	577
SE	Beatrice	82	50	67	-2	234	677	632
	Clay Center	81	50	65	-2	208	619	576
	Nemaha	83	51	68	-1	247	720	654

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

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