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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending June 19, 2005, warm and sunny conditions aided crop development and allowed hay harvest to progress, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Due to widespread rain during previous weeks, weed control has become a primary producer activity in many portions of the state.

Weather Summary: Temperatures in the state were near normal for the week, ranging from 3 degrees below to 2 degrees above. Rainfall averaged less than one-half inch in most areas. Precipitation since April 1 continued above normal. The northern one-third of the state continued well above normal with precipitation in the southern one-third of the state being a few percentage points above.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending June 19, 2005**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	0	0	14	19
Short	7	3	22	27
Adequate	86	81	58	51
Surplus	7	16	6	3
Subsoil				
Very Short	5	2	34	25
Short	15	14	26	30
Adequate	79	81	39	45
Surplus	1	3	1	0
Days Suitable	5.3	2.9	3.8	5.3

Field Crops Report: Wheat conditions remained stable and rated 7 percent very poor, 14 poor, 37 fair, 35 good, and 7 excellent. Fields were reported to be 99 percent headed, in line with last year and average. Forty-six percent of the fields were turning color, well behind last year at 76 and the average at 61. One percent of the crop was ripe. Likely start of harvest was reported to be about one week away.

Corn condition rated 2 percent poor, 20 fair, 54 good, and 24 excellent. Conditions continue higher than last year and normal.

Soybean planting was completed, in line with last year and the average. Soybean emergence at 98 percent was ahead of last year and average at 96.

Sorghum planting was at 96 percent complete, behind last year and the average at 98. Eighty-three percent of the crop had emerged, behind last year at 93 and the average at 89.

Oat condition rated 3 percent poor, 22 fair, 55 good, and 20 excellent. Eighty-one percent of the crop has headed, compared to 82 last year and 77 for the average.

Alfalfa conditions continued to improve and rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 30 fair, 49 good, and 14 excellent. First cutting was 84 percent complete, behind last year at 89 and the average at 90. Second cutting was underway at 6 percent.

Proso Millet planting remained slow and was 34 percent complete, behind last year at 78.

Dry Bean planting progressed to 86 percent complete, behind last year at 91 and the average at 92. Forty-one percent of the crop had emerged, compared to 57 last year and the average at 60.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending June 19, 2005

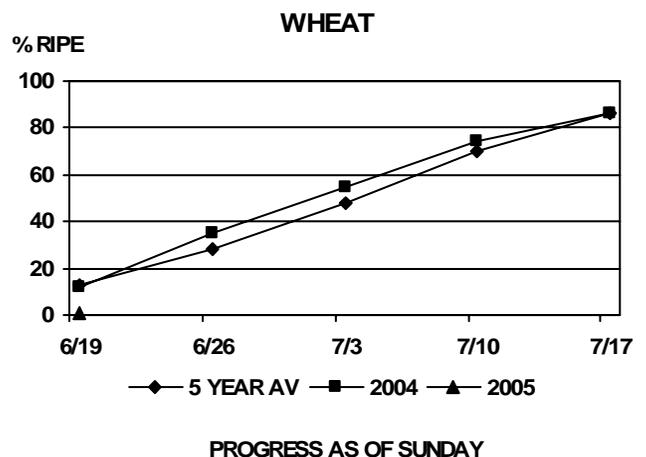
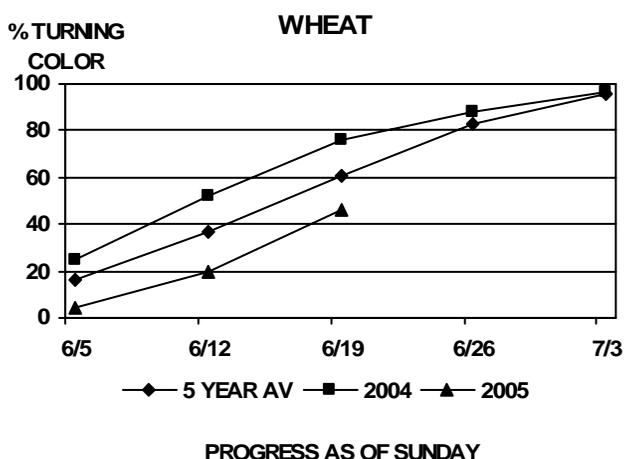
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 1 st Cutting	84	62	89	90
Alfalfa 2 nd Cutting	6	0	3	4
Dry Beans Planted	86	68	91	92
Sorghum Planted	96	90	98	98
Sorghum Emerged	83	70	93	89
Soybeans Planted	100	98	100	100
Soybeans Emerged	98	92	96	96
Wheat Headed	99	93	100	98
Wheat Turning Color	46	20	76	61
Wheat Ripe	1	0	12	13

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending June 19, 2005

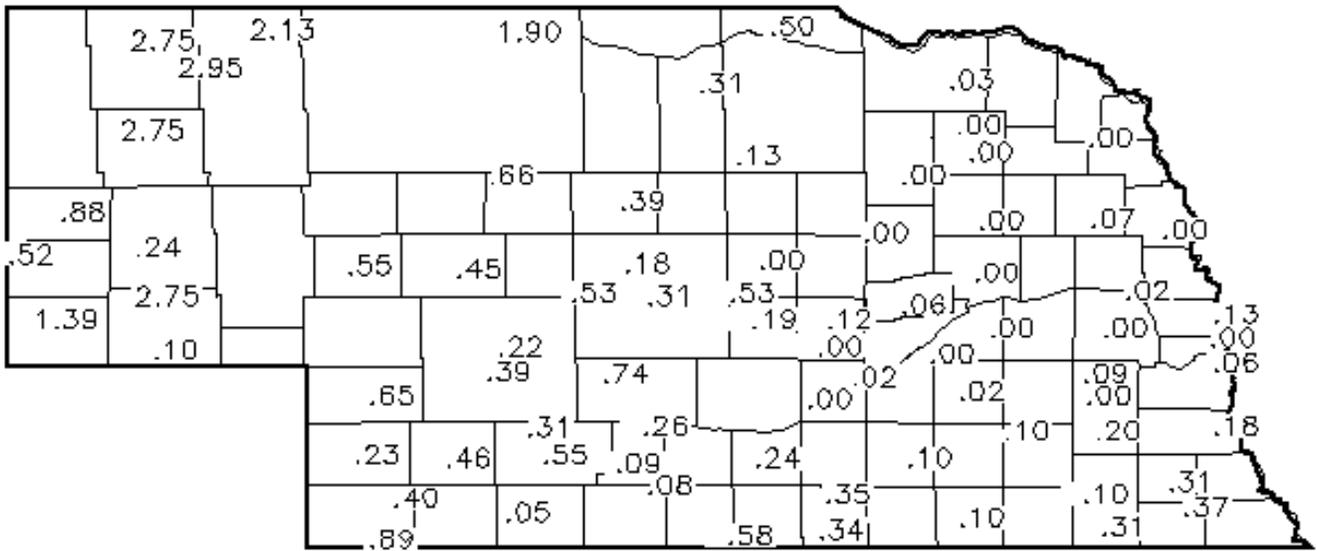
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	1	6	30	49	14
Corn	0	2	20	54	24
Oats	0	3	22	55	20
Sorghum	0	2	30	53	15
Soybeans	0	2	21	55	22
Wheat	7	14	37	35	7

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions improved and rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 27 fair, 52 good, and 15 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 19, 2005



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – June 19, 2005

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	1.91	.59	.01	.19	.07	.57	.55	.17
Total since April 1	9.92	14.74	12.16	11.48	10.44	8.02	9.11	9.73
Normal since April 1	6.63	7.69	9.10	8.58	9.54	7.46	8.30	9.56
Total as % of normal	150%	192%	134%	133%	109%	107%	110%	101%

**Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, June 19, 2005**

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15			
	Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal	
	High	Low						
NW	Alliance	88	44	67	-1	122	579	704
	Scottsbluff	91	42	68	+1	130	648	702
	Sidney	85	43	66	-2	119	581	728
NC	Ainsworth	86	51	68	-3	124	651	820
	Arthur	83	47	66	-3	116	623	784
	O'Neill	87	51	69	-2	134	703	836
NE	Concord	87	52	70	-2	142	787	877
	Elgin	89	55	70	-2	137	763	858
	West Point	88	54	71	-2	147	868	916
C	Grand Island	91	49	71	-1	142	874	848
	Lexington	91	50	70	0	140	827	826
	Ord	88	48	69	-2	135	782	837
EC	Lincoln	89	54	73	-1	160	1044	945
	Central City	89	50	70	-1	141	877	864
	Mead	88	54	72	-2	152	952	939
SW	Champion	88	46	69	-1	133	734	795
	North Platte	87	48	68	-2	129	736	809
	Curtis	89	48	69	-1	133	760	811
SC	Smithfield	88	50	69	-2	133	791	830
	Minden	90	49	70	-1	138	865	836
	Red Cloud	93	49	72	0	147	935	858
SE	Beatrice	88	53	72	-2	151	985	945
	Clay Center	90	47	70	+2	139	896	857
	Nemaha	85	59	73	-1	158	1042	966

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

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