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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending July 3, 2005, wheat harvest progressed rapidly in southeastern and south central counties, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Producers were irrigating fields across the state, putting up alfalfa and wild hay, and continuing weed control.

Weather Summary: Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal to 5 degrees above. Rainfall amounts averaged one-half inch with a few reporting stations in the eastern one-third receiving over 1 inch. Precipitation since April 1 continued above normal with the exception of the Southeast District.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending July 3, 2005**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	2	1	11	23
Short	27	18	21	31
Adequate	70	76	64	44
Surplus	1	5	3	2
Subsoil				
Very Short	7	5	34	30
Short	25	16	27	33
Adequate	68	78	38	36
Surplus	0	1	1	1
Days Suitable	6.1	5.4	4.9	5.9

Field Crops Report: Wheat conditions remained stable and rated 6 percent very poor, 13 poor, 35 fair, 37 good, and 9 excellent. Ninety-five percent of the fields were turning color, behind last year at 97 and the average at 96. Forty-three percent of the crop was ripe, compared to 55 last year and 52 for the average. Twenty-one percent of the crop had been harvested, behind last year at 23 and average at 28.

Corn condition rated 3 percent poor, 13 fair, 55 good, and 29 excellent. Irrigated fields rated 86 percent good or excellent while dryland fields rated 80. Conditions continue higher than last year and normal. Corn silked is at 2 percent, behind last year and the average at 3.

Twenty-six percent of the soybean crop has bloomed, ahead of last year at 18 and the average at 10. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 18 fair, 55 good, and 23 excellent, above previous year and average.

Sorghum conditions rated 3 percent poor, 26 fair, 58 good, and 13 excellent, above previous year and average.

Oat condition rated 1 percent poor, 22 fair, 53 good, and 24 excellent. Ninety-four percent of the crop has headed, just behind 95 last year and 96 for the average. Two percent of the crop had been harvested, compared to 3 last year and 7 for the average.

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Alfalfa conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 26 fair, 48 good, and 18 excellent. Second cutting was 36 percent complete, ahead of 33 last year and 31 average. Wild hay conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 24 fair, 57 good, and 14 excellent.

Proso Millet planting continued and was 86 percent complete, but remained behind last year at 93.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending July 3, 2005

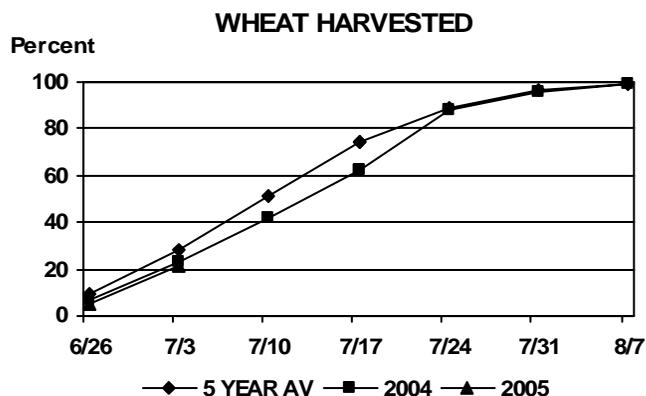
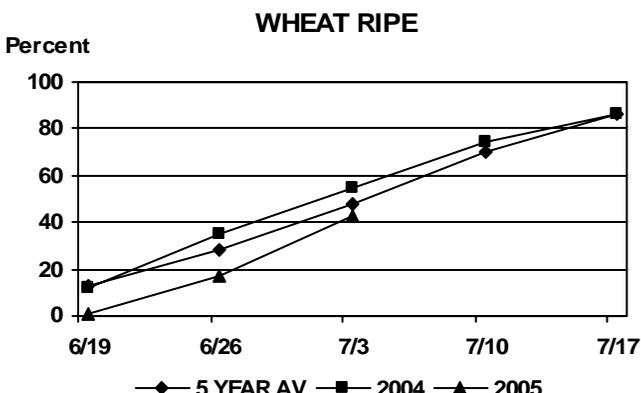
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 2 nd Cutting	36	17	33	31
Corn Silked	2	0	3	3
Soybeans Blooming	26	3	18	10
Wheat Turning Color	95	82	97	96
Wheat Ripe	43	17	55	52
Wheat Harvested	21	5	23	28

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending July 3, 2005

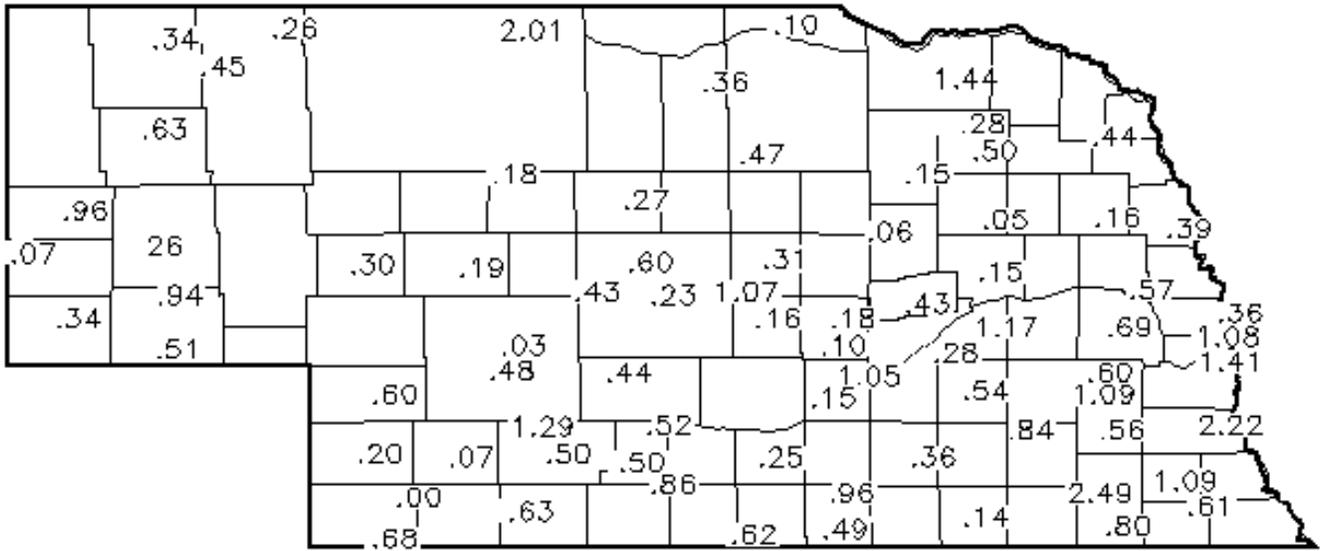
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	2	6	26	48	18
Corn	0	3	13	55	29
Oats	0	1	22	53	24
Sorghum	0	3	26	58	13
Soybeans	1	3	18	55	23
Wheat	6	13	35	37	9

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 22 fair, 56 good, and 15 excellent. Conditions continue well 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. July 3, 2005



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – July 3, 2005

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.45	.53	.52	.46	.58	.45	.63	.84
Total since April 1	11.50	16.08	14.44	13.11	11.65	9.18	10.54	10.76
Normal since April 1	7.90	9.31	10.96	10.30	11.40	9.01	9.96	11.43
Total as % of normal	145%	173%	132%	127%	102%	102%	106%	94%

**Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, July 3, 2005**

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15			
	Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal	
	High	Low						
NW	Alliance	93	49	68	-2	121	855	975
	Scottsbluff	94	48	70	0	134	944	972
	Sidney	91	49	68	-3	124	857	1009
NC	Ainsworth	90	52	71	-3	143	967	1135
	Arthur	93	51	70	-3	135	925	1086
	O'Neill	88	54	72	-2	154	1033	1157
NE	Concord	89	54	73	-2	156	1116	1210
	Elgin	91	54	73	-2	154	1092	1185
	West Point	94	55	75	-1	167	1218	1260
C	Grand Island	93	55	75	0	158	1219	1170
	Lexington	92	56	76	+2	171	1185	1141
	Ord	90	53	74	-1	159	1120	1157
EC	Lincoln	98	58	78	+1	180	1384	1297
	Central City	93	53	74	-1	161	1223	1192
	Mead	94	54	76	0	174	1318	1290
SW	Champion	97	52	73	0	153	1052	1100
	North Platte	98	54	74	0	156	1070	1118
	Curtis	97	56	74	+1	160	1097	1121
SC	Smithfield	90	56	74	0	164	1134	1146
	Minden	95	55	76	+2	167	1214	1155
	Red Cloud	101	56	79	+5	178	1305	1184
SE	Beatrice	98	61	78	+2	183	1357	1297
	Clay Center	96	53	76	+1	165	1243	1182
	Nemaha	96	61	77	+1	181	1420	1316

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