



# Nebraska Weather and Crops

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**Agricultural Summary:** For the week ending September 18, 2005, warm temperatures continued the rapid pace of crop maturity and the harvesting of all fall crops was underway, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Producer activities included harvesting of corn, soybeans, sorghum, dry beans and Proso millet along with weaning of calves.

**Weather Summary:** Temperatures ranged from 1 degree below normal to 5 above with most highs around ninety degrees. Isolated showers fell across small portions of Nebraska, but the majority of the state remained dry. Precipitation since April 1 continued at or above normal for five of the eight districts.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending September 18, 2005

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Topsoil</b>				
Very Short	13	12	19	30
Short	42	42	39	32
Adequate	43	45	42	36
Surplus	2	1	0	2
<b>Subsoil</b>				
Very Short	24	20	40	48
Short	35	37	34	32
Adequate	41	43	26	20
Surplus	0	0	0	0
<b>Days Suitable</b>	6.8	6.4	5.4	5.5

**Field Crops Report:** Corn conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 9 poor, 23 fair, 44 good, and 19 excellent. Irrigated fields rated 81 percent good or excellent while dryland fields rated 35. Ninety-seven percent of the crop had denting, ahead of 88 last year and 94 for the average. Forty-five percent of the crop had reached maturity, ahead of 29 last year but behind 52 for the average. Corn harvest had progressed slowly to 4 percent, equal to last year, but behind the average at 8.

Soybean coloring had progressed to 96 percent, ahead of 86 last year and 87 for the average. Sixty-two percent of the crop had begun dropping leaves, ahead of 52 last year and 53 for the average. Harvest was underway at 4 percent. Conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 12 poor, 30 fair, 42 good, and 12 excellent. This is comparable to last year and better than average.

Sorghum conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 9 poor, 26 fair, 47 good, and 14 excellent, better than last year and average. Sorghum coloring was at 95 percent, ahead of last year at 80 and average at 86. Twenty-nine percent of the crop had reached maturity, ahead of 14 last year but behind 39 for the average. Sorghum harvest was underway at 1 percent, equal to last year but behind the average at 10.

Wheat seeded was at 51 percent, ahead of last year and average at 45. Fourteen percent of the crop had emerged, compared to 13 last year and 15 for the average.

Dry Bean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 26 fair, 55 good, and 12 excellent. Ninety-seven percent had turned color, ahead of last year at 76 and the average at 88. Seventy percent of the dry bean crop had begun dropping leaves, ahead of 37 last year and 66 for the average. Twenty-eight percent had been harvested, ahead of 8 last year but behind the average at 34.

Proso millet harvest continued at 51 percent, ahead of last year at 28 and the average at 46.

Alfalfa conditions rated 8 percent very poor, 15 poor, 36 fair, 34 good, and 7 excellent. Fourth cutting was 58 percent harvested, ahead of 27 last year and 44 for the average.

### Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending September 18, 2005

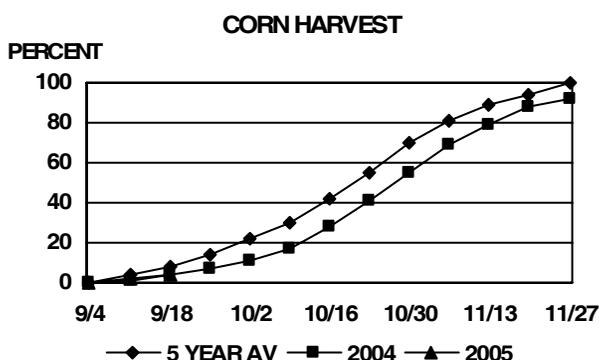
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	58	44	27	44
Corn Dented	97	94	88	94
Corn Mature	45	24	29	52
Corn Harvested	4	2	4	8
Proso Millet Harvested	51	33	28	46
Sorghum Coloring	95	90	80	86
Sorghum Mature	29	6	14	39
Sorghum Harvested	1	0	1	10
Soybeans Coloring	96	79	86	87
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	62	25	52	53
Wheat Seeded	51	21	45	45
Wheat Emerged	14	4	13	15

### Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending September 18, 2005

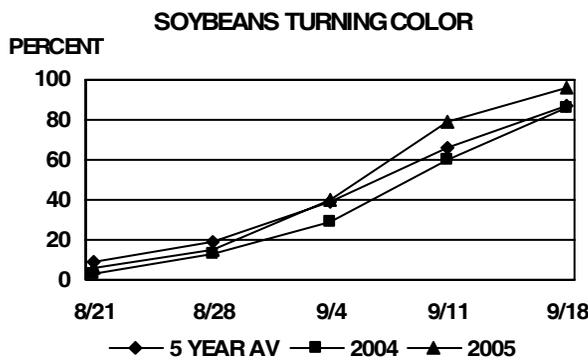
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	8	15	36	34	7
Corn	5	9	23	44	19
Dry Beans	1	6	26	55	12
Sorghum	4	9	26	47	14
Soybeans	4	12	30	42	12

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 8 percent very poor, 19 poor, 35 fair, 35 good, and 3 excellent. Conditions continue to be better than last year and average.

*This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: [http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts\\_cur.htm](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>*



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