



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending October 23, 2005, rainfall across the southern half of the state slowed harvest in affected counties but continued to aid wheat germination and fall growth, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Some replanting of the wheat crop was being done with hopes of benefiting from recent precipitation and improved soil moisture levels.

Weather Summary: Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal to 1 degree above. Precipitation was recorded across a large portion of the state with only trace amounts in north central counties.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending October 23, 2005

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	12	9	12	26
Short	25	29	26	30
Adequate	62	61	61	43
Surplus	1	1	1	1
Subsoil				
Very Short	24	20	30	45
Short	32	36	32	29
Adequate	44	44	38	26
Surplus	0	0	0	0
Days Suitable	5.5	5.0	5.2	5.9

Field Crops Report: Corn harvest progressed to 60 percent complete, ahead of last year at 43 and average at 57. Harvest was most advanced in east central areas and just getting a good start in the Panhandle.

Soybean harvest progressed to 95 percent, ahead of 89 last year and 88 for the average.

Sorghum harvest moved to 59 percent, ahead of last year at 41 but behind the average at 62.

Wheat seeding progressed to 98 percent, equal to last year and near the average at 99. Ninety percent of the wheat crop had emerged, just behind 91 last year and 93 for the average.

Ninety-seven percent of the dry bean crop had been harvested, ahead of 79 last year and average at 94.

Proso millet harvest continued at 92 percent, ahead of last year at 78 but behind average at 94.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 23, 2005

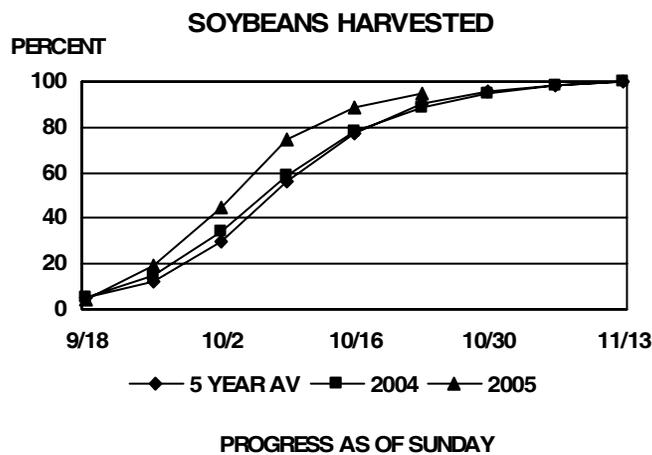
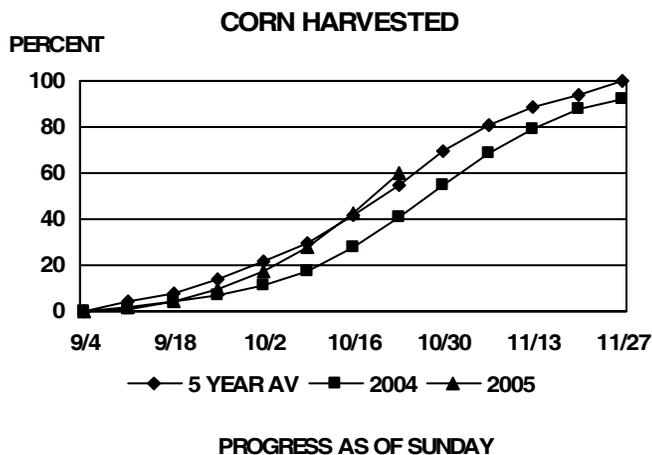
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Corn Harvested	60	43	43	57
Sorghum Mature	99	96	94	98
Sorghum Harvested	59	42	41	62
Soybeans Harvested	95	89	89	88
Wheat Seeded	98	96	98	99
Wheat Emerged	90	84	91	93

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 23, 2005

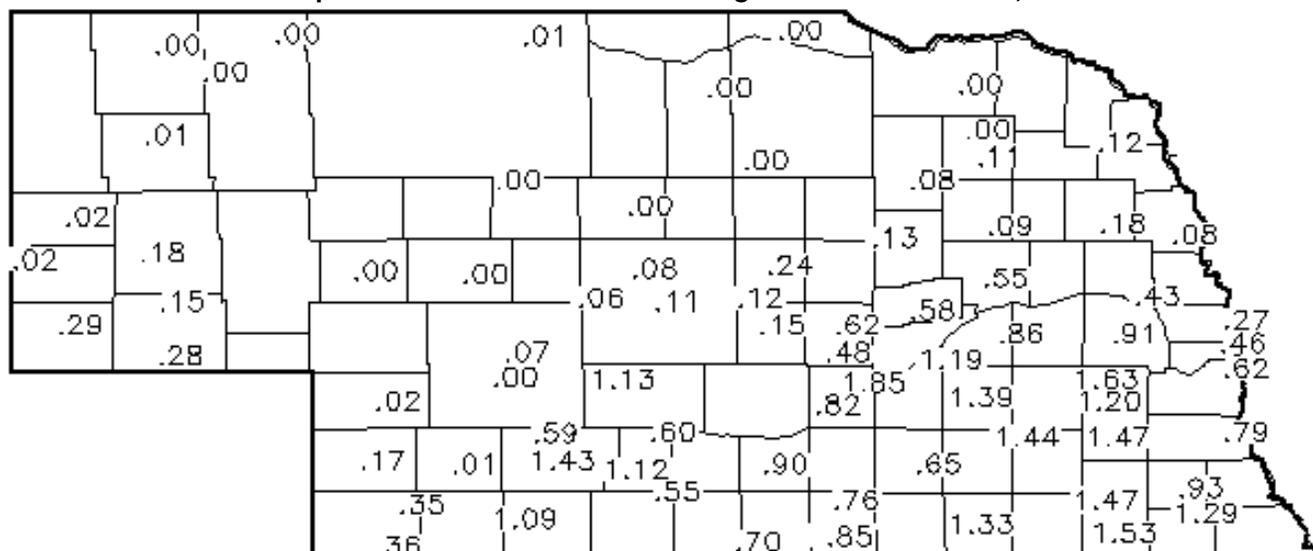
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat	2	5	32	58	3

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 13 percent very poor, 21 poor, 33 fair, 29 good, and 4 excellent. Conditions remain better than last year and the 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. 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. October 23, 2005



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – October 23, 2005

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.08	.04	.09	.49	.96	.51	.75	1.20
Total since April 1	18.09	22.44	22.98	19.57	19.61	17.51	17.52	21.33
Normal since April 1	13.69	17.61	20.67	19.39	22.72	16.40	19.19	23.87
Total as % of normal	133%	128%	112%	100%	86%	107%	91%	89%

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, October 23, 2005**

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	79	15	46	-1
	Scottsbluff	79	17	48	+1
	Sidney	79	19	48	0
NC	Ainsworth	83	23	48	-2
	Arthur	82	15	47	-2
	O'Neill	87	23	48	-2
NE	Concord	86	27	49	-2
	Elgin	89	27	50	-1
	West Point	86	26	49	-3
C	Grand Island	87	27	50	0
	Lexington	86	25	51	+1
	Ord	89	23	50	-1
EC	Lincoln	87	32	51	-1
	Central City	89	24	50	0
	Mead	87	30	50	-3
SW	Champion	85	20	49	0
	North Platte	85	19	50	0
	Curtis	86	24	51	+1
SC	Smithfield	85	25	51	+1
	Minden	85	22	50	0
	Red Cloud	86	28	52	+1
SE	Beatrice	87	30	52	-1
	Clay Center	86	23	50	0
	Nemaha	86	31	54	+1

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