



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending November 13, 2005, warm, dry conditions continued across the state allowing corn and sorghum harvests to remain ahead of normal, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Producers were busy with fall tillage operations and fertilizer applications but were concerned about the lack of moisture going into the winter months.

Weather Summary: Temperatures ranged from 7 to 12 degrees above normal. Soil moisture levels continue to decline due to the above normal temperatures and lack of measurable precipitation.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending November 13, 2005**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
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Percent

Topsoil

Very Short	22	15	15	20
Short	37	35	30	33
Adequate	41	50	55	46
Surplus	0	0	0	1

Subsoil

Very Short	27	23	34	39
Short	33	35	34	37
Adequate	40	42	32	24
Surplus	0	0	0	0

Days Suitable	6.9	6.9	5.9	5.3
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average at 89. Harvest is near completion across most of the state, with harvest in the southwestern and Panhandle counties not as advanced.

Sorghum harvest moved to 98 percent, ahead of last year at 84 and average at 93.

Emergence of the wheat crop was virtually complete across the entire state. Conditions were rated as 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 26 fair, 63 good, and 4 excellent. This is better than last year and average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending November 13, 2005

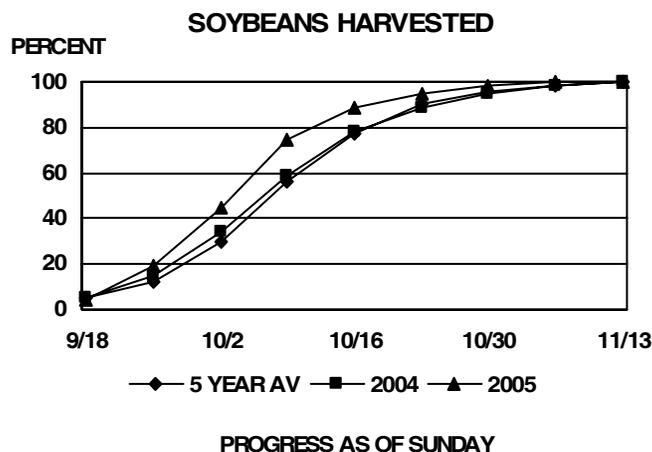
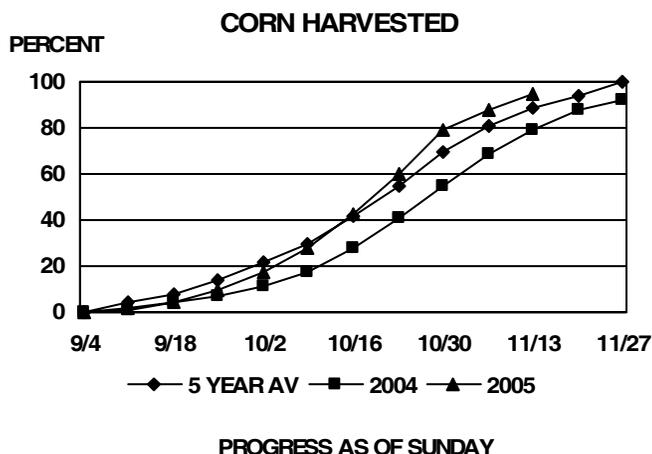
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
				Percent
Corn Harvested	95	88	81	89
Sorghum Harvested	98	93	84	93
Wheat Emerged	99	98	100	100

**Crop Condition: Nebraska,
Week Ending November 13, 2005**

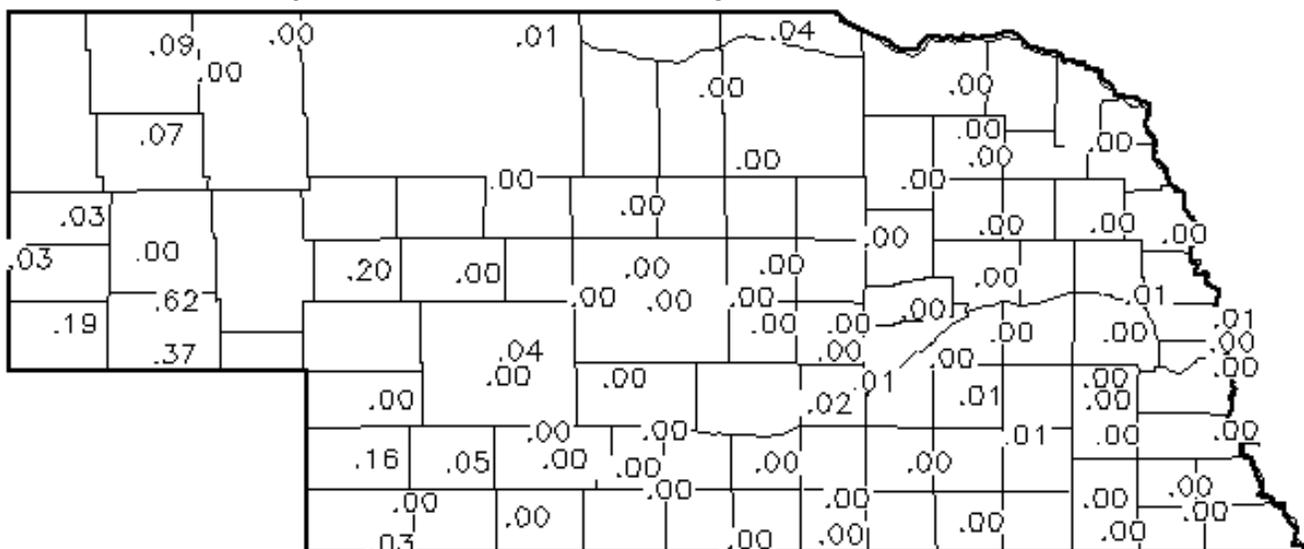
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
					Percent
Wheat	2	5	26	63	4

Field Crops Report: Corn harvest progressed to 95 percent complete, ahead of last year at 81 and

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. November 13, 2005



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – November 13, 2005

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.17	.02	.00	.00	.00	.02	.00	.00
Total since April 1	18.19	22.94	23.09	19.52	19.68	17.47	17.42	21.31
Normal since April 1	14.16	18.31	21.61	20.15	23.83	16.98	19.91	25.07
Total as % of normal	129%	126%	107%	96%	82%	103%	87%	85%

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, November 13, 2005**

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	77	22	47	+9
	Scottsbluff	74	23	46	+8
	Sidney	76	23	48	+11
NC	Ainsworth	82	27	50	+11
	Arthur	79	27	49	+11
	O'Neill	82	27	50	+10
NE	Concord	76	23	49	+8
	Elgin	78	27	50	+10
	West Point	74	20	49	+7
C	Grand Island	76	25	49	+10
	Lexington	77	32	50	+11
	Ord	80	22	49	+9
EC	Lincoln	74	27	52	+10
	Central City	75	20	49	+9
	Mead	75	20	49	+7
SW	Champion	79	23	48	+9
	North Platte	79	26	49	+11
	Curtis	77	24	49	+10
SC	Smithfield	76	28	50	+10
	Minden	76	23	49	+10
	Red Cloud	74	24	50	+10
SE	Beatrice	73	24	51	+8
	Clay Center	77	21	49	+9
	Nemaha	78	28	55	+12

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