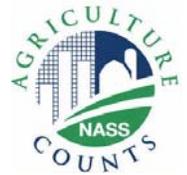




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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending May 7, 2006, most of the state remained dry allowing producers to make significant planting progress, however, cool temperatures and damp soils slowed progress in south central and southeastern counties, according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. After two weeks of below normal temperatures, germination and crop emergence have been slow due to cooler soils. Due to drought conditions, producers in portions of the west were utilizing irrigation to insure adequate germination of planted crops. Other field activities included planting soybeans, disking, applying fertilizer and chemicals, and moving livestock to pasture.

Weather Summary: Temperatures ranged from one to five degrees below average for the week. Precipitation was limited with only the southeastern third of the state receiving near a half inch. The southwest has received less than one-third of its normal precipitation since April 1.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending May 7, 2006

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	4	3	3	8
Short	24	22	17	17
Adequate	71	72	78	67
Surplus	1	3	2	8
Subsoil				
Very Short	9	15	14	17
Short	36	26	25	31
Adequate	55	58	60	51
Surplus	0	1	1	1
Days Suitable	4.5	3.9	6.2	4.4

Field Crops Report: Wheat conditions rated 7 percent very poor, 12 poor, 34 fair, 42 good, and 5 excellent, below last year. Wheat jointed was at 64 percent, behind 73 percent last year, but ahead of the five year average 58.

Corn planted continued to make strong progress and rose to 67 percent complete. This is near last years 68 percent, but ahead of the five-year average of 60. Corn emerged was at 13 percent, ahead of last year at 9 and near the average 14.

Soybean planting was 9 percent complete. This is behind last years 13 and average 11.

Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 22 fair, 59 good, and 16 excellent. This rating continues to be above last year.

Oat planting inched closer to being completed and rated 97 percent, behind last year at 98, but ahead of the average 95. Oats emerged was at 80 percent, behind 86 percent last year, but ahead of the 76 percent average.

Sorghum planting was underway and rated 2 percent complete. This is behind 5 last year and 4 average.

Sugarbeet planting was 89 percent complete, ahead of last year at 85 and even with the five-year average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending May 7, 2006

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Corn Emerged	13	3	9	14
Corn Planted	67	39	68	60
Oats Planted	97	96	98	95
Oats Emerged	80	64	86	76
Sorghum Planted	2	0	5	4
Soybeans Planted	9	3	13	11
Wheat Jointed	64	38	73	58

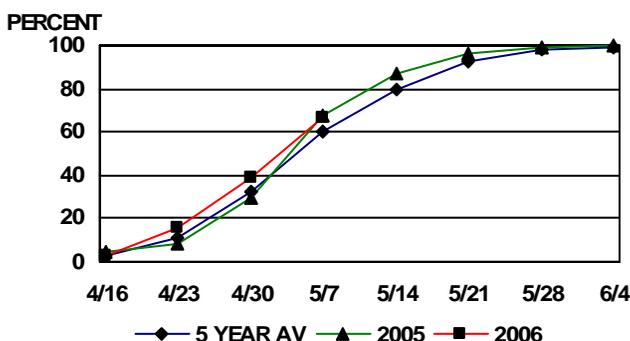
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending May 7, 2006

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	1	2	22	59	16
Oats	1	3	26	66	4
Wheat	7	12	34	42	5

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions declined and rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 33 fair, 54 good, and 6 excellent, above last year. Cattle were being moved to pasture as growth allowed.

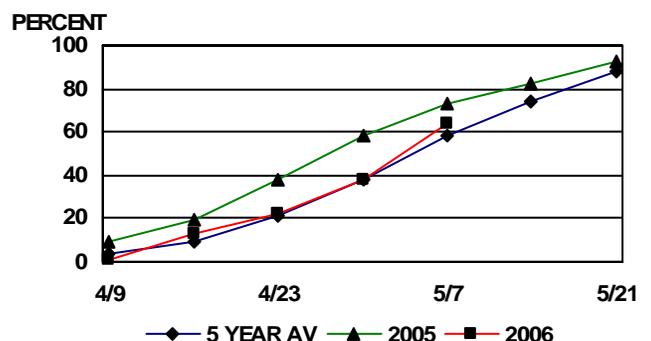
This release is based on data from FSA county directors, extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm.

CORN PLANTED



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