



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending October 8, 2006, dry, warm conditions allowed producers to make good progress with fall harvest, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Producers focused on harvesting soybeans with nearly half the crop combined by week's end. In the west, producers were busy harvesting dry beans.

Weather Summary: For the second week in a row, there was little measurable precipitation recorded across the state. Temperatures averaged 7 degrees above normal. Six of the eight districts saw highs in the mid 90's. The Southeast and East Central Districts continued with above average precipitation since April 1.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending October 8, 2006

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	10	8	21	19
Short	32	18	35	31
Adequate	57	73	44	50
Surplus	1	1	0	0
Subsoil				
Very Short	29	25	29	36
Short	34	30	32	34
Adequate	37	45	39	30
Surplus	0	0	0	0
Days Suitable	6.3	5.5	6.2	5.6

Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 11 poor, 29 fair, 39 good, and 15 excellent. Irrigated fields rated 72 percent good or excellent, below last year's 84, while dryland fields rated 25, below last year's 43. Stalk rot was noted as a concern in some counties. Ninety-four percent was mature, ahead of last year's 91 and 89 average. Corn harvested was at 18 percent, behind last year's 26 and 22 average.

Soybean conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 8 poor, 27 fair, 43 good, and 19 excellent. Nearly all soybeans had finished dropping leaves. Soybeans harvested rose to 49 percent complete, five days behind last year's 71 but near the 51 average. Harvest was most advanced in the South Central District.

Alfalfa conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 16 poor, 33 fair, 39 good, and 6 excellent, ahead of last year. Fourth cutting alfalfa was 84 percent complete, near last year's 86 and even with the average.

Sorghum conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 8 poor, 31 fair, 42 good, and 14 excellent, below last year. Eighty-seven

percent was mature, behind last year's 91 but near the average of 85. Sorghum harvested was 16 percent complete, behind the 22 of last year and average.

Eighty-eight percent of the dry beans had dropped leaves, behind last year's 100 and average of 95. Dry beans harvested were 70 percent complete, one week behind last year's 83 and 3 days behind the average of 76.

Producers had 91 percent of the winter wheat seeded, even with last year and near the 92 average. Sixty-six percent had emerged, near last year's 68 but behind the 71 average.

Proso millet was 71 percent harvested, two weeks behind last year's 83 and one week behind the 80 average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 8, 2006

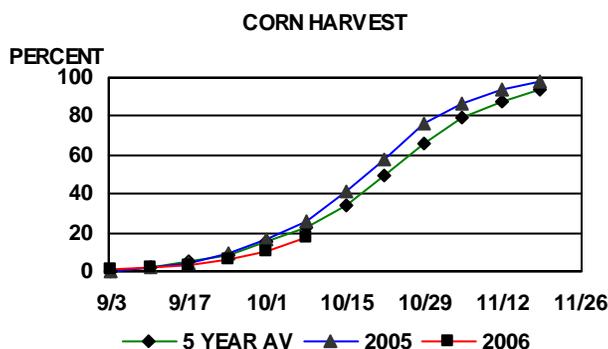
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	84	77	86	84
Corn Mature	94	88	91	89
Corn Harvested	18	10	26	22
Dry Beans Dropping Leaves	88	80	100	95
Dry Beans Harvested	70	47	83	76
Proso Millet Harvested	71	52	83	80
Sorghum Mature	87	72	91	85
Sorghum Harvested	16	5	22	22
Soybeans Harvested	49	17	71	51
Winter Wheat Seeded	91	80	91	92
Winter Wheat Emerged	66	37	68	71

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 8, 2006

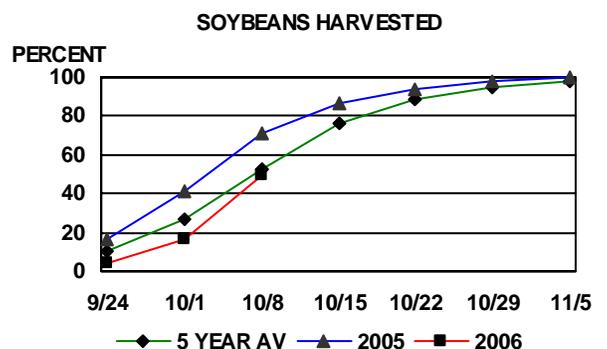
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	6	16	33	39	6
Corn	6	11	29	39	15
Sorghum	5	8	31	42	14
Soybeans	3	8	27	43	19

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions declined and rated 23 percent very poor, 28 poor, 33 fair, 14 good, and 2 excellent.

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

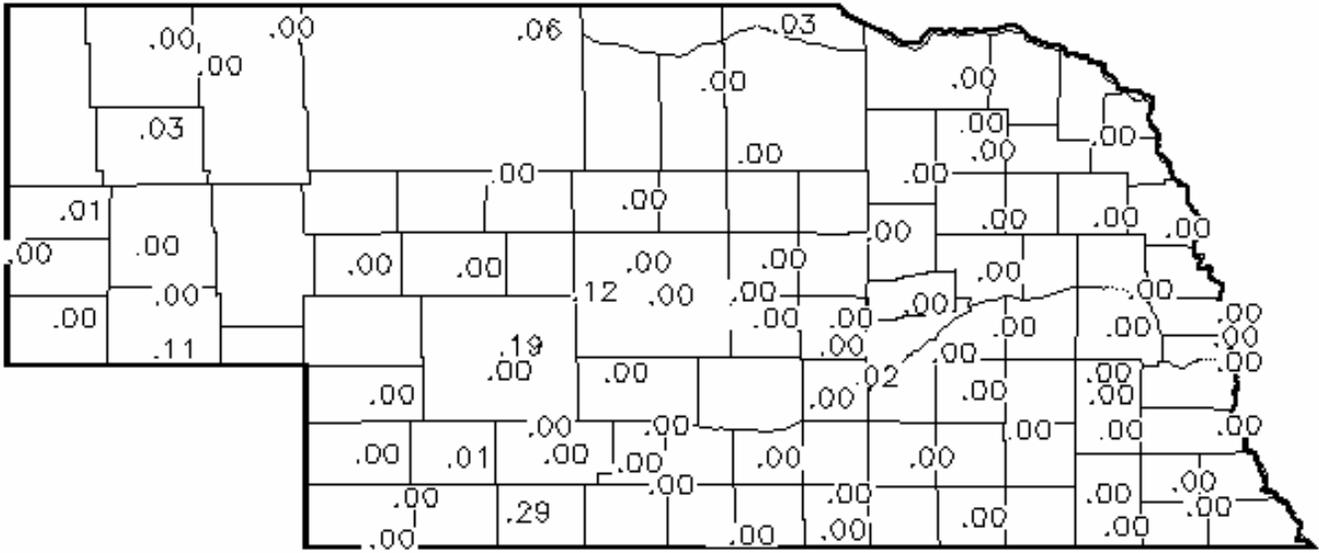


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Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. October 8, 2006



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – October 8, 2006

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.00	.01	.03	.02	.00	.04	.00	.00
Total since April 1	9.94	15.38	19.16	16.07	22.20	14.02	18.06	23.30
Normal since April 1	13.26	16.97	19.83	18.73	21.68	15.89	18.52	22.76
Total as % of normal	75%	90%	97%	85%	102%	88%	97%	102%

Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, October 8, 2006

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	87	42	58	+5
	Scottsbluff	86	40	59	+5
	Sidney	85	39	59	+5
NC	Ainsworth	89	39	61	+5
	Arthur	87	40	58	+3
	O'Neill	87	38	62	+6
NE	Concord	93	42	64	+7
	Elgin	90	41	63	+6
	West Point	92	42	63	+5
C	Grand Island	95	41	64	+8
	Lexington	92	39	63	+7
	Ord	90	37	62	+6
EC	Central City	96	41	64	+7
	Lincoln	91	48	68	+9
	Mead	93	45	66	+8
SW	Champion	91	39	63	+7
	Dickens	89	38	61	+5
	McCook	91	44	64	+8
SC	Minden	95	40	64	+7
	Red Cloud	90	49	66	+9
	Smithfield	91	40	63	+7
SE	Beatrice	92	47	67	+8
	Clay Center	92	45	64	+7
	Nemaha	93	51	70	+10

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

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