



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending October 15, 2006, rainfall slowed fieldwork with many producers focused on completion of soybean harvest, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistic Service, Nebraska Field Office. The hard freeze at midweek ended the growing season and should hasten crop drydown. By the end of the week, many producers had completed soybean harvest and were switching to combining corn.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged nearly 11 degrees below normal. All eight districts recorded temperatures well below the freezing mark. The southern part of the state saw the most precipitation with the South Central District picking up an average of over one and a half inches of rain.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending October 15, 2006

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	8	10	9	15
Short	26	32	29	29
Adequate	65	57	61	55
Surplus	1	1	1	1
Subsoil				
Very Short	20	29	20	33
Short	33	34	36	34
Adequate	47	37	44	33
Surplus	0	0	0	0
Days Suitable	4.3	6.3	5.0	5.6

Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 11 poor, 29 fair, 38 good, and 16 excellent. Irrigated fields rated 72 percent good or excellent, below last year's 83, while dryland fields rated 28, below last year's 39. Corn harvested was at 26 percent, one week behind last year's 41 and four days behind the 34 average. Producers were eager for grain moisture levels to drop due to stock rot being reported in a number of fields.

Soybeans harvested rose to 73 percent complete, one week behind last year's 87 but even with the average.

Fourth cutting alfalfa was 89 percent complete, near last year's 87 and even with the average.

Sorghum conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 9 poor, 28 fair, 42 good, and 17 excellent. Ninety-five percent was mature,

even with last year and near the average of 94. Sorghum harvested was 29 percent complete, behind the 39 of last year and average of 38. The hard freeze should promote the dry down of late heads.

Dry beans harvested were 90 percent complete, near last year and average.

Producers had 95 percent of the winter wheat seeded, even with last year and near 97 average. Eighty-two percent had emerged, same as last year and near 84 average.

Proso millet was 74 percent harvested, over two weeks behind last year's 87 and average of 85.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 15, 2006

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	89	84	87	89
Corn Harvested	26	18	41	34
Dry Beans Harvested	90	70	89	87
Proso Millet Harvested	74	71	87	85
Sorghum Mature	95	87	95	94
Sorghum Harvested	29	16	39	38
Soybeans Harvested	73	49	87	73
Winter Wheat Seeded	95	91	95	97
Winter Wheat Emerged	82	66	82	84

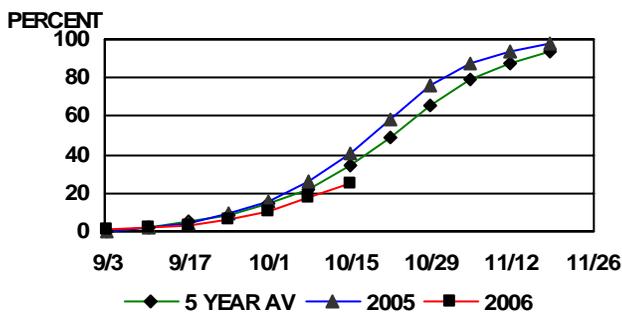
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 15, 2006

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Corn	6	11	29	38	16
Sorghum	4	9	28	42	17

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions improved and rated 15 percent very poor, 30 poor, 37 fair, 15 good, and 3 excellent.

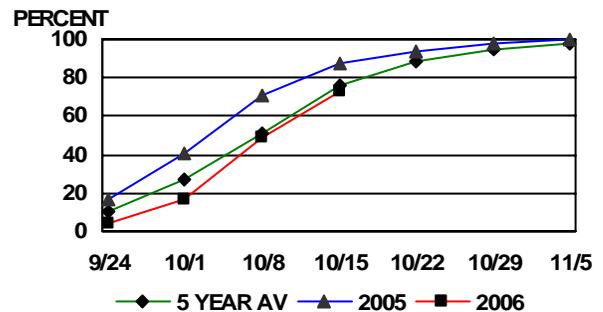
This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/cmts_cur.htm

CORN HARVEST



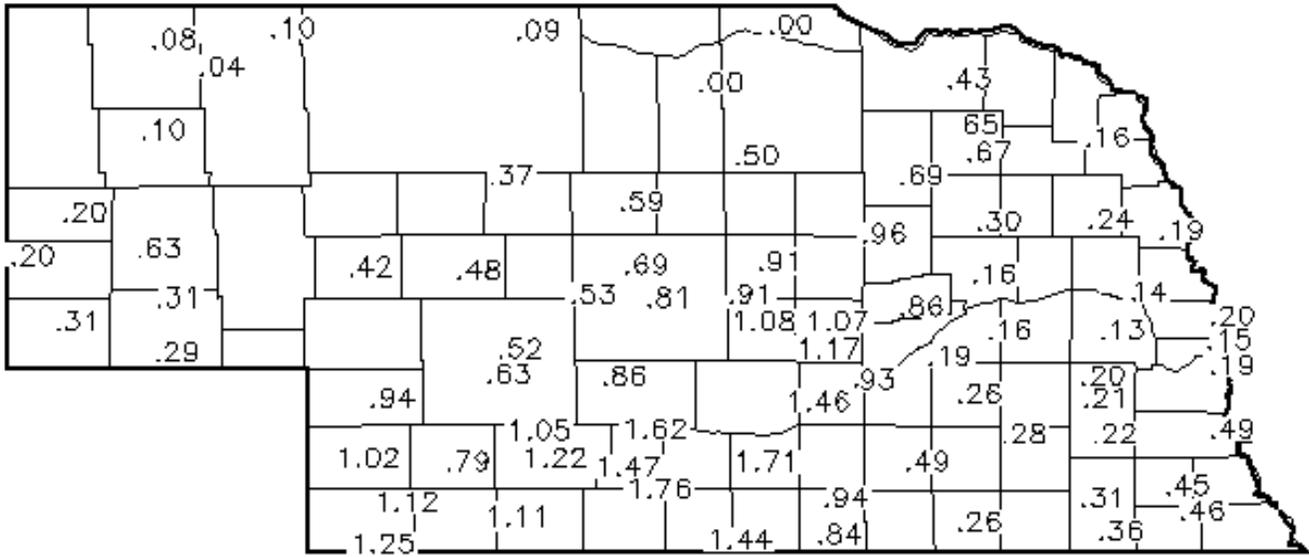
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SOYBEANS HARVESTED



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Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. October 15, 2006



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – October 15, 2006

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.25	.20	.44	.94	.28	1.11	1.57	.39
Total since April 1	10.19	15.52	19.42	17.02	22.48	15.13	19.58	23.70
Normal since April 1	13.47	17.28	20.23	19.05	22.18	16.14	18.85	23.29
Total as % of normal	76%	89%	96%	89%	101%	93%	104%	101%

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, October 15, 2006**

	Station	Temperature			
		Extremes		Average	Departure
		High	Low		
NW	Alliance	72	21	41	-10
	Scottsbluff	71	26	43	-7
	Sidney	69	26	43	-8
NC	Ainsworth	69	22	41	-12
	Arthur	67	20	40	-13
	O'Neill	67	22	42	-12
NE	Concord	65	23	42	-12
	Elgin	64	23	42	-12
	West Point	59	23	42	-13
C	Grand Island	66	24	43	-11
	Lexington	65	26	43	-10
	Ord	65	22	41	-13
EC	Central City	66	21	43	-12
	Lincoln	61	26	45	-11
	Mead	59	24	44	-13
SW	Champion	62	28	44	-9
	Dickens	65	22	42	-11
	McCook	69	26	45	-9
SC	Minden	68	25	43	-10
	Red Cloud	63	26	45	-9
	Smithfield	64	27	44	-10
SE	Beatrice	64	24	45	-11
	Clay Center	62	24	42	-12
	Nemaha	61	28	45	-11

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