



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending October 29, 2006, producers were able to harvest most of the week, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistic Service, Nebraska Field Office. High grain moisture levels continued to be an issue. Dry bean harvest was complete and sugarbeet harvest was nearing completion. Nearly all of the winter wheat had been seeded and most had emerged.

Soybean harvest was 89 percent complete, nearly two weeks behind last year's 98 and one week behind the average of 94.

Sorghum harvest was 53 percent complete, eight days behind the 79 of last year and one week behind the average of 71.

Winter wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 24 fair, 68 good, and 7 excellent, an improvement over a year ago.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged nearly 2 degrees below normal. The state saw highs in the low 80's and lows in the mid teens. Precipitation was limited to the southern third of the state.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending October 29, 2006

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	9	10	12	16
Short	28	27	26	32
Adequate	61	59	62	52
Surplus	2	4	0	0
Subsoil				
Very Short	26	26	20	31
Short	39	34	33	35
Adequate	35	40	47	34
Surplus	0	0	0	0
Days Suitable	5.2	4.3	6.7	5.8

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 29, 2006

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
				Percent
Corn Harvested	54	38	76	66
Sorghum Harvested	53	42	79	71
Soybeans Harvested	89	82	98	94

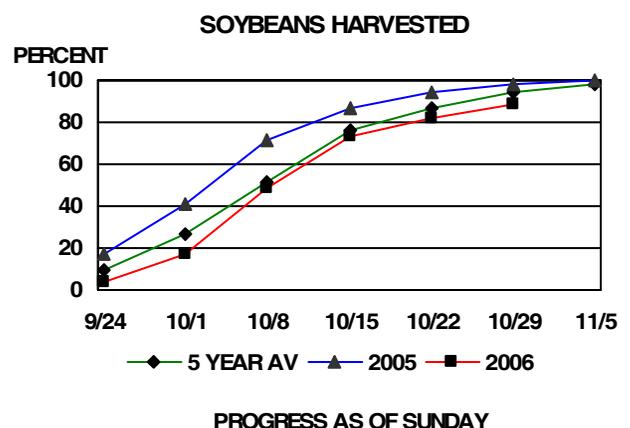
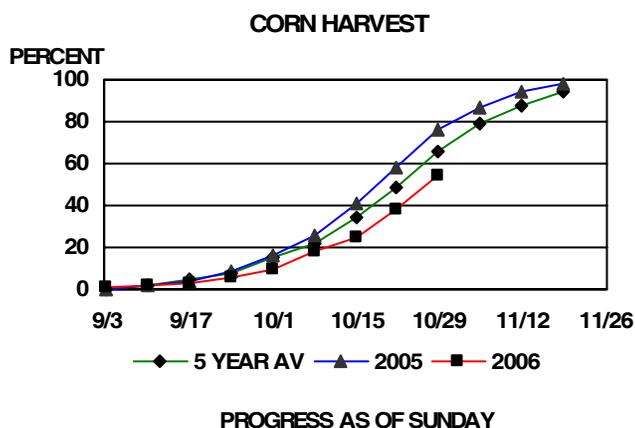
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 29, 2006

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
					Percent
Corn	5	11	25	42	17
Winter Wheat	0	1	24	68	7

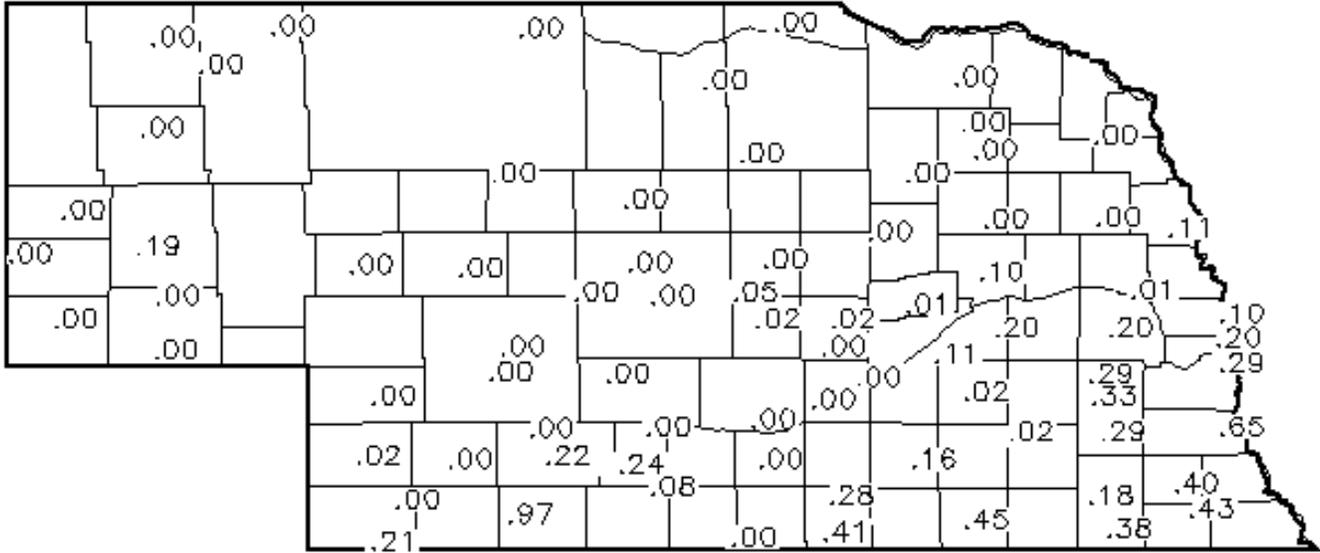
Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 11 poor, 25 fair, 42 good, and 17 excellent. Irrigated fields rated 78 percent good or excellent, while dryland fields rated 30. Corn harvest was 54 percent complete, eight days behind last year's 76 and five days behind the 66 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 20 percent very poor, 25 poor, 36 fair, 16 good, and 3 excellent. Producers were moving cattle to stalks as they became available.

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



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. October 29, 2006



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – October 29, 2006

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.00	.00	.01	.01	.16	.18	.28	.34
Total since April 1	10.43	14.59	19.84	16.76	23.04	15.64	20.16	24.59
Normal since April 1	13.83	17.84	21.00	19.63	23.12	16.57	19.43	24.30
Total as % of normal	76%	81%	94%	85%	99%	94%	104%	100%

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, October 29, 2006**

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	74	22	45	+1
	Scottsbluff	76	16	45	0
	Sidney	74	20	45	0
NC	Ainsworth	76	21	46	-1
	Arthur	74	18	45	-1
	O'Neill	78	20	45	-3
NE	Concord	77	22	43	-4
	Elgin	76	25	45	-2
	West Point	74	21	44	-5
C	Grand Island	79	20	45	-3
	Lexington	77	20	45	-2
	Ord	77	22	44	-3
EC	Central City	80	17	45	-3
	Lincoln	79	25	46	-4
	Mead	77	24	45	-5
SW	Champion	79	18	46	-1
	Dickens	78	20	46	-1
	McCook	80	21	47	0
SC	Minden	77	20	46	-2
	Red Cloud	77	20	47	-1
	Smithfield	77	21	45	-2
SE	Beatrice	79	20	46	-4
	Clay Center	78	16	45	-3
	Nemaha	80	23	47	-3

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