



# Nebraska Weather and Crops

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**Agricultural Summary:** For the week ending November 5, 2006, dry conditions helped producers make good harvest progress, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistic Service, Nebraska Field Office. Most of the soybeans are now in the bin with good progress being made on corn harvest. Another good week will result in most producers having completed the 2006 harvest. Producers have also been active with fall tillage and anhydrous application.

**Weather Summary:** Temperatures averaged nearly 6 degrees below normal and fluctuated from highs in the low 70's in the southeast to lows in the single digits in the northwest. Only traces of precipitation in isolated areas were reported. The South Central District is the only area with above normal precipitation since April 1.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:  
Nebraska, Week Ending November 5, 2006**

|                      | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | Average |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| <i>Percent</i>       |           |           |           |         |
| <b>Topsoil</b>       |           |           |           |         |
| Very Short           | 12        | 9         | 15        | 17      |
| Short                | 30        | 28        | 35        | 33      |
| Adequate             | 58        | 61        | 50        | 49      |
| Surplus              | 0         | 2         | 0         | 1       |
| <b>Subsoil</b>       |           |           |           |         |
| Very Short           | 23        | 26        | 23        | 33      |
| Short                | 40        | 39        | 35        | 35      |
| Adequate             | 37        | 35        | 42        | 32      |
| Surplus              | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0       |
| <b>Days Suitable</b> | 6.6       | 5.2       | 6.9       | 5.5     |

**Field Crops Report:** Corn harvest was 73 percent complete, eight days behind last year's 87 but only three days behind the 79 average. Some producers have been letting the corn dry down in the field to limit drying costs.

Soybean harvest was 95 percent complete, behind last year's 100 and average of 97.

Sorghum harvest was 76 percent complete, one week behind the 91 of last year and five days behind the average of 84.

Winter wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 27 fair, 67 good, and 5 excellent, an improvement over a year ago. Additional moisture is needed for stand establishment and root development.

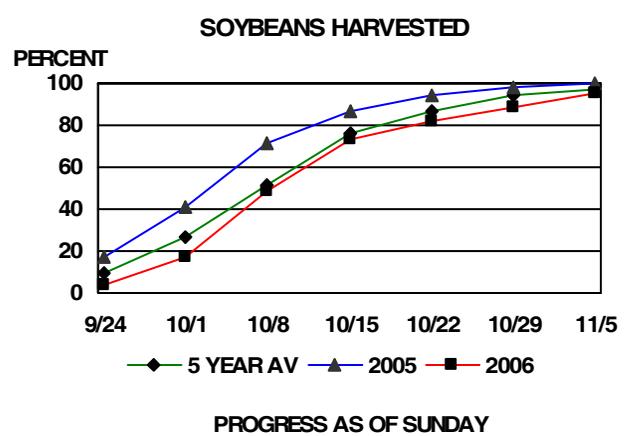
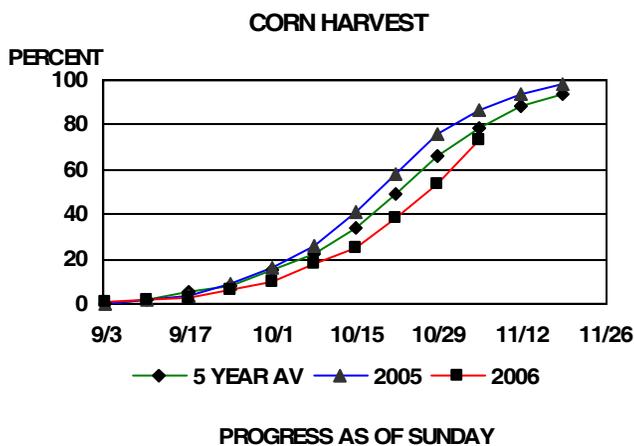
**Crop Progress: Nebraska,  
Week Ending November 5, 2006**

| Crop               | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | Average |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| <i>Percent</i>     |           |           |           |         |
| Corn Harvested     | 73        | 54        | 87        | 79      |
| Sorghum Harvested  | 76        | 53        | 91        | 84      |
| Soybeans Harvested | 95        | 89        | 100       | 97      |

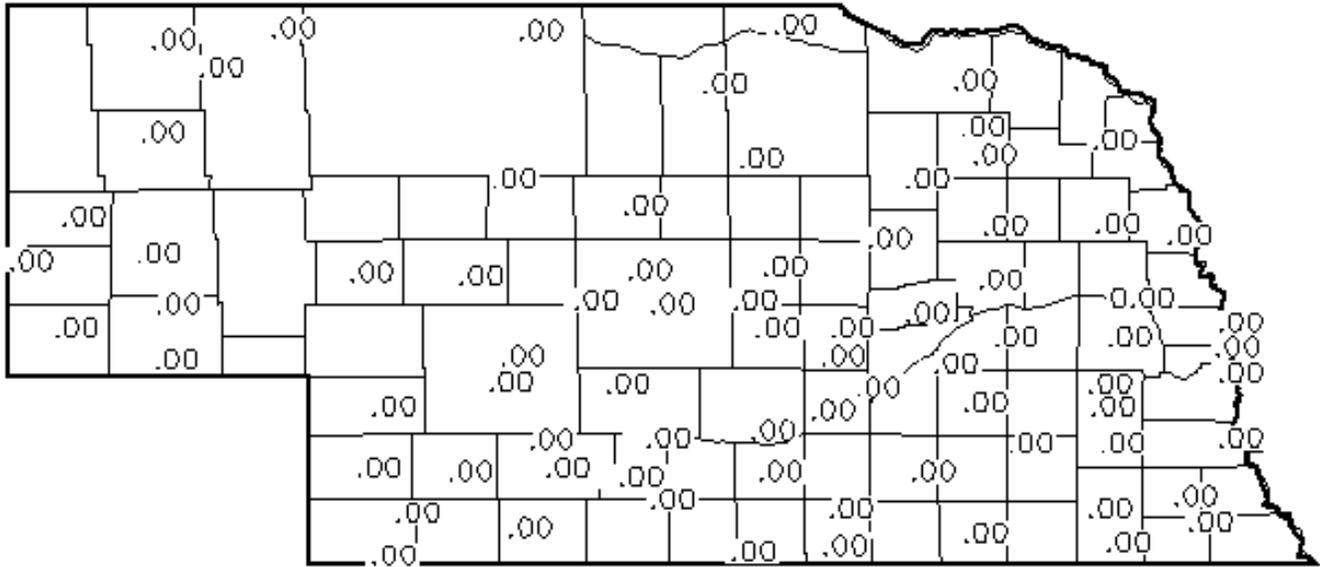
**Crop Condition: Nebraska,  
Week Ending November 5, 2006**

| Crop           | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| <i>Percent</i> |           |      |      |      |           |
| Winter Wheat   | 0         | 1    | 27   | 67   | 5         |

*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](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. November 5, 2006**



**Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – November 5, 2006**

| Item                 | NW    | NC    | NE    | CEN   | EC    | SW    | SC    | SE    |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total past week      | .00   | .00   | .00   | .00   | .00   | .00   | .00   | .00   |
| Total since April 1  | 10.43 | 14.31 | 19.84 | 16.74 | 23.08 | 15.61 | 20.16 | 24.59 |
| Normal since April 1 | 13.99 | 18.07 | 21.31 | 19.88 | 23.47 | 16.78 | 19.67 | 24.69 |
| Total as % of normal | 75%   | 79%   | 93%   | 84%   | 98%   | 92%   | 102%  | 99%   |

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,  
Week Ending Sunday, November 5, 2006**

|    | Station      | Temperature |     |         |           |
|----|--------------|-------------|-----|---------|-----------|
|    |              | Extremes    |     | Average | Departure |
|    |              | High        | Low |         |           |
| NW | Alliance     | 64          | 9   | 35      | -6        |
|    | Scottsbluff  | 67          | 9   | 36      | -5        |
|    | Sidney       | 66          | 9   | 36      | -6        |
| NC | Ainsworth    | 69          | 12  | 36      | -7        |
|    | Arthur       | 65          | 10  | 36      | -6        |
|    | O'Neill      | 69          | 10  | 35      | -9        |
| NE | Concord      | 66          | 11  | 36      | -8        |
|    | Elgin        | 67          | 17  | 38      | -7        |
|    | West Point   | 65          | 11  | 36      | -9        |
| C  | Grand Island | 68          | 14  | 38      | -6        |
|    | Lexington    | 67          | 13  | 39      | -5        |
|    | Ord          | 69          | 11  | 36      | -8        |
| EC | Central City | 69          | 12  | 37      | -8        |
|    | Lincoln      | 69          | 19  | 41      | -6        |
|    | Mead         | 69          | 17  | 38      | -8        |
| SW | Champion     | 68          | 13  | 39      | -4        |
|    | Dickens      | 67          | 12  | 38      | -5        |
|    | McCook       | 70          | 18  | 40      | -3        |
| SC | Minden       | 68          | 15  | 39      | -5        |
|    | Red Cloud    | 72          | 16  | 42      | -3        |
|    | Smithfield   | 66          | 16  | 40      | -4        |
| SE | Beatrice     | 72          | 15  | 40      | -6        |
|    | Clay Center  | 69          | 13  | 38      | -6        |
|    | Nemaha       | 73          | 23  | 44      | -3        |

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