



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending November 19, 2006, mild weather conditions allowed harvest to near completion in the eastern third of the state while a wintry mix of snow and rain delayed harvest in the central third, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistic Service, Nebraska Field Office. High winds in western counties at mid week battered crops still in the field. Other activities included fall tillage and fertilizer application.

Weather Summary: With exception of the Northwest District which averaged above normal temperatures last week, the state as a whole averaged nearly 2 degrees below normal. The Northwest District saw the biggest fluctuation in temperature with highs in the mid 60's and lows near the single digits. The Central Districts averaged over a quarter inch of precipitation, while the other five districts received only traces of moisture.

Field Crops Report: Corn harvest was 93 percent complete, behind last year's 98 and near the 94 average. Harvest continued to be least advanced in the Southwest District.

Sorghum harvest was 96 percent complete, behind the 100 of last year and even with the average.

Winter wheat conditions declined and rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 38 fair, 52 good, and 7 excellent, which is now below a year ago. Conditions have declined due to dry weather and depleting soil moisture profiles.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending November 19, 2006

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Corn Harvested	93	87	98	94
Sorghum Harvested	96	92	100	96

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending November 19, 2006

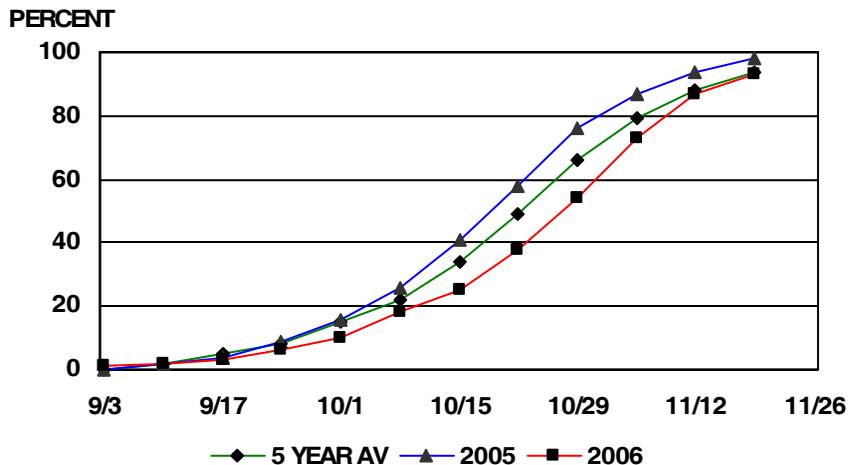
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Percent				
Topsoil				
Very Short	11	12	20	21
Short	31	31	37	35
Adequate	57	57	43	43
Surplus	1	0	0	1
Subsoil				
Very Short	20	23	26	35
Short	38	35	36	37
Adequate	42	42	38	28
Surplus	0	0	0	0
Days Suitable	5.9	6.3	5.7	5.9

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending November 19, 2006

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	3	38	52	7

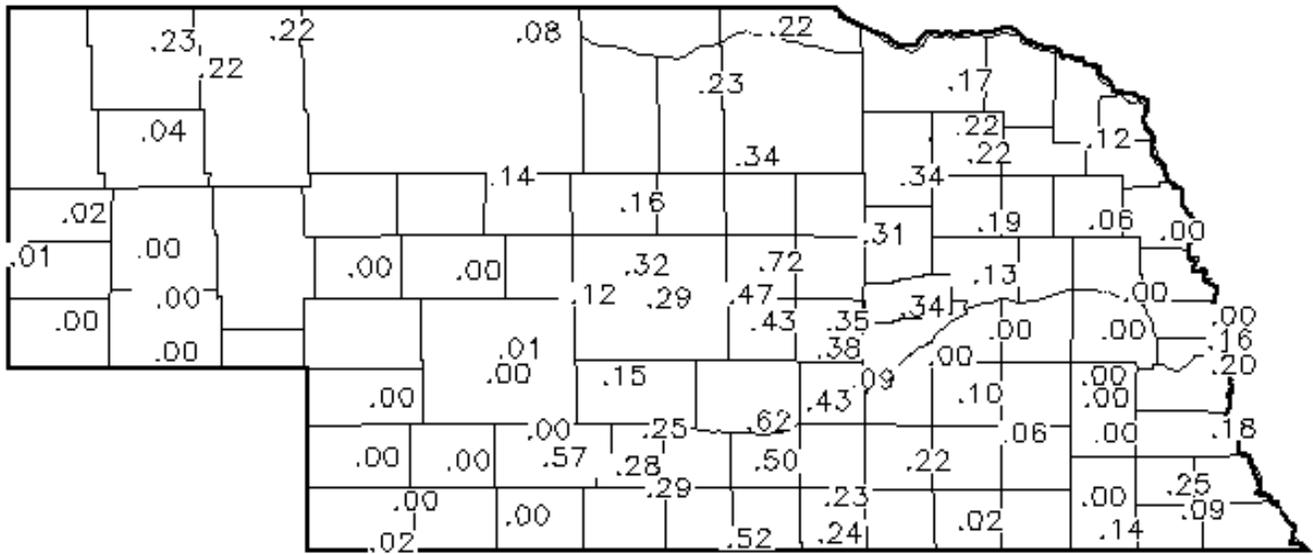
This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/cmts_cur.htm

CORN HARVEST



PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. November 19, 2006



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – November 19, 2006

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.06	.30	.19	.35	.06	.02	.31	.10
Total since April 1	10.64	14.69	20.20	17.11	23.25	15.58	20.56	24.70
Normal since April 1	14.27	18.48	21.81	20.34	24.08	17.12	20.08	25.33
Total as % of normal	75%	79%	93%	83%	96%	91%	102%	97%

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, November 19, 2006**

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	61	14	36	+1
	Scottsbluff	61	10	38	+3
	Sidney	65	14	37	+2
NC	Ainsworth	48	16	32	-4
	Arthur	61	16	36	0
	O'Neill	49	11	31	-5
NE	Concord	51	16	33	-4
	Elgin	49	15	33	-4
	West Point	52	16	35	-4
C	Grand Island	52	15	34	-3
	Lexington	55	14	34	-3
	Ord	51	12	31	-5
EC	Central City	52	13	34	-3
	Lincoln	53	20	39	-1
	Mead	53	14	36	-3
SW	Champion	64	11	36	-1
	Dickens	61	15	35	-1
	McCook	62	14	37	+1
SC	Minden	53	15	34	-3
	Red Cloud	55	14	35	-2
	Smithfield	53	15	34	-2
SE	Beatrice	55	14	37	-2
	Clay Center	53	11	33	-4
	Nemaha	53	22	38	-2

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