



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending May 27, 2007, planting continued to advance despite rain across much of the state, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistic Service, Nebraska Field Office. Farmers had adequate opportunity during the week to nearly finish corn planting and make significant progress planting soybeans and sorghum. In the Panhandle, small amounts of rain did little to improve short soil moisture supplies.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 2 degrees below average and ranged from highs in the mid 80's in the northeast to lows in the low 30's in the northwest. The Southeast District received the most rainfall and averaged over two inches of precipitation.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable For Fieldwork: Nebraska, Week Ending May 27, 2007

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	3	4	33	16
Short	15	14	34	21
Adequate	76	79	33	59
Surplus	6	3	0	4
Subsoil				
Very Short	6	7	21	22
Short	15	15	39	33
Adequate	77	76	40	44
Surplus	2	2	0	1
Days Suitable	4.6	6.0	6.2	5.2

Field Crops Report: Corn planted was 98 percent complete, near last year's 99 and even with the five-year average. Corn emerged was 82 percent, behind the 89 of last year but ahead of the 80 average.

Soybeans planted had another strong week and was 78 percent complete, still behind last year's 90 but now ahead of the five-year average of 76. Soybeans emerged jumped to 41 percent, behind last year's 43 but ahead of the average of 37.

Wheat conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 10 poor, 30 fair, 46 good, and 13 excellent but remain well above last year's 29 percent good or excellent condition. Wheat headed rose to 74 percent complete, well ahead of last year's 61 and 55 average. Rust was noted in a number of fields with some producers spraying for control.

Oat conditions showed little change from last week and rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 27 fair, 62 good, and 8 excellent, well above last year's 54 percent good or excellent condition.

Oats headed was 10 percent, behind last year's 17 but ahead of the 8 average.

Alfalfa conditions improved from last week and rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 31 fair, 48 good, and 10 excellent, and are now near last year's 57 percent good or excellent condition. First cutting was 22 percent complete, behind last year's 49 and the average of 27. Alfalfa weevil counts were being monitored.

Sorghum planted was 64 percent complete, near last year's 63 but well ahead of the 50 average. Sorghum emerged was 26 percent, ahead of last year's 20 and the average of 14.

Dry bean planting was 18 percent complete. This is well behind last year's 36 but even with the five-year average. Dry beans were just beginning to emerge.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending May 27, 2007

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 1 st Cutting	22	7	49	27
Corn Planted	98	92	99	98
Corn Emerged	82	59	89	80
Dry Beans Planted	18	6	36	18
Dry Beans Emerged	1		3	2
Oats Headed	10		17	8
Sorghum Planted	64	29	63	50
Sorghum Emerged	26	3	20	14
Soybeans Planted	78	48	90	76
Soybeans Emerged	41	9	43	37
Wheat Headed	74	29	61	55

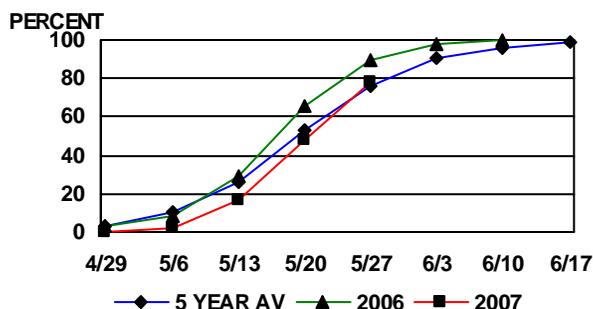
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending May 27, 2007

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	2	9	31	48	10
Corn	0	1	12	68	19
Oats	1	2	27	62	8
Wheat	1	10	30	46	13

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions improved from last week and rated 3 percent very poor, 5 poor, 29 fair, 52 good, and 11 excellent, well above last year's 38 percent good or excellent condition. In many areas pastures were showing more growth than they have in years.

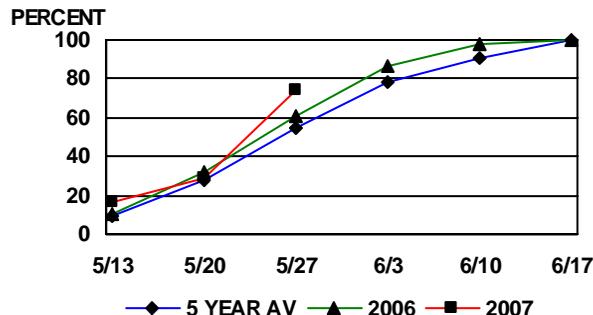
This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/cmts_cur.htm

SOYBEANS PLANTED



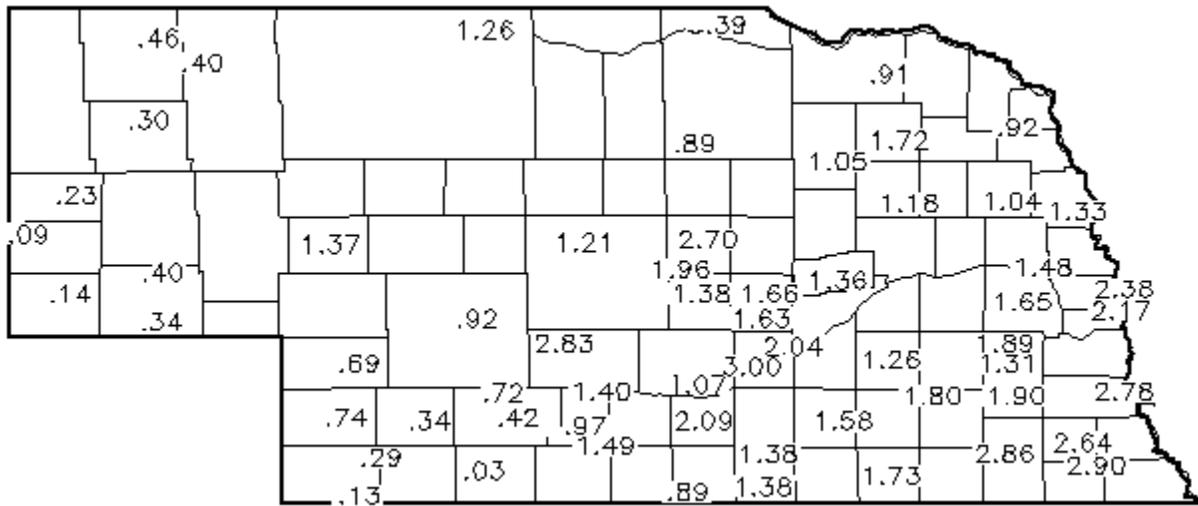
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WHEAT HEADED



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Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. May 27, 2007



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 - May 27, 2007

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.32	.97	1.18	1.90	1.76	.61	1.30	2.26
Total since April 1	3.93	6.62	8.35	9.08	10.44	6.09	8.95	10.40
Normal since April 1	4.37	4.85	5.98	5.66	6.28	4.80	5.38	6.31
Total as % of normal	88%	137%	139%	161%	165%	125%	165%	164%

Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, May 27, 2007

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15			
	Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal	
	High	Low						
NW	Alliance	86	33	57	-3	79	435	376
	Scottsbluff	86	34	59	-1	86	488	375
	Sidney	82	34	57	-3	75	417	388
NC	Ainsworth	81	45	60	-3	76	482	419
	Arthur	76	39	57	-6	65	443	413
	O'Neill	81	46	60	-3	78	517	424
NE	Concord	83	43	62	-2	92	574	432
	Elgin	82	45	61	-3	81	534	431
	West Point	85	45	64	-2	101	585	454
C	Grand Island	81	49	63	0	93	570	428
	Lexington	78	45	62	-1	88	515	422
	Ord	80	46	62	-2	85	535	425
EC	Central City	82	47	64	0	99	592	434
	Lincoln	82	46	65	-1	110	632	468
	Mead	84	46	65	-2	105	610	467
SW	Champion	83	39	60	-3	87	481	415
	Dickens	78	41	59	-4	76	482	417
	McCook	84	47	64	+1	101	568	420
SC	Minden	79	47	63	0	93	539	424
	Red Cloud	78	45	64	0	100	569	432
	Smithfield	79	45	63	-1	91	517	423
SE	Beatrice	81	46	65	-1	107	599	468
	Clay Center	79	44	63	-1	92	542	432
	Nemaha	83	51	67	+1	120	672	481

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