



# Nebraska Weather and Crops

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**Agricultural Summary:** For the week ending July 3, 2011, sunshine and warm temperatures gave a boost to growing crops and allowed wheat harvest to begin in parts of the south and east, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Crop spraying was active and baling hay continues across the state. Producers in some South Central counties were irrigating crops due to dry conditions.

**Weather Summary:** Temperatures averaged 1 degree below normal. Highs reached triple digits across the state and lows were recorded in the 40's and 50's. All districts received rain. Largest accumulations were recorded in the Northeast and Southeast Districts and smallest in portions of the Southwest.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending July 3, 2011

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Topsoil</b>				
Very Short	1	0	0	10
Short	9	5	5	20
Adequate	85	83	84	65
Surplus	5	12	11	5
<b>Subsoil</b>				
Very Short	1	0	0	11
Short	10	8	4	18
Adequate	83	83	88	67
Surplus	6	9	8	4
<b>Days Suitable</b>	5.6	4.1	5.7	6.0

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 12 fair, 60 good, and 25 excellent, near 83 good to excellent last year but above 77 average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 15 fair, 63 good, and 19 excellent, above 75 last year and 74 average. Soybeans blooming were at 10 percent, behind 15 last year and 16 average.

Wheat conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 11 poor, 25 fair, 52 good, and 11 excellent, below last year's 70 percent good to excellent. Wheat turning color was 84 percent, behind 87 last year and 92 average. Wheat ripe was 19 percent, behind 26 last year and one week behind 43 average. Wheat harvest was just underway in Southeastern counties while the likely start of harvest in the southern Panhandle is not expected until mid July.

Sorghum conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 16 fair, 74 good, and 9 excellent, above 78 last year and 71 average.

Oats condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 12 fair, 79 good, and 6 excellent, below last year's 87 percent good to excellent but above 71 average. Oats headed was 94 percent, near 95 last year and average.

Dry Beans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 9 poor, 24 fair, 57 good, and 9 excellent.

Proso Millet planted was 98 percent complete, ahead of 94 last year and 90 average.

Alfalfa rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 13 fair, 73 good, and 12 excellent, near 83 last year but above 67 average. First cutting of alfalfa was 95 percent complete, behind 98 last year and average. Second cutting of alfalfa was 18 percent complete, behind 31 last year and 32 average.

Wild hay conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 24 fair, 64 good, and 11 excellent, below 89 percent good to excellent last year. Wild Hay harvested was 30 percent complete, near 32 last year.

### Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending July 3, 2011

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	95	92	98	98
Alfalfa 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	18	6	31	32
Oats Headed	94	77	95	95
Proso Millet Planted	98	80	94	90
Soybeans Blooming	10		15	16
Wheat Turning Color	84	50	87	92
Wheat Ripe	19	7	26	43
Wheat Harvested	2		11	19
Wild Hay Harvested	30	21	32	

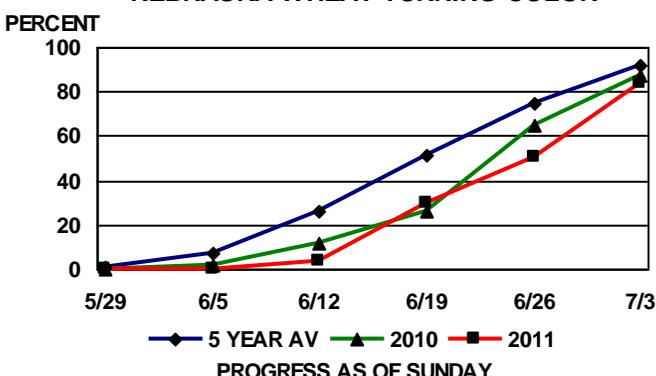
### Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending July 3, 2011

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	0	2	13	73	12
Corn	1	2	12	60	25
Dry Beans	1	9	24	57	9
Oats	1	2	12	79	6
Sorghum	0	1	16	74	9
Soybeans	1	2	15	63	19
Wheat	1	11	25	52	11
Wild Hay	0	1	24	64	11

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 17 fair, 65 good, and 16 excellent, below last year's 90 good to excellent but above 67 average.

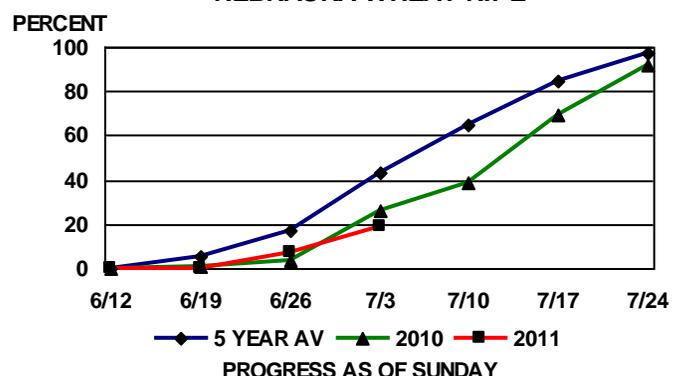
*This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: [http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&Condition/NEcurrent.asp](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_&Condition/NEcurrent.asp)*

NEBRASKA WHEAT TURNING COLOR



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

NEBRASKA WHEAT RIPE



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