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**GENERAL:** For the week ending June 16, 2002, temperatures a little cooler than normal and scattered rains held crop conditions steady, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Various insects were being monitored, with concerns over high grasshopper and spider mite counts being reported. Producer activities included weed control, irrigation, and livestock care.

This release is based on reports and data from county extension educators, FSA county directors, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center. County specific comments can be found at: [http://www.agr.state.ne.us/agstats/cropwthr/cmts\\_cur.htm](http://www.agr.state.ne.us/agstats/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm)

**WEATHER:** Temperatures averaged from normal to four degrees below normals across the State. Precipitation was scattered and ranged from traces in western counties to amounts in excess of three inches in a few eastern areas.

**CROPS: Corn** condition rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 29 fair, 50 good, and 13 excellent, lower than last year and average. Western producers with ditch irrigation were anxious for crop growth so irrigation could begin.

**Soybeans** had virtually all emerged at 97 percent, ahead of last year's 92 and average at 93. Condition of the crop rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 33 fair, 51 good, and 10 excellent, close to last year and average.

**Sorghum** planting reached 97 percent complete, ahead of last year at 94 but same as average. Emergence was noted on 88 percent of the acreage, ahead of last year at 79 and 86 average. Condition of the crop rated 1 percent very poor, 11 poor, 40 fair, 40 good, and 8 excellent, below last year and average.

**Wheat** condition showed little change and rated 24 percent very poor, 28 poor, 30 fair, 16 good and 2 excellent but continued to trail last year and average. Statewide, 95 percent had headed, ahead of last year's 91 percent and behind average at 96. Thirty-seven percent was coloring, near last year at 39 and 35 average.

**Oat** fields were headed on 70 percent of the acreage, nearly a week ahead of last year's 45 percent and 50 average. Condition was rated 10 percent very poor, 15 poor, 35 fair, 34 good, and 6 excellent, below last year and average.

**Dry bean** planting progressed to 89 percent complete, slightly ahead of last year's 88 and average at 86. Forty-three percent of the crop was emerged, behind last year's 47 and average of 50.

**Proso millet** planting continued to make good progress with 55 percent seeded to date.

**Alfalfa** condition rated 5 percent very poor, 15 poor, 35 fair, 40 good, and 5 excellent, well below last year and average. Statewide, 83 percent of the first cutting had been taken by week's end, behind the 86 percent last year but ahead of 76 average. Second cutting activities were underway in a few southern and eastern counties.

**Wild hay** condition rated 15 percent very poor, 15 poor, 37 fair, 26 good, and 7 excellent.

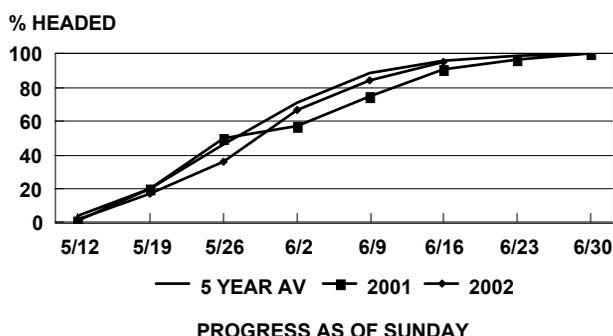
**LIVESTOCK: Pasture and range** conditions continued below average and rated 15 percent very poor, 21 poor, 37 fair, 26 good, and 1 excellent. With nearly 90 percent of the Southwest and Panhandle in poor or very poor condition, producers continue to weigh options to maintain herds.

**Progress and Conditions: By District, Nebraska, as of June 16, 2002**

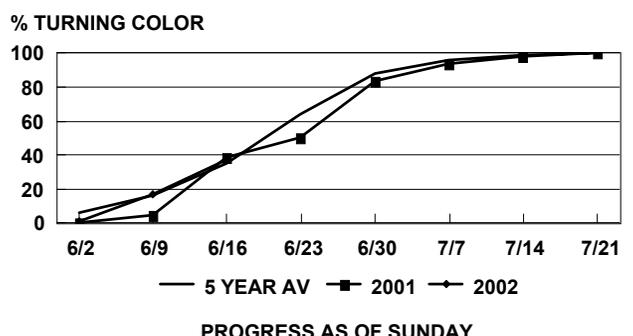
Item	Agricultural Statistics Districts								State	Last Week	Last Year	Average
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Soybeans Emerged	1	97	94	97	99	88	100	98	97	85	92	93
% Sorghum Planted	100	96	100	96	100	97	100	96	97	91	94	97
% Sorghum Emerged	100	83	98	84	94	84	98	86	88	67	79	86
% Wheat Headed	89	91	92	92	91	100	100	100	95	84	91	96
% Wheat Turning Color	6	17	33	12	31	59	46	73	37	17	39	35
% Alfalfa 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	41	74	96	91	96	86	92	99	83	68	86	76
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	7.0	6.7	4.9	6.1	5.0	6.7	5.9	5.3	5.9	6.4	4.8	4.7
Topsoil Moisture - % Very short	49	16	15	21	5	60	49	13	28	24	1	11
- % Short	42	43	38	58	19	29	31	46	40	39	16	17
- % Adequate	9	41	45	21	73	11	20	41	32	37	79	62
- % Surplus	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	10
Subsoil Moisture - % Very Short	54	11	13	26	11	65	53	9	29	28	1	11
- % Short	41	41	37	62	32	27	30	36	39	38	15	15
- % Adequate	5	48	48	12	57	8	17	55	32	34	83	68
- % Surplus	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6

<sup>1</sup> Data not available.

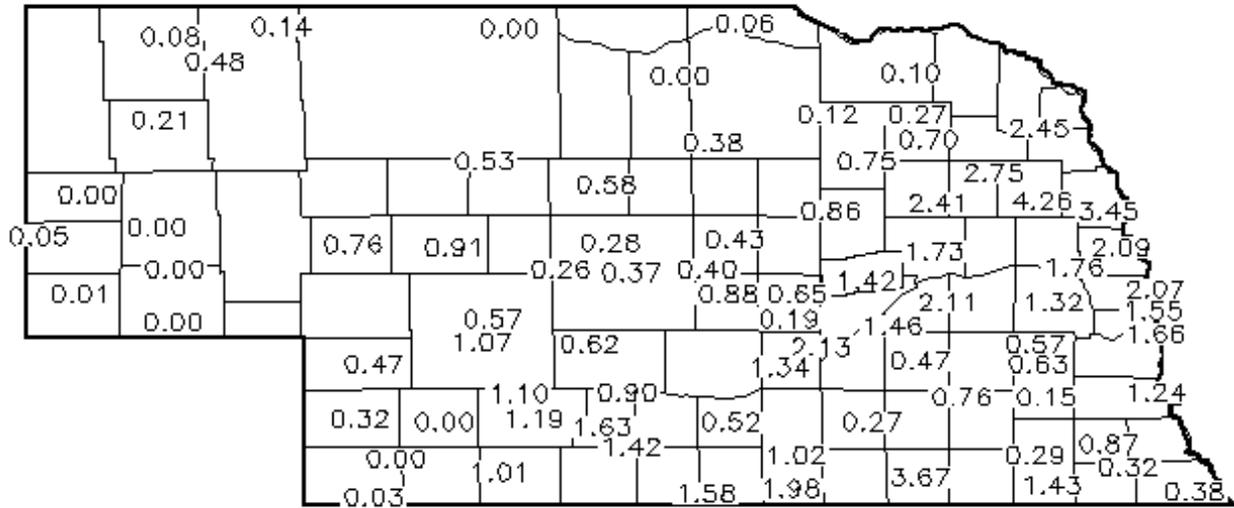
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HEADED**



**WHEAT  
TURNING COLOR**



## Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending June 16, 2002



### Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 - June 16, 2002

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.06	.16	1.68	.67	1.59	.55	1.23	1.08
Total since April 1	2.60	4.33	7.47	5.41	8.75	3.28	5.90	9.20
Normal since April 1	6.35	7.40	8.68	8.19	9.12	7.11	7.94	9.14
Total as % of normal	40%	58%	85%	66%	95%	45%	74%	101%

Source: High Plains Climate Center data as of 8:00 a.m.

### Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, June 16, 2002

Station		Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15		
		Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal
		High	Low					
NW	Alliance	88	41	64	-2	107	630	641
	Scottsbluff	90	41	65	-1	113	693	641
	Sidney	87	41	64	-2	108	680	657
NC	Ainsworth	84	49	66	-3	111	691	707
	Arthur	84	43	64	-4	106	665	691
	O'Neill	83	48	67	-3	117	718	748
NE	Concord	87	52	68	-2	127	755	770
	Elgin	85	52	69	-2	129	755	772
	West Point	88	50	69	-3	131	798	825
C	Grand Island	88	49	69	-2	132	813	787
	Lexington	87	46	70	0	141	836	771
	Ord	84	48	68	-3	126	772	778
EC	Lincoln	91	53	73	-1	154	901	873
	Central City	88	50	69	-3	130	823	801
	Mead	90	50	71	-2	142	873	859
SW	Champion	87	44	68	-1	127	783	715
	North Platte	87	44	67	-2	121	771	723
	Curtis	89	44	69	0	134	797	738
SC	Arapahoe	86	39	64	-4	108	707	687
	Minden	91	50	71	0	140	826	774
	Red Cloud	97	49	72	1	149	944	799
SE	Beatrice	92	51	72	-1	147	897	873
	Clay Center	92	49	71	-1	140	819	795
	Nemaha	87	56	72	-1	156	956	911

Source: High Plains Climate Center.

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