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# Nebraska Weekly Weather & Crop Report



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## WEATHER

Cold air moved into the State by mid-week keeping temperatures about 5 degrees below normal with record breaking minimum temperatures. Precipitation was spotty and light with isolated thunderstorms mostly in west end of the State.

## CROPS

Dry weather across the State has pushed irrigating into full swing. Rains interrupted wheat harvest in a few areas, particularly in Southwest and South Central Districts but about 6½ days were suitable for field work in the State. The summer heat was broken by a welcome cool spell in mid-week dropping temperatures below normal. A good general rain would be very beneficial across the State.

Winter wheat is 35% harvested. This compares with 90% harvested last year and 45% normal. Harvest should move into the Panhandle this week. There have been some reports of problems with Hessian fly and wheat stem maggot in the western part of the State. The crop is 70% ripe compared with 100% last year and 70% normal.

Corn is in mostly good to excellent condition statewide. The State average condition was 86% compared with 87% last week and 75% last year. Corn is starting to tassel in several areas across the State. Final cultivating has been

completed and irrigation is in full swing. There are some reports of rootworm and corn borer damage. Grasshoppers are reported in greater numbers than past years.

Sorghum is in mostly good condition at 86% compared with 84% last week and 75% a year ago. Greenbugs continue to be a problem in some areas. Soybeans are in mostly good to excellent condition at 86%. This compares with 85% last week and 75% last year.

Alfalfa and wild hay are both in mostly good condition. Second cutting of alfalfa has advanced to 45% complete.

Sugarbeets are reported in generally good condition with irrigation bringing the crop along. Hail damage was reported in isolated areas. Dry beans are a little slow in developing largely because of insufficient soil moisture.

Dry weather depleted topsoil moisture supplies last week to only 26% adequate and 74% short. Subsoil moisture supplies also declined and were 47% short and 53% adequate.

## LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies declined due to hot dry weather with 67% of counties reporting adequate and 33% short. Flies are beginning to be a problem in some areas.

### Precipitation, April 1 - July 11, 1975

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week.....	.40	.40	.00	.20	.30	1.20	.30	.10
Total since April 1.....	7.60	9.70	13.20	12.40	12.30	10.50	14.20	12.30
Normal since April 1.....	9.38	10.56	12.34	11.56	13.11	9.48	11.62	13.77

