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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending May 30, 2004, rainfall slowed planting activities but progress remained near average, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Wheat development remained well ahead of average and condition continued to decline. Other producer activities included livestock care.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged from 4 degrees below normals to 3 degrees above normals for the week. Precipitation was statewide with the eastern half of the state receiving the largest amounts. Severe weather brought amounts exceeding 3 inches in areas of the southeast and east central, with one report exceeding 8 inches in the southeast.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending May 30, 2004**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	18	17	1	10
Short	28	22	12	18
Adequate	51	56	83	66
Surplus	3	5	4	6
Subsoil				
Very Short	39	42	9	15
Short	30	26	38	26
Adequate	31	31	53	57
Surplus	0	1	0	2
Days Suitable	4.5	4.2	5.8	5.4

Field Crops Report: Corn was 95 percent emerged, ahead of last year at 75 and average at 84. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 31 fair, 57 good, and 7 excellent.

Soybean planting increased to 81 percent complete, ahead of last year at 72 but the same as average. Fifty-two percent had emerged, ahead of last year at 31 and average at 44.

Sorghum planting advanced to 52 percent complete, ahead of last year at 44 but behind average at 58. Eighteen percent had emerged

Wheat condition declined and rated 18 percent very poor, 24 poor, 32 fair, 24 good, and 2 excellent, below last year and average. Fields were 86 percent headed, about a week and a half ahead of last year at 59 and average at 61. Eight percent had turned color, ahead of last year which had none turned at this point and average at 4 percent.

Oat condition rated 7 percent very poor, 13 poor, 35 fair, 40 good, and 5 excellent. Twenty-one percent of the oats had headed, ahead of last year at 20 and average at 8.

Dry beans were 24 percent seeded, ahead of last year at 18 but behind average at 28. Five percent had emerged, ahead of last year at zero but behind average at 7.

Proso millet planting progressed to 27 percent complete, ahead of last year at 7.

Alfalfa conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 17 poor, 32 fair, 37 good, and 8 excellent, below last year and average. First cutting activities were 28 percent harvested, behind last year at 36 and average at 38. Wild hay condition declined and rated 12 percent very poor, 17 poor, 37 fair, 31 good, and 3 excellent.

Crop Progress : Nebraska, Week Ending May 30, 2004

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 1 st Cutting	28	13	36	38
Corn Emerged	95	88	75	84
Oats Headed	21	8	20	8
Soybeans Planted	81	70	72	81
Soybeans Emerged	52	39	31	44
Sorghum Planted	52	39	44	58
Sorghum Emerged	18	11	12	25
Wheat Headed	86	67	59	61
Wheat Turning Color	8	4	0	4

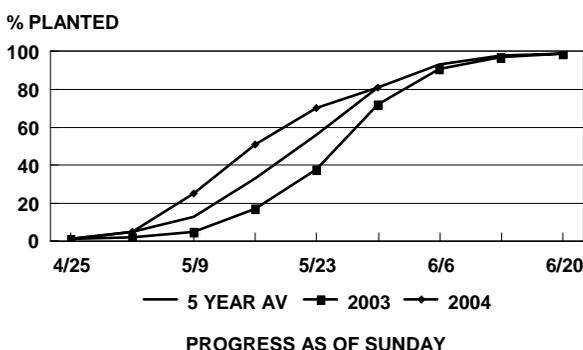
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending May 30, 2004

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	6	17	32	37	8
Corn	1	4	31	57	7
Oats	7	13	35	40	5
Wheat	18	24	32	24	2

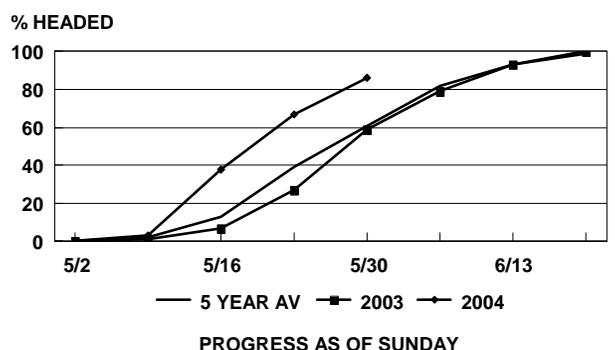
Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range condition rated 17 percent very poor, 20 poor, 36 fair, 24 good and 3 excellent, below a year ago and average. With limited rainfall in the western half of the state, grass growth remains a concern as cattle return to pastures.

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

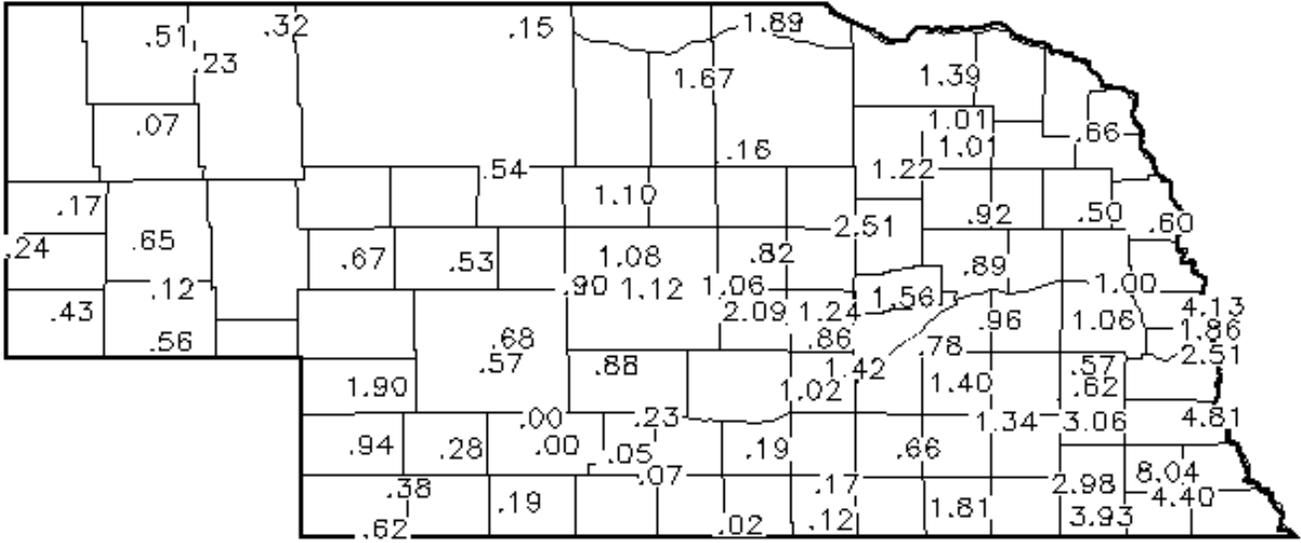
SOYBEANS



WHEAT



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending May 30, 2004



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 - May 30, 2004

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.34	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.45	.56	.08	3.25
Total since April 1	2.77	5.84	8.13	5.47	6.23	3.27	4.58	8.74
Normal since April 1	4.70	5.30	6.23	5.97	6.69	5.11	5.81	6.74
Total as % of normal	58%	110%	130%	92%	93%	73%	79%	129%

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

**Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, May 30, 2004**

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15		
	Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal
	High	Low					
NW Alliance	85	40	57	-3	76	418	406
Scottsbluff	85	37	58	-2	79	480	406
Sidney	83	39	57	-4	76	434	417
NC Ainsworth	86	42	61	-3	81	458	440
Arthur	87	41	60	-3	81	453	436
O'Neill	87	44	61	-3	81	475	461
NE Concord	83	46	61	-4	85	483	471
Elgin	89	46	62	-3	86	497	473
West Point	86	48	64	-3	96	542	503
C Grand Island	94	48	66	+1	107	597	483
Lexington	95	49	67	+2	113	601	476
Ord	90	47	64	-1	98	544	477
EC Lincoln	87	49	67	-1	118	664	531
Central City	90	49	65	0	105	599	490
Mead	87	48	66	-1	110	640	523
SW Champion	95	43	63	+1	98	537	450
North Platte	91	46	64	+1	102	568	452
Curtis	95	47	66	+2	109	590	460
SC Arapahoe	80	42	59	-3	75	468	433
Minden	93	51	68	+3	118	604	477
Red Cloud	91	49	68	+2	118	632	490
SE Beatrice	87	50	67	0	118	664	531
Clay Center	89	47	66	+1	111	597	488
Nemaha	84	52	67	-1	118	705	567

Source: High Plains Climate Center.

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