



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending October 22, 2006, damp conditions and below normal temperatures slowed harvest progress of fall crops, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistic Service, Nebraska Field Office. The cool, cloudy conditions slowed drydown of standing corn and kept wet soils from drying. Snow was recorded in portions of the northeast with reports of 1 to 3 inches.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 9 degrees below normal. The state saw highs in the mid 70's and lows in the upper teens. The South Central District received the most precipitation, picking up an average of over a half inch of rain.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending October 22, 2006

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	10	8	12	18
Short	27	26	25	27
Adequate	59	65	62	54
Surplus	4	1	1	1
Subsoil				
Very Short	26	20	24	34
Short	34	33	32	31
Adequate	40	47	44	35
Surplus	0	0	0	0
Days Suitable	4.3	4.3	5.5	5.7

Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 11 poor, 26 fair, 40 good, and 17 excellent. Irrigated fields rated 76 percent good or excellent, while dryland fields rated 28. Corn harvest was 38 percent complete, eight days behind last year's 58 and one week behind the 49 average. Stalk integrity continues to be a concern in a number of counties.

Soybean harvest was 82 percent complete, nine days behind last year's 94 and four days behind the average of 87.

Sorghum harvest was 42 percent complete, six days behind the 57 of last year and five days behind the average of 53.

Dry bean harvest was 96 percent complete, even with last year and ahead of the 93 average.

Winter wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 28 fair, 67 good, and 4 excellent, above a year ago. Ninety-three percent had emerged, ahead of last year's 89 but near the 92 average.

Proso millet was 91 percent harvested, even with last year and average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 22, 2006

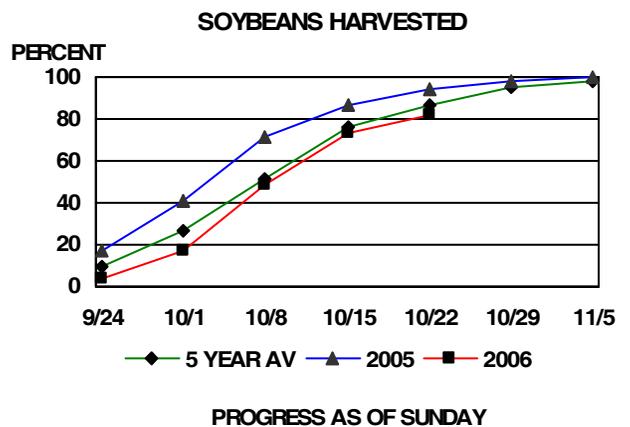
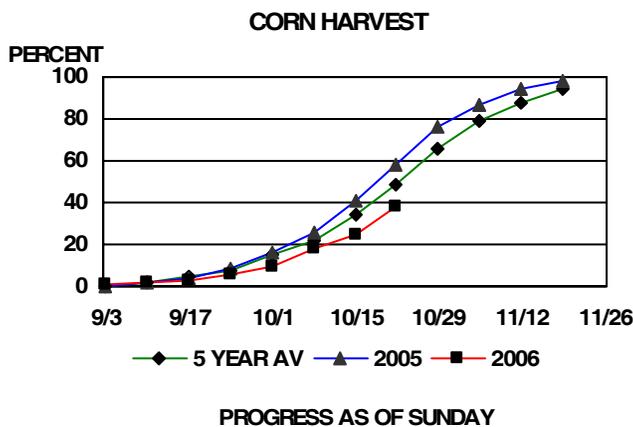
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
				Percent
Corn Harvested	38	26	58	49
Dry Beans Harvested	96	90	96	93
Proso Millet Harvested	91	74	91	91
Sorghum Harvested	42	29	57	53
Soybeans Harvested	82	73	94	87
Winter Wheat Emerged	93	82	89	92

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 22, 2006

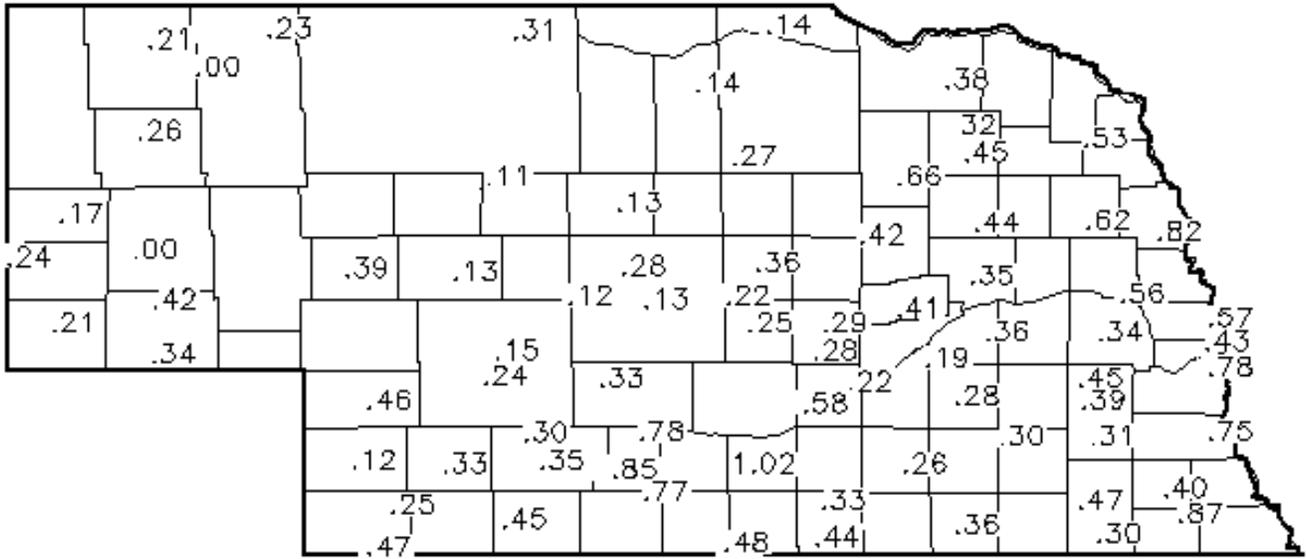
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
					Percent
Corn	6	11	26	40	17
Sorghum	0	1	28	67	4

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 19 percent very poor, 26 poor, 36 fair, 16 good, and 3 excellent. Producers were moving cattle to stalks as they became available.

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



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. October 22, 2006



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – October 22, 2006

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.25	.17	.49	.28	.46	.33	.63	.48
Total since April 1	10.43	14.58	19.74	16.75	22.90	15.52	19.89	24.25
Normal since April 1	13.67	17.57	20.62	19.34	22.66	16.37	19.15	23.80
Total as % of normal	77%	82%	96%	86%	101%	94%	104%	101%

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, October 22, 2006**

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	63	22	37	-11
	Scottsbluff	67	21	39	-9
	Sidney	71	21	38	-10
NC	Ainsworth	76	23	39	-11
	Arthur	74	19	39	-11
	O'Neill	69	21	39	-11
NE	Concord	60	22	40	-11
	Elgin	58	22	39	-12
	West Point	59	21	41	-11
C	Grand Island	63	21	42	-9
	Lexington	63	21	42	-9
	Ord	63	20	40	-10
EC	Central City	61	19	41	-10
	Lincoln	64	24	44	-9
	Mead	60	22	43	-10
SW	Champion	71	21	42	-8
	Dickens	70	23	42	-8
	McCook	71	23	44	-7
SC	Minden	65	23	42	-8
	Red Cloud	71	21	43	-8
	Smithfield	65	22	42	-9
SE	Beatrice	69	20	44	-9
	Clay Center	65	18	42	-10
	Nemaha	67	29	46	-7

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