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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending June 15, 2008, drier conditions across much of the state allowed producers to get back in the fields to finish planting, cut hay, and apply herbicides according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Flooding and severe storms in parts of Nebraska have resulted in the replanting of acres that were under water. Producers with flooded areas may abandon planting/replanting until next season. With the break in weather, hay producers were making progress getting their first cutting of alfalfa harvested.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 4 degrees below normal and ranged from highs in the mid 90's in the southwest to lows in the 30's in the Panhandle. The East Central and Southeast Districts received the most rainfall and averaged over an inch of precipitation.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending June 15, 2008**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	2	1	5	11
Short	9	5	14	19
Adequate	78	67	68	63
Surplus	11	27	13	7
Subsoil				
Very Short	6	4	5	18
Short	11	11	14	26
Adequate	70	70	74	54
Surplus	13	15	7	2
Days Suitable	4.4	2.0	4.4	4.7

Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 27 fair, 55 good, and 11 excellent, well below last year's 75 percent good or excellent rating. Warm, dry conditions are needed to promote growth and reduce yellowing.

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 25 fair, 61 good, and 7 excellent, well below last year's 81 percent good or excellent condition. Soybeans planted were 91 percent complete, 10 days behind last year and the 99 average. Soybeans emerged was 76 percent, behind last year's 91 and a week behind the 92 average.

Wheat conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 5 poor, 28 fair, 57 good, and 7 excellent, well above last year's 56 percent good or excellent condition. Wheat headed climbed to 94 percent complete, still behind last year and the average of 98. Wheat turning color was 13 percent, well behind last year's 57 and 10 days behind the 50 average.

Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 24 fair, 62 good, and 9 excellent, above last year's 67 percent good or excellent condition. First cutting was 43 percent complete,

well behind last year's 79 and two weeks behind the 82 average.

Oat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 9 fair, 79 good, and 12 excellent, well above last year's 80 percent good or excellent condition. Oats headed was 48 percent, behind last year's 65 and six days behind the 70 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 35 fair, 59 good, and 3 excellent. Sorghum planted was 88 percent complete, near last year's 89 but four days behind the 93 average. Sorghum emerged was 62 percent, behind last year's 68 and the 74 average.

Dry bean planting jumped to 74 percent complete, behind last year's 88 and the 83 average. Dry beans emerged was 26 percent, ahead of last year's 58 and 45 average.

Proso millet planted was 30 percent, behind last year's 55 and a week behind the 46 average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending June 15, 2008

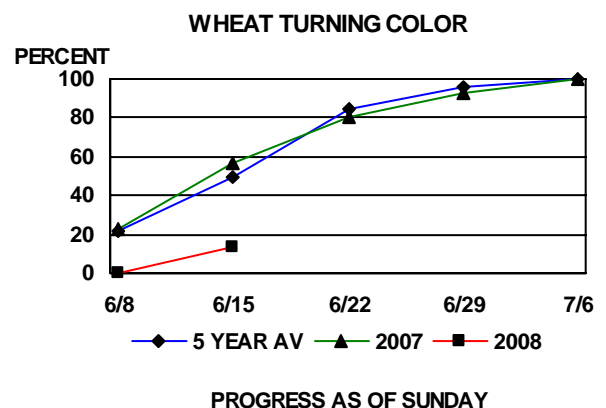
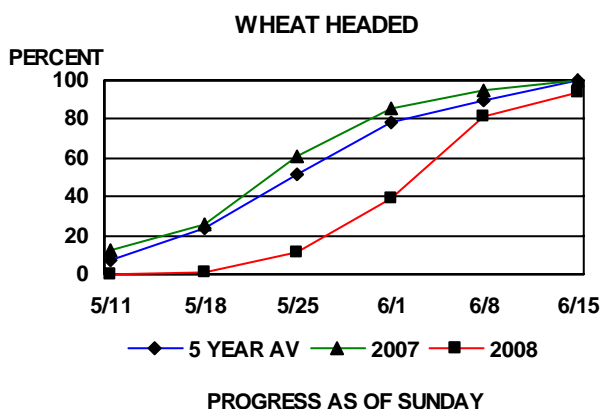
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 1 st Cutting	43	18	79	82
Dry Beans Planted	74	36	88	83
Dry Beans Emerged	26	3	58	45
Oats Headed	48	28	65	70
Proso Millet Planted	30	24	55	46
Sorghum Planted	88	64	89	93
Sorghum Emerged	62	36	68	74
Soybeans Planted	91	82	99	99
Soybeans Emerged	76	59	91	92
Wheat Headed	94	81	98	98
Wheat Turning Color	13		57	50

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending June 15, 2008

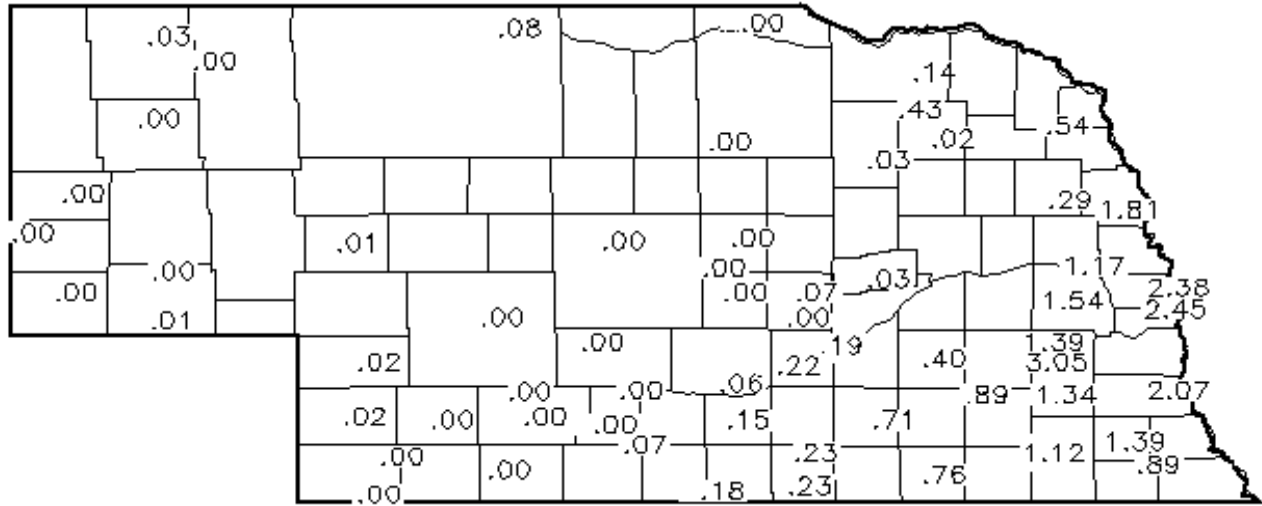
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	1	4	24	62	9
Corn	1	6	27	55	11
Oats	0	0	9	79	12
Sorghum	1	2	35	59	3
Soybeans	2	5	25	61	7
Wheat	3	5	28	57	7

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 19 fair, 60 good, and 15 excellent, near last year's 74 percent good or excellent condition. Pastures and rangelands are showing good growth and providing ample grazing.

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/cmts_cur.htm](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics%20by%20State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop%20Progress%20&%20Condition/cmts_cur.htm)



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. June 15, 2008



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – June 15, 2008

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.00	.03	.40	.06	1.27	.00	.09	1.10
Total since April 1	4.89	11.24	13.11	14.87	15.33	11.00	11.38	13.65
Normal since April 1	6.20	7.11	8.72	8.15	8.97	7.05	7.81	8.97
Total as % of normal	78%	157%	151%	182%	170%	154%	145%	151%

**Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, June 15, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15			
	Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal	
	High	Low						
NW	Alliance	88	37	58	-9	88	539	667
	Scottsbluff	92	39	62	-5	99	647	664
	Sidney	90	36	60	-7	96	610	681
NC	Ainsworth	86	46	63	-7	98	574	758
	Arthur	87	38	61	-9	96	582	740
	O'Neill	85	46	65	-6	107	614	772
NE	Concord	89	52	69	-2	132	671	799
	Elgin	88	48	67	-4	117	645	788
	West Point	89	49	69	-3	134	747	840
C	Grand Island	93	49	68	-2	125	752	775
	Lexington	89	44	66	-5	113	716	761
	Ord	89	44	66	-5	114	697	772
EC	Central City	90	49	69	-3	128	756	791
	Lincoln	89	56	72	-1	150	843	866
	Mead	89	54	71	-2	141	817	865
SW	Champion	91	40	63	-7	105	692	750
	Dickens	92	39	63	-7	110	680	752
	McCook	95	41	67	-3	120	778	757
SC	Minden	90	46	67	-3	121	745	766
	Red Cloud	87	54	70	-1	137	803	785
	Smithfield	89	47	66	-4	115	704	763
SE	Beatrice	90	54	71	-2	142	822	866
	Clay Center	88	51	68	-3	125	748	784
	Nemaha	86	58	72	-1	155	910	873

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