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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending September 7, a cool, damp week slowed crop maturation and hampered producers trying to put up hay, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Producers were wrapping up irrigation for the season as well as preparing machinery and bins for harvest. The first fields of dry beans and proso millet were being harvested in the west. Corn silage continued to be cut around the state.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 8 degrees below normal across the state. A few districts saw highs in the lower 90's and parts of the west and north reported lows in the upper 30's. Precipitation averaged at least three quarters of an inch across the state.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending September 7, 2008

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	7	10	4	25
Short	35	38	23	31
Adequate	57	51	69	43
Surplus	1	1	4	1
Subsoil				
Very Short	7	9	13	33
Short	38	34	27	33
Adequate	54	56	59	34
Surplus	1	1	1	0
Days Suitable	5.6	6.6	5.9	6.3

Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 19 fair, 54 good, and 21 excellent, below last year's 79 percent good or excellent rating. Irrigated fields rated 79 percent good or excellent below year ago levels, while dryland fields rated 69, the same as last year. Corn in the dough stage was 94 percent, behind last year's 99 and the 98 average. Corn in the dent stage was 70 percent, behind last year's 89 and six days behind the 83 average. Corn mature was 5 percent, behind the 23 of last year and 16 average.

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 23 fair, 56 good, and 13 excellent, well below last year's 80 percent good or excellent condition. Soybeans turning color was 27 percent, behind last year's 42 and 3 days behind the 46 average. Soybeans dropping leaves was 3 percent, behind last year's 5 and 9 average.

Alfalfa conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 6 poor, 27 fair, 53 good, and 10 excellent, even with last year's 63 percent good or excellent condition. Third cutting was 93 percent complete, near last year's 91 and 94 average. Fourth cutting was 7 percent complete, behind last year's 21 and 22 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 21 fair, 52 good, and 22 excellent, well below last year's 85 percent good or excellent condition. Sorghum turning color was 45 percent, behind last year's 78 and eight days behind the 67 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 33 fair, 52 good, and 11 excellent, well below last year's 71 percent good or excellent conditions. Dry beans turning color was 75 percent, behind last year's 84 but ahead of the 68 average. Dry beans dropping leaves was 19 percent, behind last year's 51 and 32 average. Dry beans harvested were 3 percent, behind last year and the average of 7.

Wheat seeded was 6 percent complete, behind last year and average of 13.

Proso millet was 5 percent harvested, behind last year's 11 and 17 average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending September 7, 2008

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 3 rd Cutting	93	85	91	94
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	7	3	21	22
Corn Dough	94	92	99	98
Corn Dent	70	63	89	83
Corn Mature	5	2	23	16
Dry Beans Turning Color	75	52	84	68
Dry Beans Dropping Leaves	19	8	51	32
Dry Beans Harvested	3		7	7
Proso Millet Harvested	5	2	11	17
Sorghum Turning Color	45	30	78	67
Soybeans Turning Color	27	5	42	46
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	3		5	9
Winter Wheat Seeded	6	3	13	13

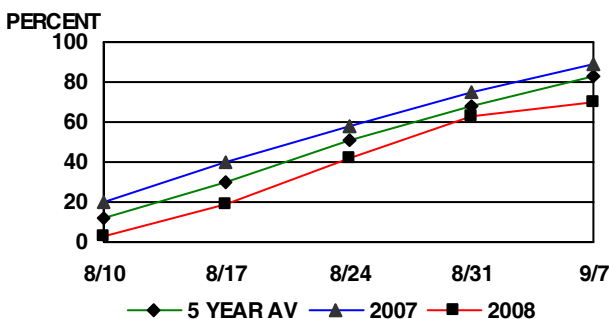
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending September 7, 2008

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	4	6	27	53	10
Corn	2	4	19	54	21
Dry Beans	0	4	33	52	11
Sorghum	1	4	21	52	22
Soybeans	2	6	23	56	13

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 11 poor, 29 fair, 49 good, and 7 excellent, below last year's 60 percent good or excellent condition.

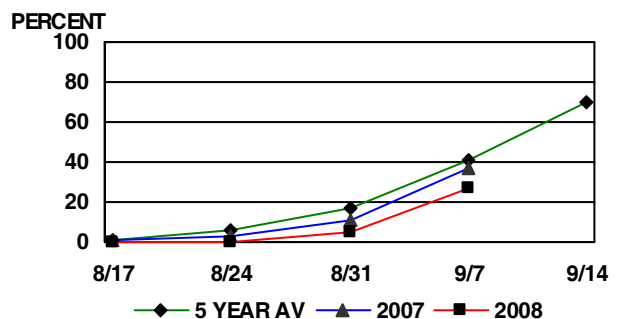
This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/cmts_cur.htm

CORN DENTED



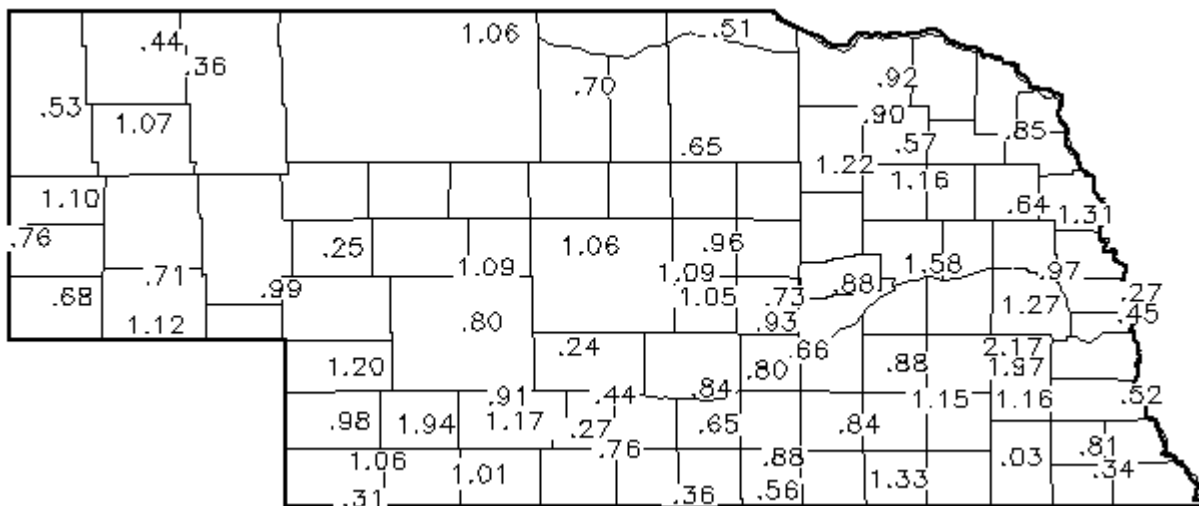
PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

SOYBEANS TURNING COLOR



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Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m September 7, 2008



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – September 7, 2008

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.79	.88	.94	.78	1.17	.86	.73	.74
Total since April 1	11.90	18.93	18.73	21.12	24.15	19.63	21.87	23.97
Normal since April 1	11.92	14.94	17.64	16.51	18.55	14.51	16.31	19.27
Total as % of normal	100%	126%	106%	127%	130%	134%	134%	124%

Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, September 7, 2008

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15			
	Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal	
	High	Low						
NW	Alliance	83	39	55	-10	61	2078	2394
	Scottsbluff	83	40	57	-8	68	2290	2384
	Sidney	88	38	57	-8	73	2189	2438
NC	Ainsworth	88	39	57	-9	68	2278	2672
	Arthur	89	38	58	-9	73	2197	2615
	O'Neill	90	39	58	-9	71	2331	2712
NE	Concord	87	42	59	-9	76	2384	2796
	Elgin	87	42	59	-8	79	2371	2757
	West Point	89	41	60	-9	81	2495	2907
C	Grand Island	87	43	61	-6	85	2540	2712
	Lexington	88	41	60	-7	84	2440	2670
	Ord	88	41	60	-7	84	2452	2707
EC	Central City	86	42	60	-8	82	2503	2762
	Lincoln	91	46	63	-6	93	2777	2977
	Mead	89	42	60	-9	82	2630	2974
SW	Champion	90	37	59	-8	82	2348	2640
	Dickens	91	36	59	-8	81	2354	2646
	McCook	92	41	62	-5	92	2586	2659
SC	Minden	86	43	60	-7	84	2484	2685
	Red Cloud	88	45	62	-6	91	2622	2740
	Smithfield	87	42	61	-6	84	2440	2674
SE	Beatrice	89	43	63	-7	95	2643	2977
	Clay Center	87	44	61	-7	83	2523	2740
	Nemaha	89	47	65	-5	104	2859	2977

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