



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending November 16, 2008, wet weather once again slowed harvest progress, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Corn and sorghum harvests remained over two and a half weeks behind average with 2008 being the latest harvest since 1992. Corn harvest was most advanced in the eastern third of the state, while many western areas were just reaching the halfway point. Other activities throughout the state included moving cattle to stalk fields, fall tillage, and applying fertilizer where conditions allowed.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged one degree below normal across the state. The Northwestern, Southwestern and South Central Districts reported above normal temperatures, with the rest of the state below normal. The Panhandle had the largest variance in temperature with highs in the mid 60's and lows in the teens. Precipitation was widespread with most of the state receiving at least one half inch of moisture.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending November 16, 2008**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	3	2	9	18
Short	10	10	28	32
Adequate	82	84	61	49
Surplus	5	4	2	1
Subsoil				
Very Short	4	6	11	27
Short	16	15	26	35
Adequate	77	76	62	38
Surplus	3	3	1	0
Days Suitable	3.3	5.2	6.9	6.2

Field Crops Report: Corn harvested was 67 percent complete, well behind last year's 96 and 17 days behind the average of 93.

Sorghum harvest was 61 percent complete, behind last year's 96 and nineteen days behind the 95 average.

Winter wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 17 fair, 66 good, and 15 excellent, well above last year's 56 percent good or excellent rating. This is the highest condition rating in ten years.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending November 16, 2008

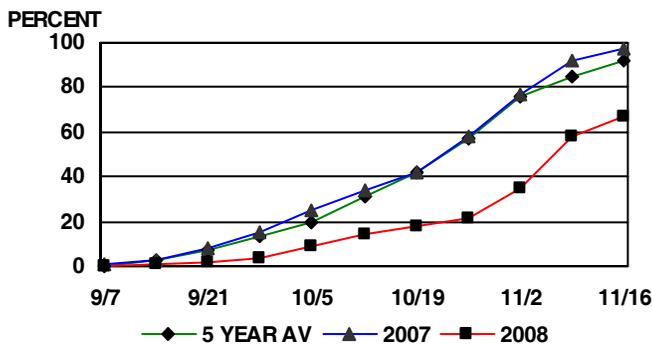
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Corn Harvested	67	58	96	93
Sorghum Harvested	61	51	96	95

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending November 16, 2008

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	2	17	66	15

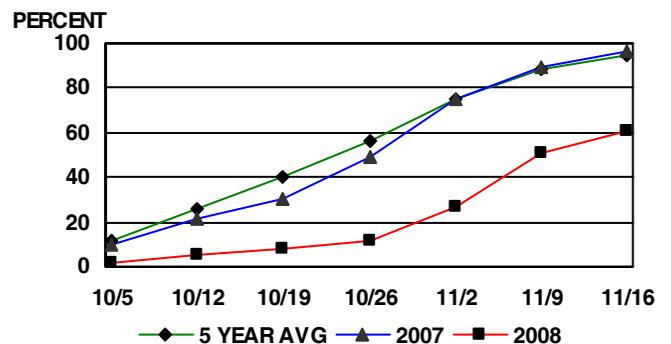
This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/cmts_cur.htm

CORN HARVEST



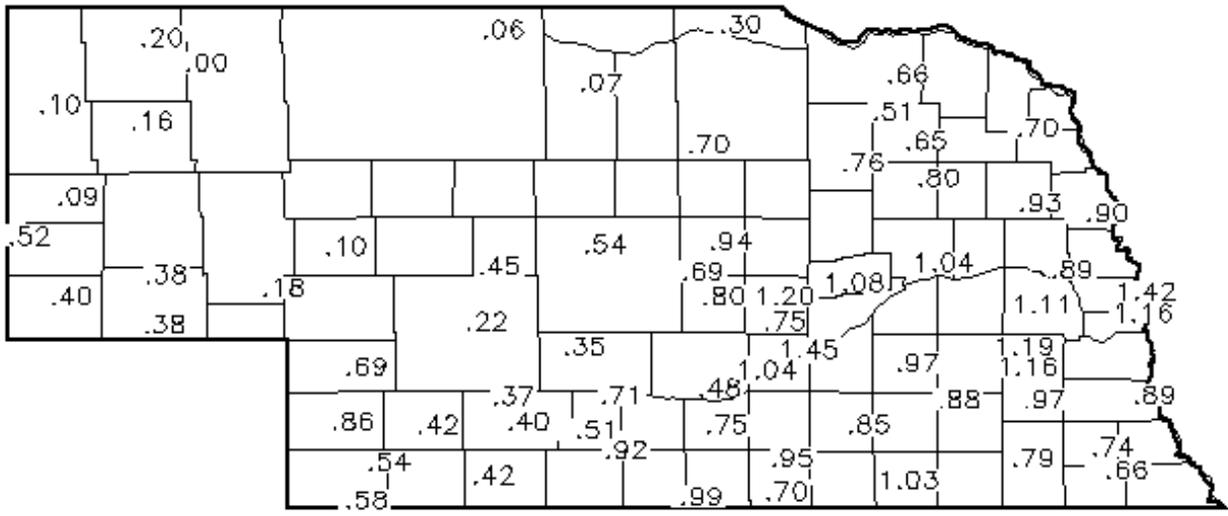
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SORGHUM HARVEST



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Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. November 16, 2008



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – November 16, 2008

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.30	.47	.75	.89	1.08	.50	.78	.78
Total since April 1	14.37	26.05	28.40	29.34	33.61	25.45	31.27	32.34
Normal since April 1	14.05	18.23	22.19	20.34	24.04	17.22	20.00	25.09
Total as % of normal	102%	142%	128%	143%	140%	147%	156%	129%

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, November 16, 2008**

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	58	18	38	+2
	Scottsbluff	64	16	39	+3
	Sidney	64	17	38	+2
NC	Ainsworth	52	20	36	-2
	Arthur	61	22	38	+1
	O'Neill	52	21	35	-3
NE	Concord	52	19	34	-4
	Elgin	53	22	35	-3
	West Point	54	22	35	-4
C	Grand Island	59	22	37	0
	Lexington	59	22	39	+2
	Ord	53	22	35	-3
EC	Central City	56	21	37	-1
	Lincoln	58	26	39	-1
	Mead	54	24	37	-3
SW	Champion	63	20	36	-1
	Dickens	62	20	39	+1
	McCook	66	22	40	+3
SC	Minden	58	25	39	+1
	Red Cloud	60	26	39	+1
	Smithfield	59	24	39	+2
SE	Beatrice	57	23	39	-2
	Clay Center	61	24	37	-1
	Nemaha	58	27	39	-2

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