



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending November 30, 2008, above normal temperatures, along with no measurable precipitation, allowed harvest to finish in most areas, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Corn harvest made good progress and is nine days behind average. Sorghum harvest is nearly complete but over two weeks behind the average. Most cattle are in harvested fields or dry lots.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged three degrees above normal across the state. Temperatures varied from highs in the mid 60's in the west to lows near single digits in the central part of the state. Only traces of precipitation were reported in several districts.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending November 30, 2008**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year ¹	Average ¹
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	3	2		
Short	18	9		
Adequate	77	86		
Surplus	2	3		
Subsoil				
Very Short	5	1		
Short	15	17		
Adequate	77	79		
Surplus	3	3		
Days Suitable	6.3	6.0		

¹Data not available.

Field Crops Report: Corn harvested was 91 percent complete, well behind last year's 100 and nine days behind the 98 average.

Sorghum harvest was 94 percent complete, sixteen days behind last year and the average of 100.

Winter wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 21 fair, 63 good, and 14 excellent, well above last year's 55 percent good or excellent rating.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending November 30, 2008

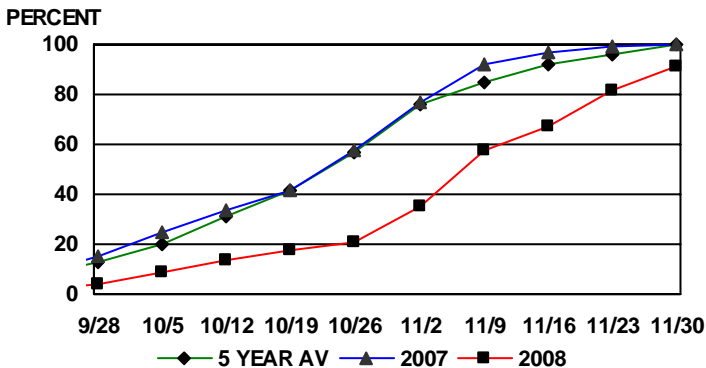
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
				<i>Percent</i>
Corn Harvested	91	82	100	98
Sorghum Harvested	94	77	100	100

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending November 30, 2008

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	2	21	63	14

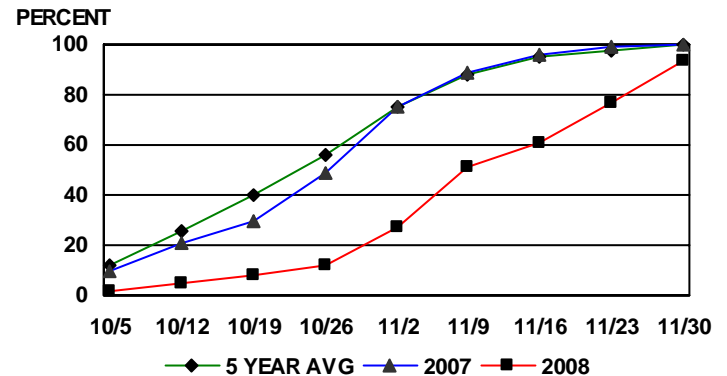
This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/cmss_cur.htm

CORN HARVEST



PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

SORGHUM HARVEST



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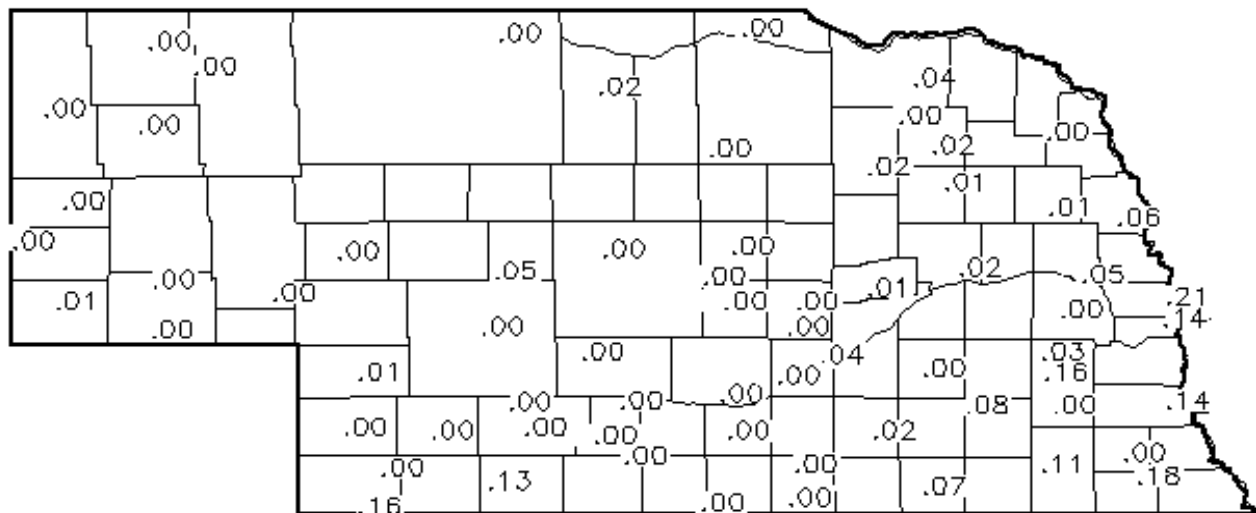
LAST WEEKLY WEATHER & CROPS FOR 2008

This is the last Weekly Weather and Crops report for the 2008 growing season. We would like to extend our appreciation to the dedicated FSA county directors and county extension educators who supplied the necessary information for these reports. For December through March, we will issue monthly reports. Weekly reports will begin April 6th for the 2009 season.

Happy Holidays,

Joseph L. Parsons
Director

Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. November 30, 2008



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – November 30, 2008

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.00	.00	.02	.00	.07	.04	.00	.09
Total since April 1	14.38	26.07	28.44	29.42	33.68	25.38	31.19	32.43
Normal since April 1	14.27	18.61	22.67	20.74	24.60	17.53	20.38	25.69
Total as % of normal	101%	139%	126%	140%	137%	144%	153%	126%

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, November 30, 2008**

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	62	16	34	+3
	Scottsbluff	63	12	35	+4
	Sidney	65	16	35	+4
NC	Ainsworth	61	18	34	+3
	Arthur	63	18	35	+4
	O'Neill	56	16	33	+2
NE	Concord	48	15	31	0
	Elgin	57	19	34	+3
	West Point	51	14	32	-1
C	Grand Island	55	18	35	+3
	Lexington	60	17	36	+4
	Ord	58	11	33	+2
EC	Central City	54	17	34	+2
	Lincoln	53	20	36	+2
	Mead	51	14	33	-1
SW	Champion	63	14	35	+3
	Dickens	61	18	35	+4
	McCook	62	18	37	+5
SC	Minden	59	17	36	+4
	Red Cloud	57	21	36	+5
	Smithfield	59	19	37	+6
SE	Beatrice	54	18	35	+1
	Clay Center	56	21	35	+3
	Nemaha	53	26	36	+3

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