



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending October 25, 2009, little harvest progress was made due to wet, cool conditions, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Snow fell the last half of the week in western and central counties. In addition, widespread rain and poor drying conditions limited the number of days suitable for field work. Corn harvest is now over three weeks behind the five-year average and the slowest progress since 1982. Soybean harvest is similar to 2007 at eleven days behind the average.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 5 degrees below normal across the state and ranged from highs in the mid 70's to lows in the upper 20's. Precipitation occurred statewide with the Northeast, Southwest and South Central Districts receiving two inches or more.

Sorghum conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 21 fair, 55 good, and 21 excellent, near last year's 77 percent good or excellent condition. Sorghum mature was 88, well ahead of last year's 70 but behind the average of 93. Sorghum harvested was 8 percent complete, behind last year's 11 and three weeks behind the 43 average.

Winter wheat conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 31 fair, 60 good, and 6 excellent, below last year's 76 percent good or excellent. Winter wheat emerged was 86 percent, behind last year's 90 and the 93 average.

Dry beans harvested were 93 percent complete, behind last year's 100 and the 96 average.

Proso millet harvest was 65 percent complete, well behind last year's 95 and over three weeks behind the 93 average.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending October 25, 2009

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	0	1	0	8
Short	3	7	10	21
Adequate	81	88	73	64
Surplus	16	4	17	7
Subsoil				
Very Short	1	2	4	19
Short	12	15	18	28
Adequate	81	82	70	50
Surplus	6	1	8	3
Days Suitable	1.6	2.4	2.4	4.5

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 25, 2009

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Corn Mature	87	78	86	97
Corn Harvested	15	13	21	47
Dry Beans Harvested	93	92	100	96
Proso Millet Harvested	65	63	95	93
Sorghum Mature	88	76	70	93
Sorghum Harvested	8	7	11	43
Soybeans Harvested	63	55	81	85
Winter Wheat Emerged	86	78	90	93

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 25, 2009

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	2	6	12	53	27
Sorghum	0	3	21	55	21
Wheat	1	2	31	60	6

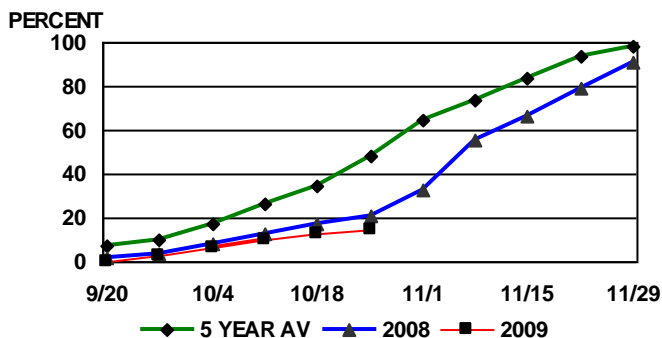
Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 12 fair, 53 good, and 27 excellent, above last year's 76 percent good or excellent rating. Irrigated fields rated 83 percent good or excellent while dryland fields rated 76, both above year ago levels. Corn mature was 87, near last year's 86 but behind the average of 97. Corn harvested was 15 percent complete, behind last year's 21 and 23 days behind the 47 average. Harvest progress is furthest along in southern counties; however, no district has reached 25 percent harvested.

Soybean harvest was 63 percent complete, behind last year's 81 and eleven days behind the 85 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 22 fair, 57 good, and 13 excellent, above last year's 62 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

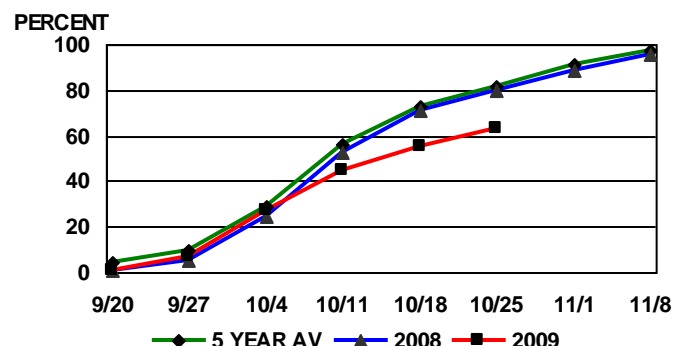
NEBRASKA CORN HARVEST



PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

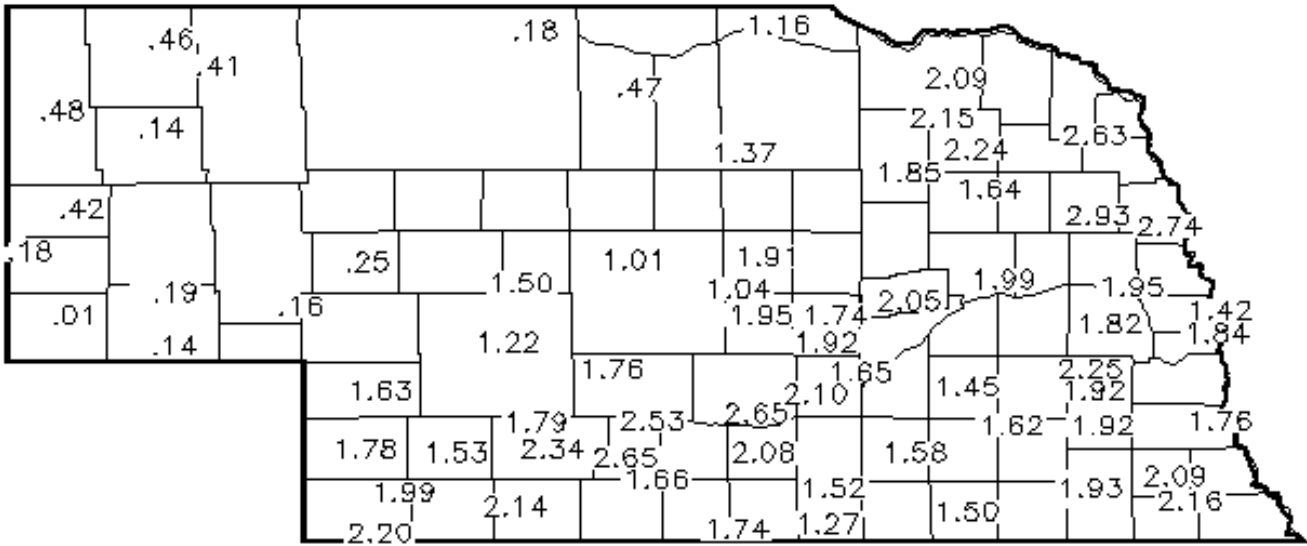
NEBRASKA SOYBEAN HARVEST



PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. October 25, 2009



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – October 25, 2009

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.27	.97	2.21	1.42	1.83	2.07	2.00	1.75
Total since April 1	18.36	20.59	20.86	20.58	21.71	24.63	20.76	21.27
Normal since April 1	13.57	17.54	21.23	19.55	22.93	16.61	19.27	23.91
Total as % of normal	134%	118%	98%	104%	94%	148%	108%	88%

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, October 25, 2009**

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	57	27	39	-8
	Scottsbluff	59	27	42	-5
	Sidney	62	24	41	-7
NC	Ainsworth	62	30	42	-8
	Arthur	63	26	40	-9
	O'Neill	60	30	43	-7
NE	Concord	63	28	43	-7
	Elgin	64	32	44	-6
	West Point	66	28	45	-6
C	Grand Island	71	29	45	-5
	Lexington	70	28	44	-6
	Ord	68	26	43	-6
EC	Central City	73	29	46	-4
	Lincoln	73	31	49	-2
	Mead	70	27	47	-5
SW	Champion	73	26	43	-6
	Dickens	69	26	42	-7
	McCook	74	30	45	-4
SC	Minden	73	26	45	-5
	Red Cloud	76	27	49	-1
	Smithfield	70	30	44	-5
SE	Beatrice	73	28	50	-2
	Clay Center	72	28	46	-4
	Nemaha	73	34	52	0

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