



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending November 15, 2009, another warm, dry week across much of the state allowed harvest to progress, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Corn harvest approached the halfway mark and is now three weeks behind average. The 2009 corn harvest now compares with the 1972 harvest. High grain moisture levels continue to limit progress as drying capacity is unable to keep up with demand. Corn harvest was most advanced in the Southeast District, while many Panhandle producers were again hindered by snow late in the week. Other activities throughout the state included moving cattle to stalk fields, fall tillage, and applying fertilizer where conditions allowed.

both above year ago levels. Corn harvested was 48 percent complete, well behind last year's 66 and 21 days behind the average of 86.

Soybean harvest was 97 percent complete, behind last year's 100 and the 99 average.

Sorghum harvest was 44 percent complete, behind last year's 60 and 20 days behind the 87 average.

Winter wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 29 fair, 59 good, and 11 excellent, below last year's 82 percent good or excellent rating.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged six degrees above normal across the state and ranged from highs near 70 to lows in the teens. Except for the Panhandle, there were limited amounts of precipitation recorded.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending November 15, 2009

| Crop | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | Average |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | | | | |
| Corn Harvested | 48 | 30 | 66 | 86 |
| Sorghum Harvested | 44 | 27 | 60 | 87 |
| Soybeans Harvested | 97 | 90 | 100 | 99 |

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending November 15, 2009

| | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | Average |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| <i>Percent</i> | | | | |
| Topsoil | | | | |
| Very Short | 0 | 0 | 3 | 12 |
| Short | 2 | 2 | 10 | 27 |
| Adequate | 90 | 82 | 82 | 60 |
| Surplus | 8 | 16 | 5 | 1 |
| Subsoil | | | | |
| Very Short | 0 | 1 | 4 | 19 |
| Short | 6 | 8 | 16 | 30 |
| Adequate | 90 | 84 | 77 | 50 |
| Surplus | 4 | 7 | 3 | 1 |
| Days Suitable | 6.1 | 4.9 | 3.6 | 5.8 |

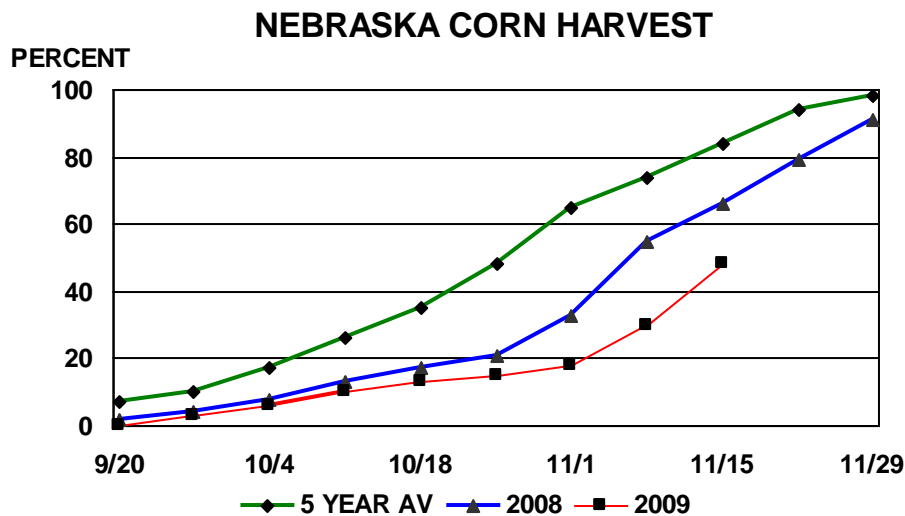
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending November 15, 2009

| Crop | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | | | | | |
| Corn | 2 | 6 | 13 | 53 | 26 |
| Winter Wheat | 0 | 1 | 29 | 59 | 11 |

Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 13 fair, 53 good, and 26 excellent, near last year's good or excellent rating. Irrigated fields rated 83 percent good or excellent while dryland fields rated 74,

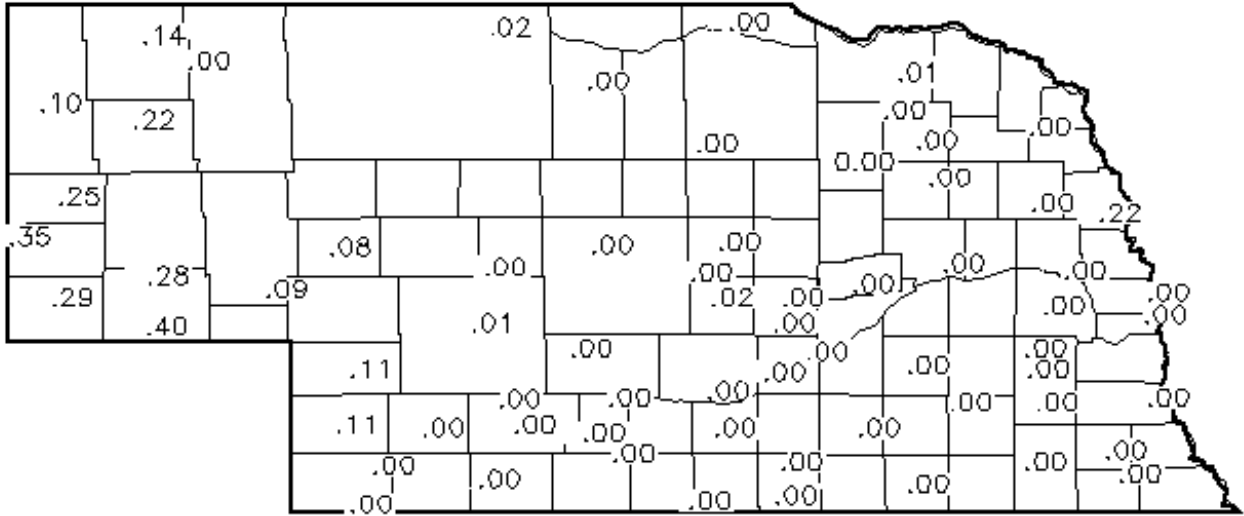
Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 60 good, and 15 excellent, above last year's good or excellent condition.

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



PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY
Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. November 15, 2009



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – November 15, 2009

| Item | NW | NC | NE | CEN | EC | SW | SC | SE |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total past week | .25 | .00 | .03 | .00 | .00 | .02 | .00 | .00 |
| Total since April 1 | 19.98 | 21.62 | 21.91 | 22.16 | 22.60 | 25.90 | 22.01 | 22.38 |
| Normal since April 1 | 14.03 | 18.21 | 22.16 | 20.31 | 23.99 | 17.19 | 19.97 | 25.05 |
| Total as % of normal | 142% | 119% | 98% | 108% | 94% | 150% | 111% | 89% |

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, November 15, 2009**

| Station | Temperature | | | | |
|---------|--------------|-----|---------|-----------|----|
| | Extremes | | Average | Departure | |
| | High | Low | | | |
| NW | Alliance | 67 | 17 | 38 | +1 |
| | Scottsbluff | 62 | 15 | 39 | +2 |
| | Sidney | 69 | 13 | 39 | +1 |
| NC | Ainsworth | 61 | 23 | 43 | +4 |
| | Arthur | 64 | 20 | 41 | +3 |
| | O'Neill | 61 | 24 | 44 | +5 |
| NE | Concord | 65 | 27 | 46 | +6 |
| | Elgin | 63 | 27 | 45 | +6 |
| | West Point | 65 | 28 | 46 | +6 |
| C | Grand Island | 68 | 28 | 47 | +8 |
| | Lexington | 63 | 27 | 44 | +6 |
| | Ord | 63 | 24 | 44 | +5 |
| EC | Central City | 70 | 26 | 46 | +7 |
| | Lincoln | 69 | 34 | 49 | +8 |
| | Mead | 67 | 29 | 46 | +5 |
| SW | Champion | 67 | 21 | 41 | +3 |
| | Dickens | 59 | 25 | 42 | +4 |
| | McCook | 66 | 26 | 45 | +6 |
| SC | Minden | 69 | 27 | 47 | +8 |
| | Red Cloud | 71 | 33 | 48 | +9 |
| | Smithfield | 64 | 29 | 45 | +7 |
| SE | Beatrice | 67 | 29 | 47 | +6 |
| | Clay Center | 69 | 30 | 47 | +8 |
| | Nemaha | 66 | 36 | 51 | +9 |

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