



# Nebraska Weather and Crops

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**Agricultural Summary:** For the week ending November 29, 2009, above normal temperatures, along with limited precipitation, allowed harvest to progress, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Corn harvest is over three quarters complete but is still over two weeks behind average. High grain moisture levels and inadequate drying capacity continue to slow harvest. Sorghum harvest is progressing but is nearly three weeks behind the average. Producers are applying anhydrous ammonia, completing fall tillage, and moving cattle to stalk fields as they become available.

**Weather Summary:** Temperatures averaged five degrees above normal across the state. Temperatures varied from highs in the high 60's to lows in the teens. Precipitation was limited with only the extreme southeast reporting over an inch of moisture.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:  
Nebraska, Week Ending November 29, 2009**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average <sup>1</sup>
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Topsoil</b>				
Very Short	0	0	3	
Short	4	3	17	
Adequate	91	92	78	
Surplus	5	5	2	
<b>Subsoil</b>				
Very Short	1	0	4	
Short	8	7	15	
Adequate	87	90	78	
Surplus	4	3	3	
<b>Days Suitable</b>	6.1	6.0	6.3	

<sup>1</sup> Data not available

**Field Crops Report:** Corn harvested was 78 percent complete, well behind last year's 90 and eighteen days behind the 96 average.

Sorghum harvest was 78 percent complete, well behind last year's 92 and twenty days behind the average of 98.

Winter wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 31 fair, 58 good, and 10 excellent, below last year's 77 percent good or excellent rating.

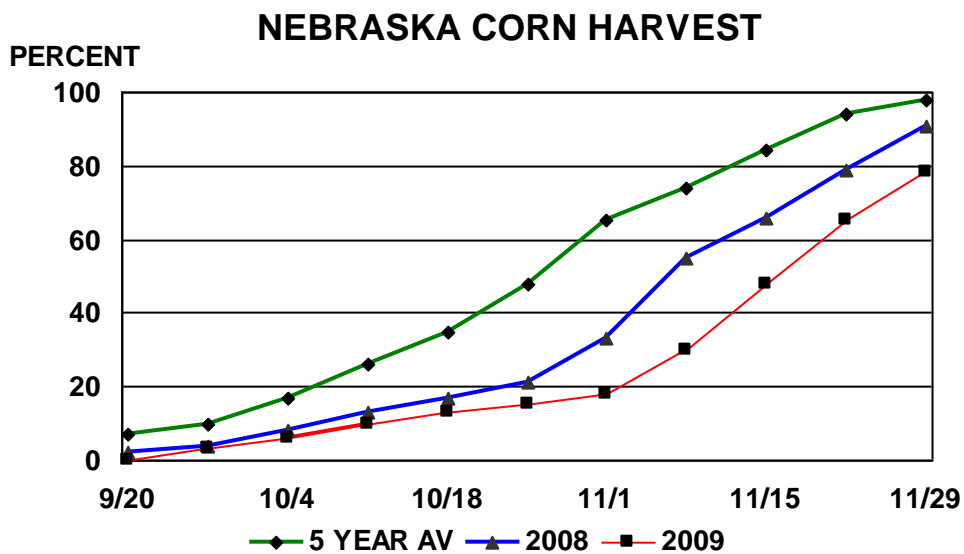
**Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending November 29, 2009**

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Corn Harvested	78	65	90	96
Sorghum Harvested	78	68	92	98

**Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending November 29, 2009**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	1	31	58	10

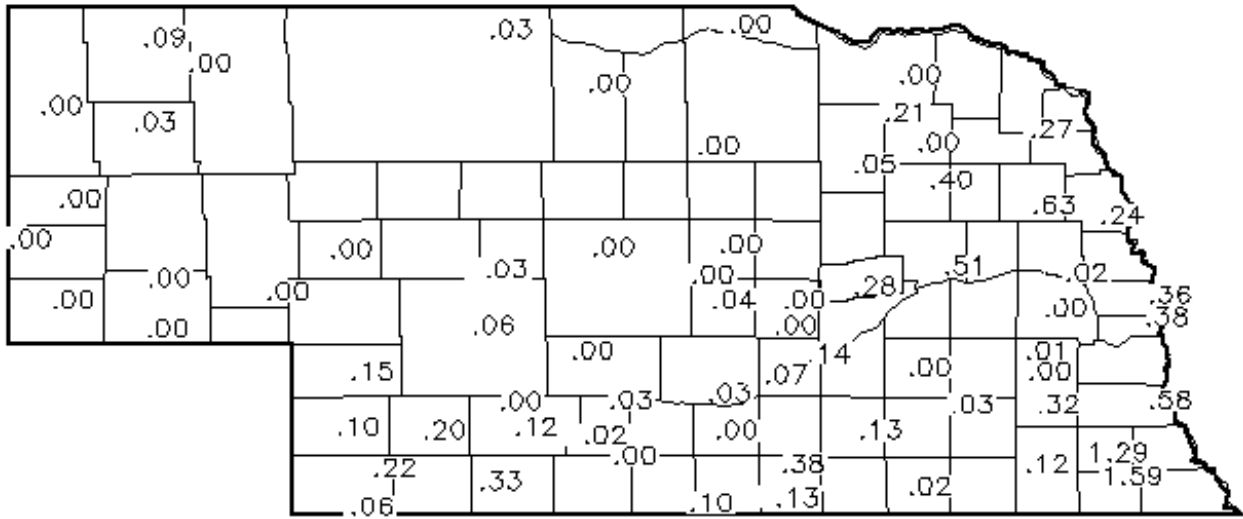
*This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: [http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/cmts\\_cur.htm](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/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 29, 2009**



**Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – November 29, 2009**

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.02	.00	.26	.03	.19	.14	.09	.59
Total since April 1	19.99	21.43	22.13	22.32	22.79	26.27	22.15	23.71
Normal since April 1	14.26	18.58	22.64	20.71	24.56	17.51	20.35	25.65
Total as % of normal	139%	116%	97%	107%	92%	149%	109%	92%

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,  
Week Ending Sunday, November 29, 2009**

	Station	Temperature			
		Extremes		Average	Departure
		High	Low		
NW	Alliance	64	16	35	+4
	Scottsbluff	69	15	36	+4
	Sidney	69	16	37	+6
NC	Ainsworth	63	16	37	+5
	Arthur	65	18	37	+5
	O'Neill	63	15	35	+3
NE	Concord	61	19	36	+4
	Elgin	69	20	39	+6
	West Point	61	20	38	+4
C	Grand Island	71	17	39	+6
	Lexington	72	14	38	+6
	Ord	71	13	37	+4
EC	Central City	69	18	39	+6
	Lincoln	68	24	41	+7
	Mead	64	19	38	+4
SW	Champion	74	20	37	+5
	Dickens	72	20	37	+5
	McCook	70	21	39	+7
SC	Minden	72	16	39	+6
	Red Cloud	68	17	39	+7
	Smithfield	71	16	38	+6
SE	Beatrice	65	20	39	+5
	Clay Center	70	17	39	+6
	Nemaha	66	25	43	+9

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