



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending December 6, 2009, clear conditions allowed harvest to move forward, but limited drying capacity continues to slow progress, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Long lines at elevators continue to be reported and deliveries of high moisture grain have been limited to keep up with drying demands. Producers in the southeastern third of the state are nearing completion, while the majority of the crop remaining to be harvested is in the western and northern counties.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged four degrees below normal across the state. Temperatures varied from lows below zero to highs in the low 60's. Precipitation was limited with snow being recorded in the Panhandle at midweek and across much of the south on Sunday.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending December 6, 2009**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year ¹	Average ¹
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	0	0		
Short	5	4		
Adequate	89	91		
Surplus	6	5		
Subsoil				
Very Short	1	1		
Short	7	8		
Adequate	89	87		
Surplus	3	4		
Days Suitable	5.8	6.1		

¹ Data not available

Field Crops Report: Corn harvested was 88 percent complete.

Sorghum harvest was 87 percent complete.

Winter wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 29 fair, 62 good, and 8 excellent.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending December 6, 2009

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year ¹	Average ¹
				<i>Percent</i>
Corn Harvested	88	78		
Sorghum Harvested	87	78		

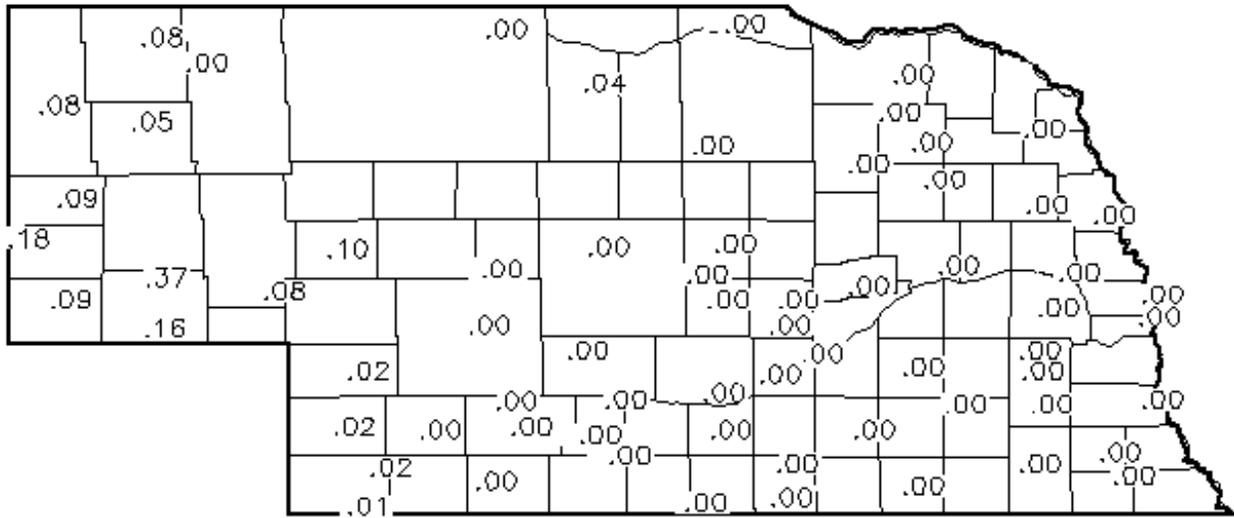
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Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending December 6, 2009

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	1	29	62	8

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

Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. December 6, 2009



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – December 6, 2009

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.14	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Total since April 1	20.19	21.43	22.13	22.36	22.84	26.27	22.19	23.65
Normal since April 1	14.39	18.76	22.85	20.89	24.80	17.65	20.51	25.90
Total as % of normal	140%	115%	96%	106%	92%	148%	109%	90%

Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, December 6, 2009

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	55	-6	19	-10
	Scottsbluff	58	-8	19	-10
	Sidney	59	-5	20	-9
NC	Ainsworth	58	7	25	-4
	Arthur	56	-3	23	-7
	O'Neill	59	9	25	-4
NE	Concord	57	9	24	-5
	Elgin	58	8	26	-4
	West Point	59	10	27	-3
C	Grand Island	57	8	26	-4
	Lexington	56	4	24	-5
	Ord	59	2	25	-5
EC	Central City	60	5	26	-3
	Lincoln	60	11	30	-1
	Mead	59	6	28	-3
SW	Champion	60	-1	23	-7
	Dickens	57	1	24	-5
	McCook	59	5	27	-3
SC	Minden	58	5	26	-4
	Red Cloud	57	5	27	-2
	Smithfield	55	4	25	-5
SE	Beatrice	59	7	28	-3
	Clay Center	58	6	26	-3
	Nemaha	62	11	32	+1

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