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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending May 9, 2010, favorable conditions allowed producers to progress with planting spring crops, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Significant corn planting occurred during the week with progress ahead of last year and four days ahead of average. Many producers in the east and south have now turned their attention to planting soybeans. Cooler temperatures have slowed growth of emerging crops and forages. Precipitation fell late in the week on the eastern two-thirds of the state. High winds dried soils but made herbicide application difficult. Feedlot conditions have improved. Freezing temperatures in western counties resulted in concern for the emerging sugarbeet crop. Other activities included planting of sorghum and moving cattle to spring pastures.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 7 degrees below normal for the week with temperatures dipping into the teens in the Panhandle. Highs for the state ranged from the upper 60s to mid 80s. All areas of the state except the Panhandle received precipitation with the Southeast District reporting close to one inch of moisture. Strong winds were prevalent across the state.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending May 9, 2010**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	0	0	0	3
Short	7	3	11	13
Adequate	89	92	83	77
Surplus	4	5	6	7
Subsoil				
Very Short	0	0	5	8
Short	4	2	12	21
Adequate	92	93	81	68
Surplus	4	5	2	3
Days Suitable	5.3	4.6	4.8	4.7

Field Crops Report: Corn planting progressed to 78 percent complete statewide. This was a day ahead of the 74 last year and four days ahead of the 65 average. Corn emerged was 16 percent complete, which was near last year's 17 but ahead of the 14 average.

Soybean planting was 26 percent complete, which was the same as last year, but a week ahead of the 15 average. The first soybean fields have begun to emerge.

Sorghum planting was 8 percent complete, ahead of last year's 6 and ahead of 5 average.

Wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 5 poor, 25 fair, 62 good, and 8 excellent, below the 74 percent good or excellent of last year but above the 61 average. Wheat jointed was at 55 percent, behind last year's 61 and 64 average.

Oats conditions rated 11 percent fair, 72 good, and 17 excellent. Oats planted was 99 percent ahead of last year's 98 and 96 average. Oats emerged was 83 percent, behind last year's 91 but ahead of the 79 average.

Alfalfa rated 1 percent poor, 10 fair, 74 good, and 15 excellent. Conditions were above last year's 74 percent good or excellent condition and 63 average. First cutting of alfalfa was 3 percent complete.

Wild Hay conditions rated 1 percent poor, 11 fair, 76 good, and 12 excellent.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending May 9, 2010

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 1 st Cutting	3	0	0	0
Corn Planted	78	48	74	65
Corn Emerged	16	3	17	14
Oats Planted	99	93	98	96
Oats Emerged	83	65	91	79
Soybeans Planted	26	8	26	15
Soybeans Emerged	1	0	0	0
Sorghum Planted	8	1	6	5
Wheat Jointed	55	30	61	64

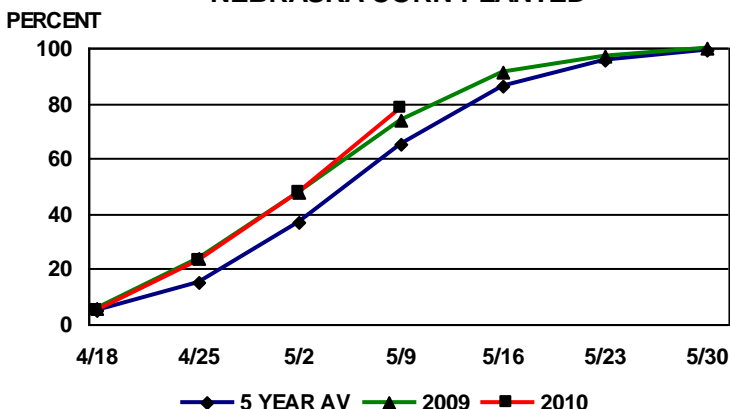
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending May 9, 2010

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	0	1	10	74	15
Oats	0	0	11	72	17
Wheat	0	5	25	62	8
Wild Hay	0	1	11	76	12

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 12 fair, 75 good, and 12 excellent, well above last year's 71 good and excellent and 61 average.

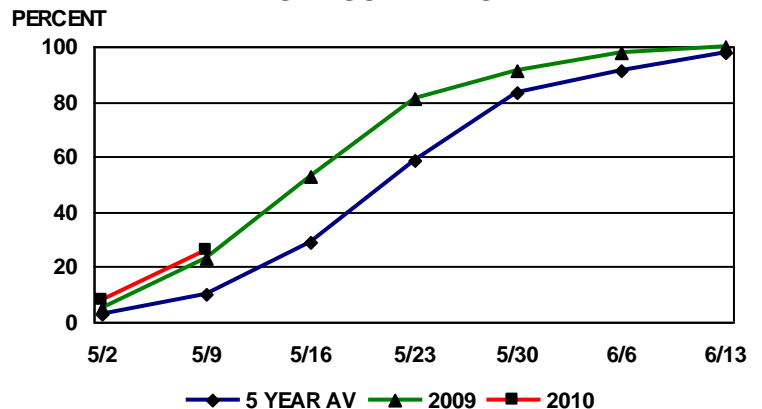
This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/cmts_cur.htm

NEBRASKA CORN PLANTED



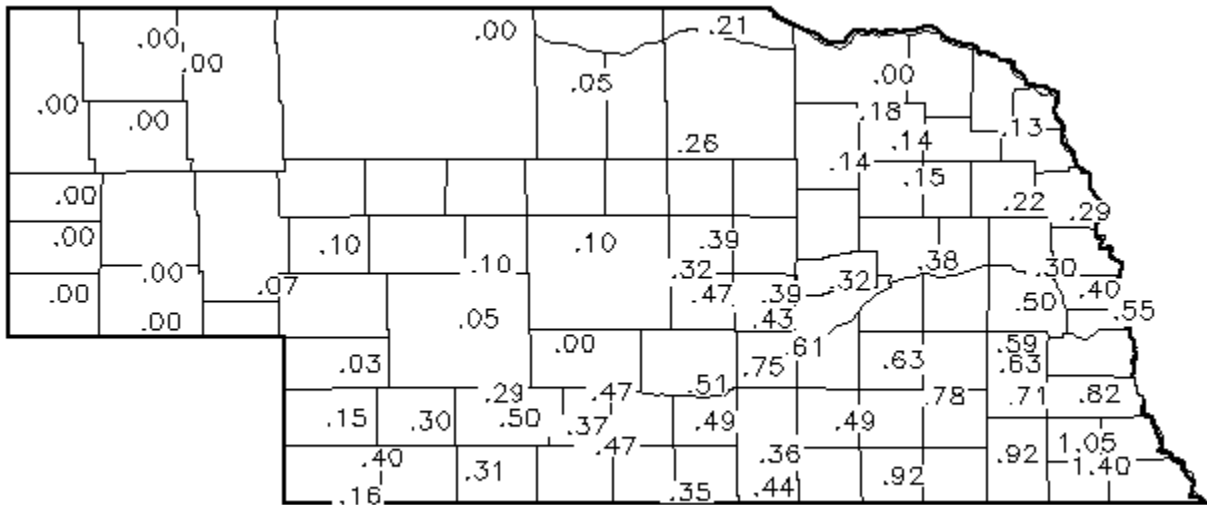
PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY
Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

NEBRASKA SOYBEANS PLANTED



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Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. May 9, 2010



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – May 9, 2010

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	0.00	.15	.15	.37	.55	.27	.42	.89
Total since April 1	3.41	2.97	2.54	2.65	3.31	3.12	4.43	4.01
Normal since April 1	2.60	2.97	3.67	3.46	3.85	2.81	3.11	3.90
Total as % of normal	132%	100%	69%	76%	86%	110%	143%	102%

**Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, May 9, 2010**

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15			
	Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal	
	High	Low						
NW	Alliance	67	19	44	-11	31	110	190
	Scottsbluff	71	21	46	-9	39	132	189
	Sidney	70	23	46	-10	40	128	200
NC	Ainsworth	66	27	47	-10	31	134	207
	Arthur	70	24	47	-10	37	129	207
	O'Neill	69	31	48	-10	31	144	210
NE	Concord	81	32	49	-10	38	175	213
	Elgin	81	31	50	-8	39	157	213
	West Point	86	33	51	-8	49	199	219
C	Grand Island	86	32	53	-5	55	200	213
	Lexington	81	28	50	-7	54	177	211
	Ord	78	28	49	-9	45	178	211
EC	Central City	87	31	53	-5	58	219	215
	Lincoln	83	37	55	-5	59	232	225
	Mead	85	35	53	-7	56	221	224
SW	Champion	80	27	49	-8	56	164	208
	Dickens	78	27	49	-8	51	152	209
	McCook	79	30	51	-6	59	190	211
SC	Minden	84	32	53	-5	58	209	212
	Red Cloud	81	32	54	-4	59	216	215
	Smithfield	81	29	51	-6	51	169	212
SE	Beatrice	82	35	54	-6	56	220	225
	Clay Center	82	31	53	-5	57	206	214
	Nemaha	84	39	57	-3	66	260	226

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