



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending October 10, 2010, warm, dry conditions allowed producers to make significant harvest progress, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Soybean harvest jumped to over two-thirds complete and corn was near 30 percent harvested, both well ahead of last year. In western counties dry bean and proso millet harvest were nearing completion, ahead of last year. Sugarbeet harvest was slowed due to the warmer weather. Winter wheat seeding was complete in all but southeastern counties, however, dry soils in the Panhandle have lead to spotty emergence. Grasshopper damage has caused early use of some winter range.

Weather Summary: Light precipitation fell late in the week in the western half of the state. The Panhandle averaged the most moisture at .34 of an inch. Temperatures averaged 5 degrees above normal across Nebraska. High temperatures reached the low 90's in the eastern half of the state and mid to upper 80's for the western half of the state. Lows were recorded in the mid 30's to lower 40's.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending October 10, 2010**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	11	11	1	8
Short	38	32	10	24
Adequate	51	56	87	65
Surplus	0	1	2	3
Subsoil				
Very Short	4	2	2	16
Short	33	33	16	27
Adequate	63	64	82	56
Surplus	0	1	0	1
Days Suitable	6.8	6.7	3.9	5.3

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 15 fair, 57 good, and 23 excellent, above a year ago. Irrigated fields were 81 percent good or excellent and dryland fields rated 78. Corn mature was at 94 percent, ahead of 74 percent last year and 86 average. Corn harvest was 29 percent complete, ahead of 9 last year and 21 average.

Soybean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 16 fair, 57 good, and 22 excellent, below last year. Acreage dropping leaves was 98 percent, ahead of 94 last year and 97 average. Soybeans harvested was 71 percent, well ahead of 42 last year and 54 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 2 percent poor, 23 fair, 57 good, and 18 excellent, below last year. Sorghum mature was 89 percent, well ahead of last year's 57 and 77 average. Sorghum harvested was 15 percent, ahead of 5 last year and 14 average.

Winter wheat seeding was 95 percent complete, ahead of 91 last year and 92 average. Winter wheat emerged was 68 percent, ahead of last year's 65 but behind 70 average.

Dry beans harvested was 96 percent, ahead of 90 last year and 87 average.

Proso millet harvest was at 87 percent, ahead of 60 last year and 79 average.

The fourth cutting of alfalfa progressed to 85 percent, behind 86 last year but ahead of 84 average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 10, 2010

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	85	83	86	84
Corn Mature	94	90	74	86
Corn Harvested	29	18	9	21
Dry Beans Harvested	96	83	90	87
Proso Millet Harvested	87	72	60	79
Sorghum Mature	89	76	57	77
Sorghum Harvested	15	6	5	14
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	98	92	94	97
Soybeans Harvested	71	32	42	54
Winter Wheat Seeded	95	81	91	92
Winter Wheat Emerged	68	44	65	70

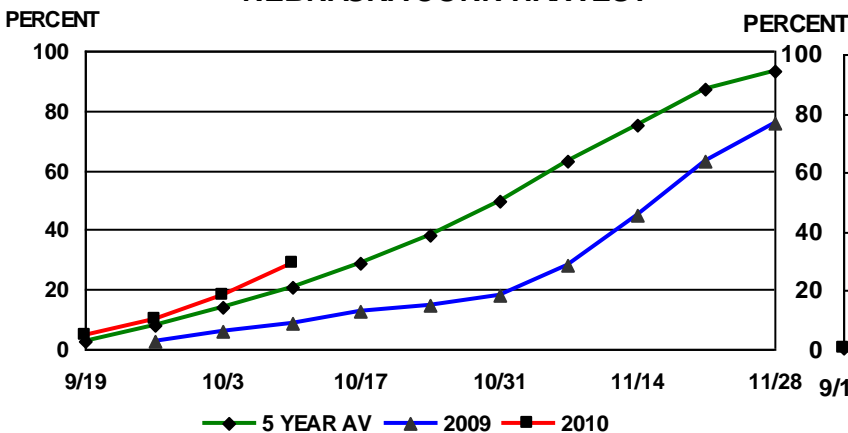
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 10, 2010

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	1	4	15	57	23
Sorghum	0	2	23	57	18
Soybeans	1	4	16	57	22

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 23 fair, 65 good, and 8 excellent, above year ago levels.

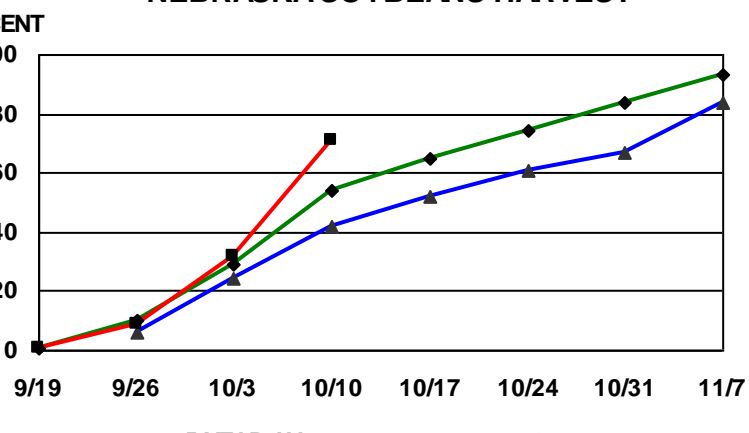
This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/cmts_cur.htm

NEBRASKA CORN HARVEST



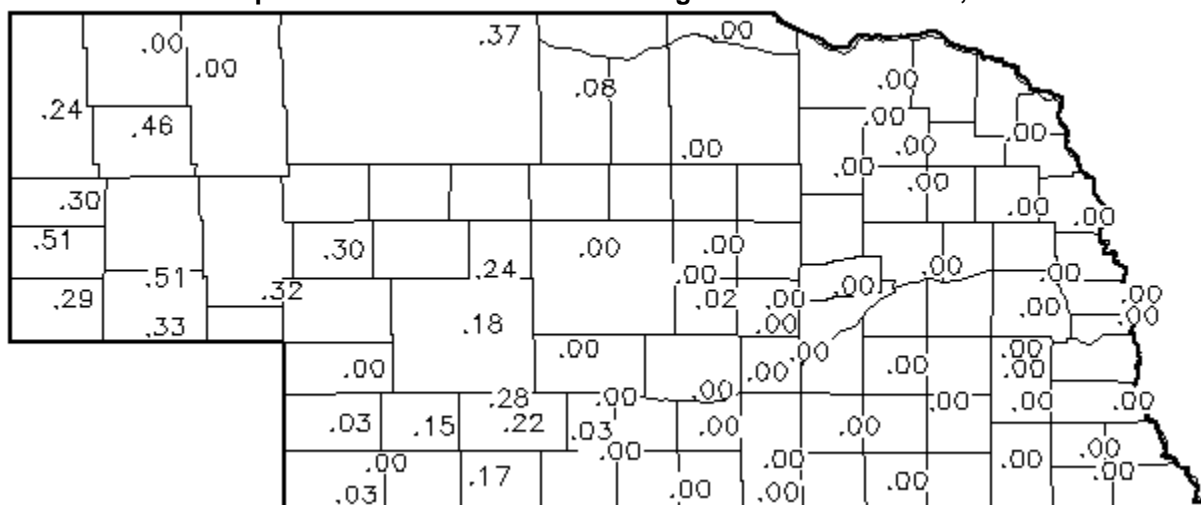
PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY
Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

NEBRASKA SOYBEANS HARVEST



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Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. October 10, 2010



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – October 10, 2010

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	0.34	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.02	0.00
Total since April 1	14.03	22.36	27.09	24.05	27.53	18.62	24.45	24.54
Normal since April 1	13.16	16.91	20.35	18.90	21.88	16.12	18.62	22.82
Total as % of normal	106%	131%	133%	127%	125%	115%	130%	107%

Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, October 10, 2010

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15		
	Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal
	High	Low					
NW Alliance	84	40	59	+6	2448	2532	2822
Scottsbluff	85	40	59	+6	2664	2752	2806
Sidney	82	38	59	+5	2639	2725	2932
NC Ainsworth	91	42	61	+6	2783	2873	3065
Arthur	83	39	59	+4	2572	2654	3017
O'Neill	90	39	60	+5	2811	2903	3113
NE Concord	90	34	60	+4	2840	2931	3237
Elgin	91	39	62	+6	2904	3000	3168
West Point	92	33	61	+3	3084	3178	3329
C Grand Island	90	40	62	+6	3123	3222	3122
Lexington	89	40	60	+5	2946	3038	3077
Ord	90	36	59	+3	2915	3005	3112
EC Central City	92	37	62	+6	3142	3245	3175
Lincoln	92	42	64	+6	3435	3540	3420
Mead	92	37	62	+4	3219	3321	3418
SW Champion	85	38	59	+4	2843	2936	3034
Dickens	87	37	60	+4	2768	2856	3047
McCook	91	42	62	+7	3142	3243	3065
SC Minden	91	39	62	+7	3141	3244	3092
Red Cloud	91	40	63	+6	3279	3377	3151
Smithfield	89	41	60	+5	2930	3021	3082
SE Beatrice	91	38	62	+4	3314	3413	3420
Clay Center	90	38	61	+5	3129	3227	3151
Nemaha	92	39	65	+7	3567	3678	3420

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