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Agricultural **Summary:** For the week ending October 17, 2010, little to no rain fell for the third week in a row allowing producers to advance harvest well ahead of the five year averages, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Soybean harvest progressed to 89 percent complete and corn reached the half way point, both two weeks or more ahead of average. Long lines and available storage at elevators caused some harvest bottlenecks for producers. Sorghum harvest was advancing with dry bean and proso millet harvests nearing completion. The last of the winter wheat fields were being seeded but the lack of rain is slowing emergence.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 2 degrees above normal across Nebraska. High temperatures reached the upper 80's in the Southwest District and upper 70's to low 80's for the rest of the state. Lows were recorded in the mid 20's in the Southwest District, giving the region its first hard freeze. Light precipitation fell early in the week in the southern two-thirds of the state. The South Central District averaged the most moisture but was limited to .15 of an inch.

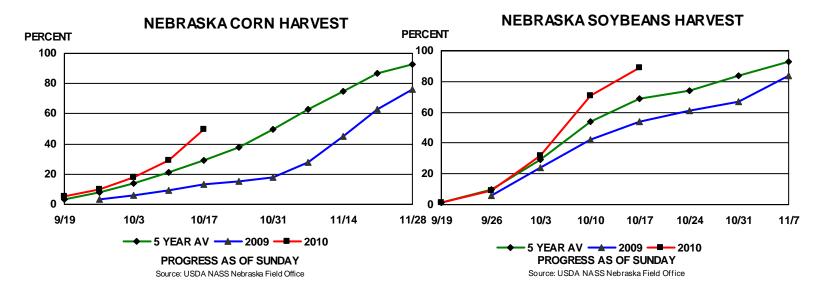
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:

Nebraska, Week Ending October 17, 2010								
	This	Last	Last	Aver-				
	Week	Week	Year	Age				
		Percent						
Topsoil								
Very Short	10	11	1	6				
Short	43	38	7	18				
Adequate	47	51	88	69				
Surplus	0	0	4	6				
Subsoil								
Very Short	4	4	2	13				
Short	35	33	15	26				
Adequate	61	63	82	59				
Surplus	0	0	1	2				
Days Suitable	6.7	6.8	2.6	4.0				

Field Crops Report: Corn harvest was 50 percent complete, well ahead of 13 last year and 29 average.

Soybeans harvested was 89 percent, well ahead of 54 last year and 69 average.

Sorghum mature was 94 percent, well ahead of last year's 74 and 85 average. Sorghum harvested was 28 percent, ahead of 7 last year and 24 average.



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Winter wheat seeding was 98 percent complete, ahead of 95 last year and 96 average. Winter wheat emerged was 81 percent, ahead of last year's 76 but near 82 average.

Dry beans harvested was 98 percent, ahead of 92 last year and 94 average.

Proso millet harvest was at 93 percent, ahead of 63 last year and 83 average.

The fourth cutting of alfalfa progressed to 91 percent, ahead of 89 last year and near 92 average.

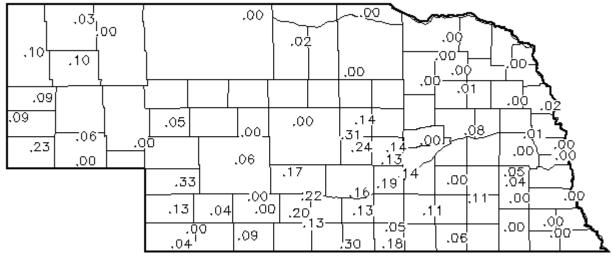
Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 17, 2010

Crer	This	Last	Last	Aver-
Crop	Week	Week	Year	age
	Percent			
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	91	85	89	92
Corn Harvested	50	29	13	29
Dry Beans Harvested	98	96	92	94
Proso Millet Harvested	93	87	63	83
Sorghum Mature	94	89	74	85
Sorghum Harvested	28	15	7	24
Soybeans Harvested	89	71	54	69
Winter Wheat Seeded	98	95	95	96
Winter Wheat Emerged	81	68	76	82

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 25 fair, 64 good, and 6 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: <u>http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publicatio</u> <u>ns/Crop_Progress & Condition/cmts_cur.htm</u>

Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. October 17, 2010



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – October 17, 2010

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.04	0.10	0.15	0.04
Total since April 1	14.16	22.36	27.03	24.18	27.57	18.73	24.60	25.02
Normal since April 1	13.37	17.23	20.77	19.22	22.38	16.36	18.94	23.34
Total as % of normal	106%	128%	130%	125%	122%	114%	129%	107%

Temperature: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, October 17, 2010

		Temperature					
	Station	Extr	remes	Aueroaa	Durit		
		High	Low	Average	Departure		
NW	Alliance	82	29	53	+3		
	Scottsbluff	81	32	54	+3		
	Sidney	83	31	54	+3		
NC	Ainsworth	84	33	54	+2		
	Arthur	84	30	53	+1		
	O'Neill	78	28	53	0		
NE	Concord	76	33	53	0		
	Elgin	76	37	55	+2		
	West Point	74	34	55	+1		
С	Grand Island	78	31	55	+2		
	Lexington	81	32	54	+1		
	Ord	79	27	52	-1		
EC	Central City	78	29	55	+1		
	Lincoln	77	36	58	+3		
	Mead	77	32	56	+1		
SW	Champion	87	26	53	0		
	Dickens	84	29	53	+1		
	McCook	87	30	55	+3		
SC	Minden	80	32	55	+2		
	Red Cloud	79	35	58	+4		
	Smithfield	80	33	54	+2		
SE	Beatrice	79	34	58	+2		
	Clay Center	77	34	55	+2		
	Nemaha	81	41	62	+6		

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