

Nebraska Weather and Crops



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Agricultural **Summary:** For the week ending October 24, 2010, weather conditions have allowed producers to make excellent harvest progress for the fourth week in a row, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Soybean harvest neared completion at 96 percent, approximately two weeks ahead of average. Corn harvest jumped to 74 percent complete, about 3 weeks ahead of average. Crops are drying down in the field saving producers on drying costs. Harvested fields were beginning to get worked up as well as some fertilizer applications being made. Rangeland is starting to show some stress due to the dry conditions.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 4 degrees above normal across Nebraska. High temperatures reached the mid to upper 70's across the state while lows were recorded in the upper 20's to low 30's. Light precipitation fell late in the week mostly in the western two-thirds of the state and the far southeast counties. The North Central District averaged the most moisture at over .5 of an inch.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending October 24, 2010

Nedraska, week Ending October 24, 2010								
	This	Last	Last	Aver-				
	Week	Week	Year	Age				
		Percent						
Topsoil								
Very Short	12	10	0	6				
Short	50	43	4	16				
Adequate	38	47	82	68				
Surplus	0	0	14	10				
Subsoil								
Very Short	5	4	1	14				
Short	37	35	12	24				
Adequate	57	61	81	59				
Surplus	1	0	5	4				
Days Suitable	6.5	6.7	1.7	3.7				

Field Crops Report: Corn harvest was 74 percent complete, well ahead of 15 last year and 38 average.

Soybeans harvested was 96 percent, well ahead of 62 last year and 78 average.

Sorghum mature was 95 percent, ahead of last year's 86 and 91 average. Sorghum harvested was 52 percent, well ahead of 8 last year and 34 average.

Winter wheat conditions rated 7 percent poor, 53 fair, 36 good, and 4 excellent. Winter wheat emerged was 91 percent, ahead of last year's 85 but equal to average.

Proso millet harvest was at 96 percent, ahead of 65 last year and 89 average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 24, 2010

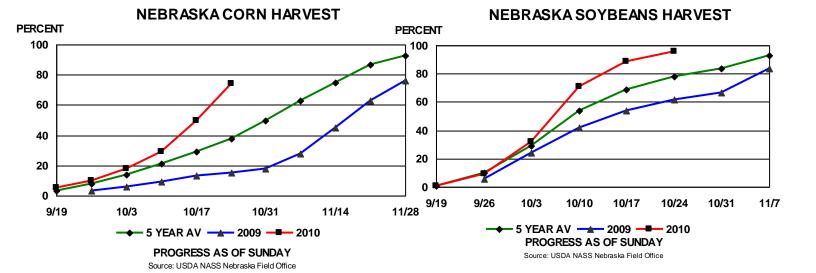
Cron	This	Last	Last	Aver-
Crop	Week	Week	Year	age
	Percent			
Corn Harvested	74	50	15	38
Proso Millet Harvested	96	93	65	89
Sorghum Mature	95	94	86	91
Sorghum Harvested	52	28	8	34
Soybeans Harvested	96	89	62	78
Winter Wheat Emerged	91	81	85	91

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 24, 2010

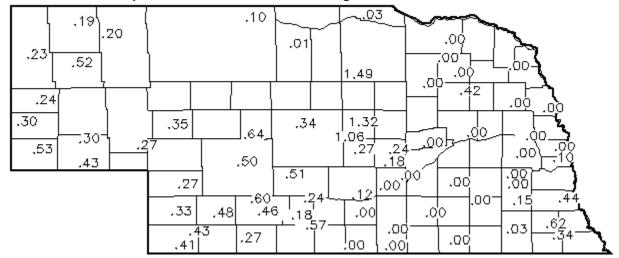
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel- Lent
			Percent		
Wheat	0	7	53	36	4

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 26 fair, 60 good, and 8 excellent, near 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



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. October 24, 2010



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 - October 24, 2010

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Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	0.31	0.57	0.05	0.39	0.02	0.39	0.20	0.18
Total since April 1	14.47	22.97	27.28	24.81	27.64	19.05	24.84	25.32
Normal since April 1	13.55	17.51	21.17	19.51	22.86	16.58	19.23	23.84
Total as % of normal	107%	129%	129%	127%	120%	114%	128%	105%

Temperature: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, October 24, 2010

			nday, October 24,	emperature		
	Station	Extr	remes			
Station		High	Low	Average	Departure	
NW	Alliance	75	30	49	+1	
	Scottsbluff	78	28	49	+2	
	Sidney	74	32	49	0	
NC	Ainsworth	74	29	52	+3	
	Arthur	72	35	51	+2	
	O'Neill	76	28	52	+2	
NE	Concord	75	28	53	+2	
	Elgin	73	31	54	+4	
	West Point	76	29	53	+2	
С	Grand Island	77	30	54	+4	
	Lexington	77	31	54	+4	
	Ord	75	23	51	+2	
EC	Central City	77	27	54	+4	
	Lincoln	78	33	57	+5	
	Mead	79	29	55	+3	
SW	Champion	76	26	52	+2	
	Dickens	75	32	53	+3	
	McCook	79	28	55	+5	
SC	Minden	78	31	55	+5	
	Red Cloud	77	35	58	+7	
	Smithfield	75	33	54	+5	
SE	Beatrice	78	33	57	+5	
	Clay Center	77	31	55	+5	
	Nemaha	78	36	60	+8	

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