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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending November 7, 2010, producers neared completion of fall harvest as warm, dry conditions allowed progress to continue at an above average pace, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn harvest reached 94 percent complete, three weeks ahead of average. The last time there was more corn harvested by this date was in the year 2000. Likewise, sorghum harvest was well above average pace at 92 percent complete. Fall field work such as fertilizer application and tillage has slowed somewhat due to dry soils. Most of the western half of the state has recorded less than one inch of precipitation during the last 45 days. Winter wheat conditions continued well below average due to the lack of precipitation.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 4 degrees above normal across the state. Unseasonably warm readings reached the low 80's while lows were more fall-like and fell into the teens. The Southwest District recorded both the coolest and warmest temperatures for the week in Nebraska. Only a trace of rain was recorded in the North Central and Northeast Districts.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending November 7, 2010

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	15	15	0	8
Short	48	48	2	19
Adequate	37	37	81	68
Surplus	0	0	17	5
Subsoil				
Very Short	9	8	1	13
Short	34	35	8	24
Adequate	57	57	84	61
Surplus	0	0	7	2
Days Suitable	6.8	6.2	4.5	6.0

Field Crops Report: Corn harvest was 94 percent complete, well ahead of 28 last year and 66 average. Most of the corn remaining for harvest was in the western half of the state.

Sorghum harvested was 92 percent, well ahead of 24 last year and 66 average.

Winter wheat conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 9 poor, 46 fair, 38 good, and 6 excellent, well below last year. Winter wheat emerged was 97 percent, equal to last year, but behind 99 average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending November 7, 2010

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
				<i>Percent</i>
Corn Harvested	94	88	28	66
Sorghum Harvested	92	78	24	66
Winter Wheat Emerged	97	92	97	99

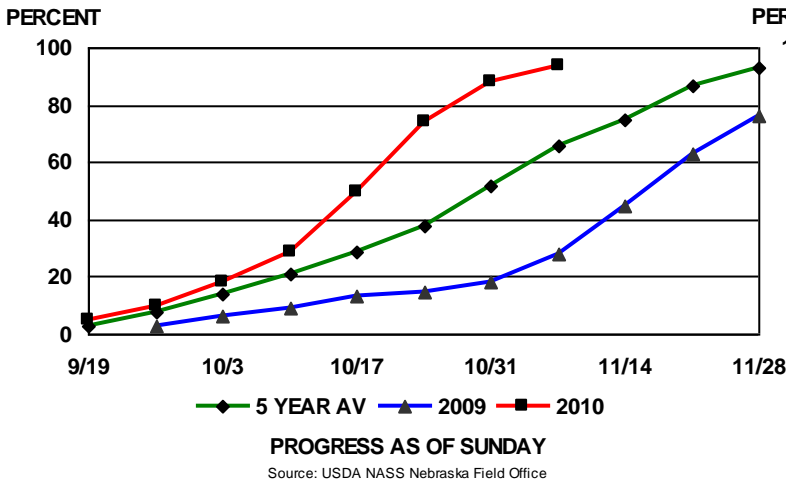
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending November 7, 2010

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
					<i>Percent</i>
Wheat	1	9	46	38	6

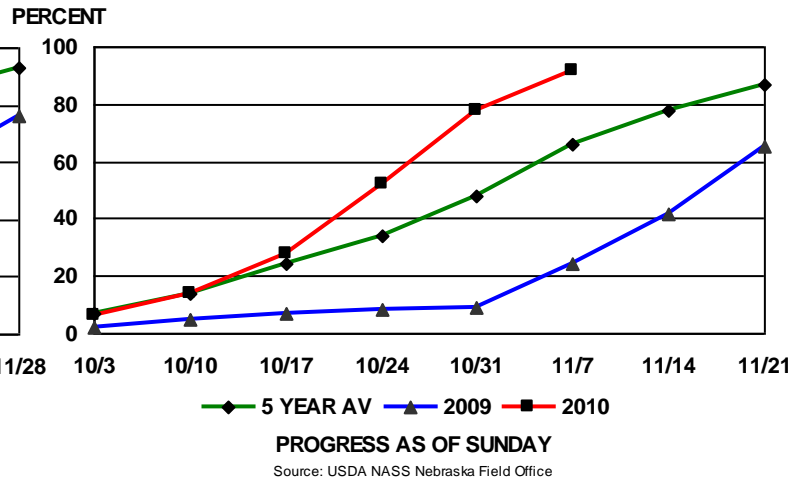
Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 29 fair, 59 good, and 5 excellent, below year ago levels.

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

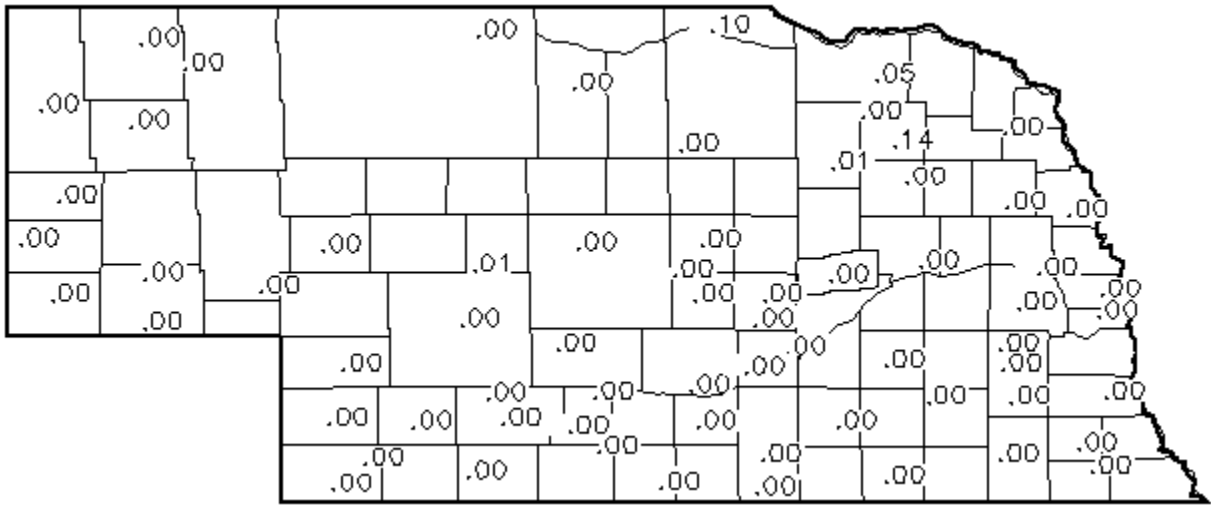
NEBRASKA CORN HARVEST



NEBRASKA SORGHUM HARVEST



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. November 7, 2010



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – November 7, 2010

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total since April 1	14.52	23.85	27.62	25.01	27.95	19.12	24.94	25.36
Normal since April 1	13.86	17.99	21.86	20.04	23.65	16.99	19.73	24.68
Total as % of normal	105%	131%	126%	124%	118%	112%	126%	102%

Temperature: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, November 7, 2010

	Station	Temperature			
		Extremes		Average	Departure
		High	Low		
NW	Alliance	77	20	48	+7
	Scottsbluff	78	20	48	+7
	Sidney	79	21	49	+8
NC	Ainsworth	83	23	50	+8
	Arthur	79	23	49	+8
	O'Neill	76	23	49	+6
NE	Concord	73	21	46	+2
	Elgin	76	27	48	+5
	West Point	73	21	46	+2
C	Grand Island	73	17	46	+4
	Lexington	75	18	46	+4
	Ord	74	17	46	+4
EC	Central City	75	17	46	+3
	Lincoln	75	26	49	+4
	Mead	75	20	46	0
SW	Champion	83	15	46	+4
	Dickens	78	19	47	+5
	McCook	84	17	48	+6
SC	Minden	76	19	46	+4
	Red Cloud	76	19	48	+5
	Smithfield	75	20	47	+4
SE	Beatrice	74	20	47	+1
	Clay Center	73	20	45	+2
	Nemaha	74	25	49	+4

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