



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending May 8, 2011, favorable conditions allowed producers to make significant progress planting spring crops, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Substantial corn planting occurred during the week with over 50 percent planted and progress now near the 5 year average. Many producers in the east and south have now turned their attention to planting soybeans. Strong winds dried soils and made herbicide application difficult. Freezing temperatures in western counties resulted in the need to replant some sugarbeet acres. Ranchers were repairing fences and working cattle.

Weather Summary: Highs for the week occurred on Sunday and reached the low 90's. Freezing temperatures were reported early in the week with lows in the mid 20's. Temperatures averaged 2 degrees below normal across the northern half of the state and were near normal elsewhere. Only trace amounts of precipitation fell across the state. Strong winds were once again prevalent.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending May 8, 2011**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	2	0	0	2
Short	25	10	6	11
Adequate	72	86	89	79
Surplus	1	4	4	8
Subsoil				
Very Short	1	2	0	5
Short	26	22	4	17
Adequate	71	74	92	74
Surplus	2	2	4	4
Days Suitable	6.4	3.5	5.2	4.5

Field Crops Report: Corn planting advanced to 57 percent complete, well behind last year's 74 but only two days behind 62 average. Corn emerged was 4 percent compared to 14 last year and 12 average.

Soybean planting was 15 percent complete, behind 23 last year but near 14 average.

Sorghum planting was underway at 7 percent, equal to last year and ahead of 4 average.

Wheat conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 13 poor, 39 fair, 41 good, and 5 excellent, below last year's 71 percent good to excellent and 63 average. Wheat jointed was 45 percent, behind last year's 51 and 56 average.

Oats planted were at 95 percent, behind last year's 98 and equal to average. Oats emerged was at 62 percent, behind 80 last year and 75 average.

Alfalfa rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 23 fair, 69 good, and 6 excellent, below last year's 89 percent good to excellent.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending May 8, 2011

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Corn Planted	57	15	74	62
Corn Emerged	4	1	14	12
Oats Planted	95	81	98	95
Oats Emerged	62	46	80	75
Sorghum Planted	7		7	4
Soybeans Planted	15	1	23	14
Wheat Jointed	45	26	51	56

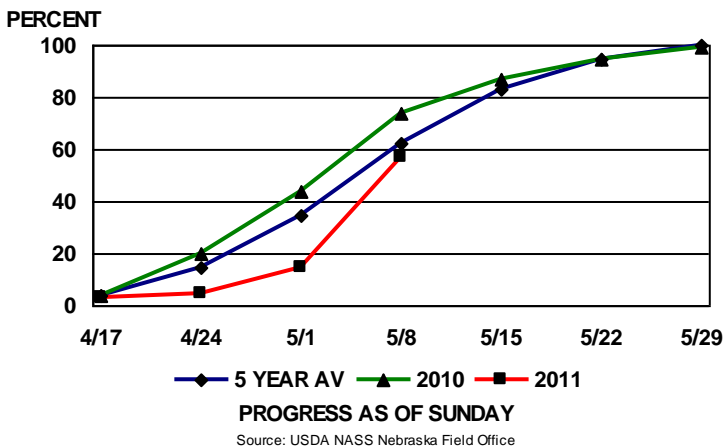
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending May 8, 2011

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	0	2	23	69	6
Wheat	2	13	39	41	5

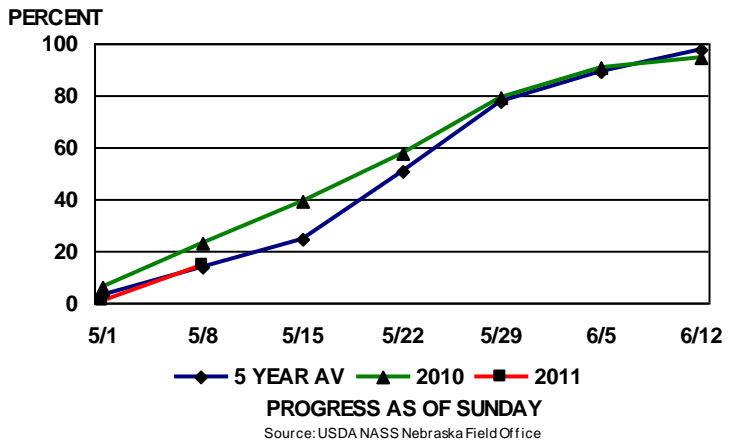
Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 6 poor, 30 fair, 59 good, and 5 excellent, well below last year's 87 good to excellent but near 68 average.

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/NEcurrent.asp

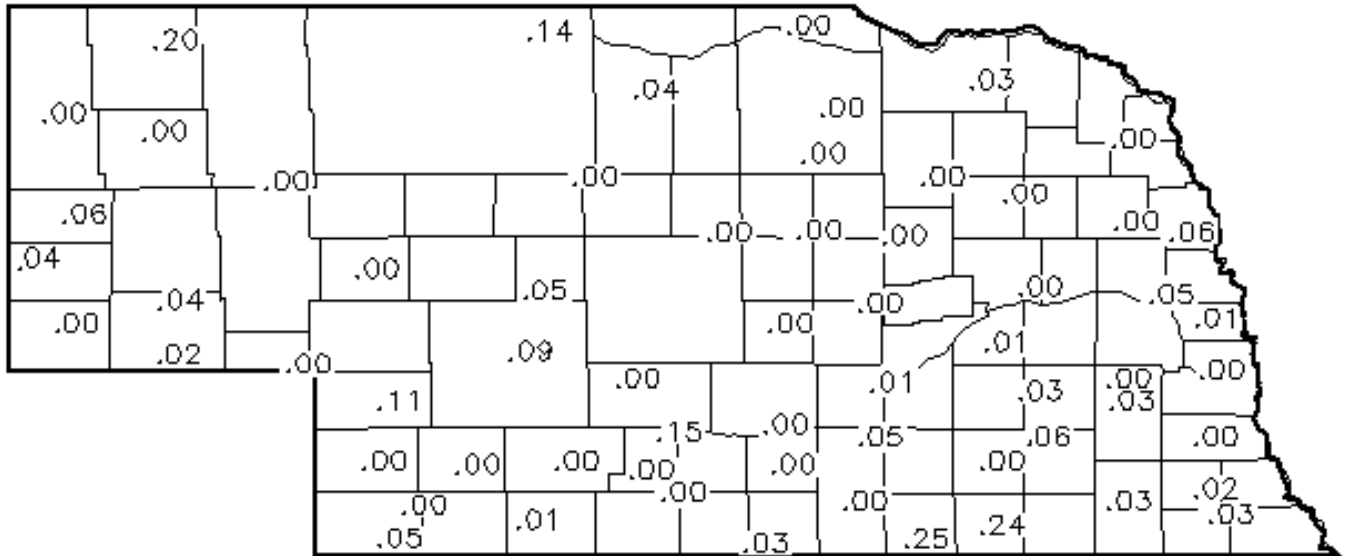
NEBRASKA CORN PLANTED



NEBRASKA SOYBEANS PLANTED



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. May 8, 2011



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, May 2 – May 8, 2011

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.04	.02	.01	.00	.02	.03	.02	.06
Total since April 1	2.54	2.45	3.57	3.14	3.48	2.42	3.32	3.30
Normal since April 1	2.50	2.96	3.57	3.41	3.70	2.70	3.14	3.82
Total as % of normal	103%	82%	100%	92%	94%	90%	104%	85%

**Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, May 8, 2011**

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15			
	Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal	
	High	Low						
NW	Alliance	86	24	51	-3	47	112	181
	Scottsbluff	89	28	54	0	63	132	180
	Sidney	86	23	52	-4	54	122	190
NC	Ainsworth	87	28	55	-2	47	118	197
	Arthur	89	25	54	-3	49	121	197
	O'Neill	85	28	55	-2	49	120	200
NE	Concord	83	28	54	-4	49	120	202
	Elgin	87	30	56	-1	46	123	203
	West Point	85	26	56	-3	56	134	208
C	Grand Island	92	32	59	+2	70	158	203
	Lexington	90	28	57	0	74	156	201
	Ord	88	24	55	-2	69	147	201
EC	Central City	90	26	58	+1	74	165	205
	Lincoln	87	35	60	0	84	174	214
	Mead	87	30	58	-2	78	167	214
SW	Champion	91	25	53	-3	74	156	198
	Dickens	88	28	55	-2	64	140	199
	McCook	95	32	59	+2	96	187	200
SC	Minden	92	29	59	+2	84	177	202
	Red Cloud	89	31	60	+2	91	183	204
	Smithfield	90	30	57	0	66	146	201
SE	Beatrice	88	32	59	-1	90	183	214
	Clay Center	90	33	59	+1	79	169	204
	Nemaha	90	36	63	+3	108	212	215

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