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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending October 16, 2011, soybean harvest remained the focus of field activities with progress on pace with last year and two weeks ahead of average, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Corn and sorghum harvest continued to advance with progress near average. Some producers in central counties who were kept out of fields last week due to heavy rains were able to return to harvest late in the week. Sugarbeet harvest was in full swing while dry bean and proso millet harvests were winding down. Seeding of the wheat crop neared completion with most of the crop having emerged. Cattle were being moved to stalks as fields became available.

Winter Wheat seeded was 95 percent, near 98 last year and 96 average. Wheat emerged was 85 percent, ahead of 79 last year and 80 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 17 fair, 59 good, and 19 excellent, near 77 percent good to excellent last week. Sorghum mature was 91 percent, near 93 last year but ahead of 84 average. Sorghum harvested was 21 percent, behind 26 last year but ahead of 19 average.

Proso Millet harvest was 90 percent, near 92 last year but ahead of 83 average.

Dry Beans harvest was 96 percent, near 98 last year and 95 average.

The fourth cutting of alfalfa was at 95 percent, ahead of 90 last year and 91 average.

Weather Summary: Temperatures for the week averaged near normal in the west but 1 to 3 degrees above normal in the east. High temperatures reached the 80's and lows were mainly in the 30's. Most of the rain during the week fell in the eastern half of the state. The Central and East Central Districts received the most rain while Panhandle and South West Districts were relatively dry.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 16, 2011

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	95	89	90	91
Corn Mature	93	88	99	90
Corn Harvested	30	19	47	28
Dry Beans Harvested	96	94	98	95
Proso Millet Harvested	90	82	92	83
Sorghum Mature	91	84	93	84
Sorghum Harvested	21	15	26	19
Soybeans Harvested	84	63	86	67
Winter Wheat Seeded	95	92	98	96
Winter Wheat Emerged	85	73	79	80

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending October 16, 2011

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	4	6	10	6
Short	27	31	42	21
Adequate	68	61	48	68
Surplus	1	2	0	5
Subsoil				
Very Short	5	5	4	10
Short	30	35	35	26
Adequate	65	58	61	62
Surplus	0	2	0	2
Days Suitable	5.1	5.5	6.7	4.4

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 16, 2011

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Corn	2	5	18	55	20
Sorghum	1	4	17	59	19

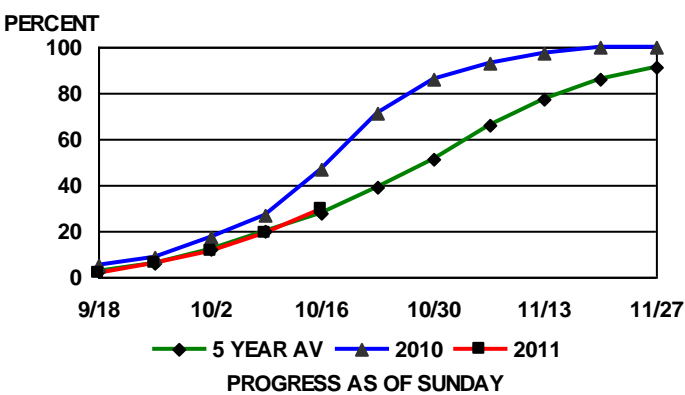
Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 18 fair, 55 good, and 20 excellent, near 74 percent good to excellent last week. Irrigated corn conditions rated 81 percent good to excellent and dryland corn rated 70. Corn mature was 93 percent, behind 99 last year but ahead of 90 average. Corn harvest was at 30 percent, behind 47 last year but near 28 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 9 poor, 28 fair, 55 good, and 7 excellent, below last year's 70 percent good to excellent but above 56 average.

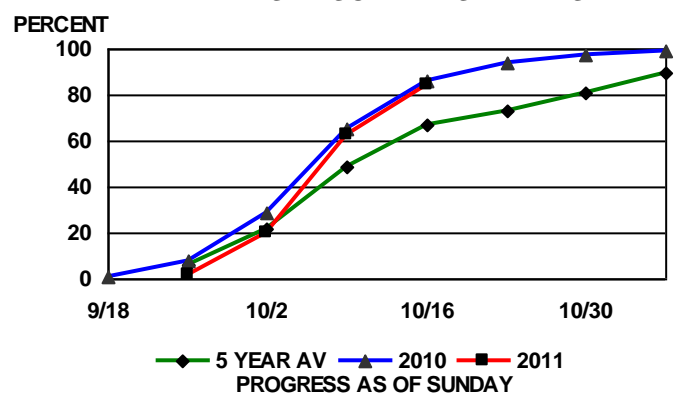
Soybean harvest was at 84 percent, near 86 last year but well ahead of 67 average.

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 HARVEST



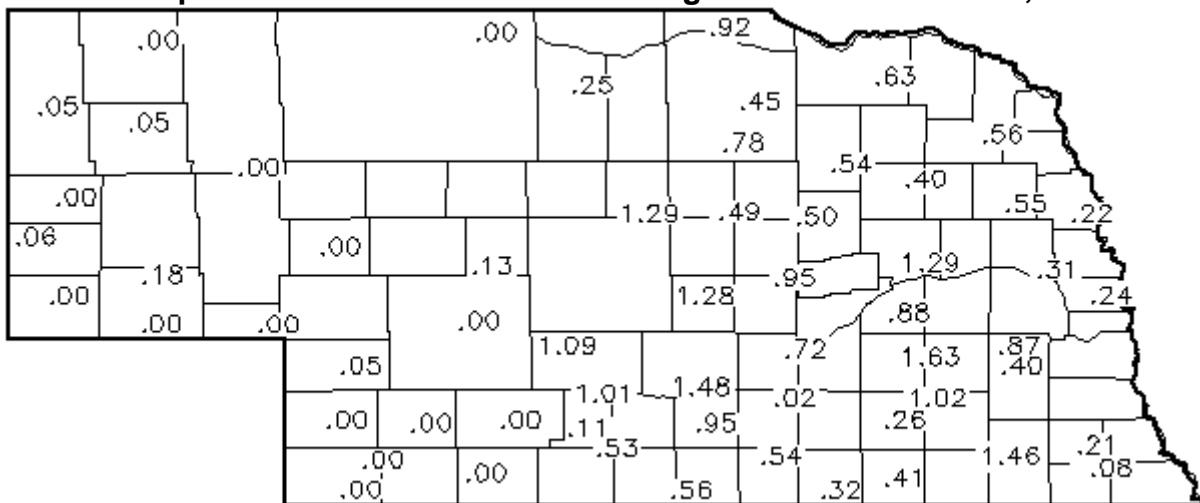
NEBRASKA SOYBEANS HARVEST



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Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. October 16, 2011



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, October 10 – October 16, 2011

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.04	.47	.47	.98	.77	.06	.55	.45
Total since April 1	17.98	23.22	22.22	25.84	25.02	21.06	25.20	21.56
Normal since April 1	13.31	17.43	20.58	19.76	22.22	16.06	19.72	23.30
Total as % of normal	134%	133%	108%	130%	112%	134%	128%	93%

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, October 16, 2011**

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	81	31	50	-1
	Scottsbluff	82	28	50	-1
	Sidney	83	33	51	-1
NC	Ainsworth	74	34	53	+1
	Arthur	82	35	52	0
	O'Neill	73	32	53	-1
NE	Concord	73	35	55	+1
	Elgin	75	36	55	+1
	West Point	77	32	56	+1
C	Grand Island	78	35	55	+2
	Lexington	80	33	53	0
	Ord	77	29	53	-1
EC	Central City	77	32	56	+2
	Lincoln	78	37	60	+4
	Mead	78	30	57	+1
SW	Champion	87	32	53	+1
	Dickens	84	35	53	+1
	McCook	87	33	55	+1
SC	Minden	78	33	54	+1
	Red Cloud	79	34	57	+3
	Smithfield	80	34	54	+1
SE	Beatrice	77	34	58	+2
	Clay Center	77	33	56	+2
	Nemaha	79	39	61	+5

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