



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending June 10, 2012, above normal temperatures and little or no precipitation continued to stress dryland crops and lower crop and pasture condition ratings statewide, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Wheat harvest began in Southeastern counties and was expected to move quickly westward across the southern tier of counties. Pivot irrigation was active with gravity operations getting underway. Alfalfa and pastures were showing little growth in many areas.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 4 degrees above normal with triple digit highs in portions of the Southwest and 90's mainly elsewhere. Lows were in the mid to lower 50's. Little to no precipitation fell across much of the state with only isolated areas in extreme Southeastern Nebraska receiving significant amounts late Sunday night.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending June 10, 2012

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	18	12	1	1
Short	53	38	9	9
Adequate	28	50	82	78
Surplus	1	0	8	12
Subsoil				
Very Short	17	12	1	2
Short	50	42	10	11
Adequate	33	46	84	80
Surplus	0	0	5	7
Days Suitable	6.6	5.6	5.3	4.2

Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 23 fair, 62 good, and 8 excellent, below last year's 73 percent good to excellent and 78 average.

Soybeans emerged were 97 percent, ahead of 79 last year and average. Soybean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 28 fair, 57 good, and 7 excellent.

Sorghum planting was 94 percent complete, ahead of 88 last year and 81 average. Sorghum emerged was 79 percent, ahead of 61 last year and 53 average. Sorghum conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 32 fair, 60 good, and 1 excellent.

Oats headed was 79 percent, well ahead of 33 last year and near 3 weeks ahead of 40 average. Oats conditions rated 4 percent poor, 30 fair, 61 good, and 5 excellent, below 87 percent good to excellent last year and 86 average.

Wheat turning color reached 82 percent, 3 weeks ahead of 3 last year and 11 average. Wheat ripe was 15 percent, compared to 0 last year and average. Wheat harvested was 3 percent, compared to 0 last year and average. Wheat conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 13 poor, 40 fair, 42 good, and 2 excellent, well below 58 percent good to excellent last year and 66 average.

Dry beans planted were 74 percent complete, well ahead of 45 last year and 7 days ahead of 61 average. Dry beans emerged were 31 percent, also ahead of 9 last year and 20 average.

Proso millet planting was 71 percent complete, ahead of 21 last year and two weeks ahead of 23 average.

The first cutting of alfalfa was 92 percent complete, well ahead of 50 last year and 18 days ahead of 53 average. The second cutting of alfalfa was 19 percent complete with re-growth slow in most areas. Alfalfa rated 2 percent very poor, 16 poor, 37 fair, 42 good, and 3 excellent, well below 82 percent good to excellent last year and 76 average.

Wild hay harvest was 18 percent complete. Wild hay conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 5 poor, 28 fair, 62 good, and 0 excellent, below last year's 74 percent good to excellent.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending June 10, 2012

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 1 st Cutting	92	85	50	53
Alfalfa 2 nd Cutting	19	7	0	0
Dry Beans Planted	74	54	45	61
Dry Beans Emerged	31	5	9	20
Oats Headed	79	60	33	40
Proso Millet Planted	71	54	21	23
Sorghum Planted	94	82	88	81
Sorghum Emerged	79	61	61	53
Soybeans Emerged	97	89	79	79
Wheat Turning Color	82	53	3	11
Wheat Ripe	15	0	0	0
Wheat Harvested	3	0	0	0
Wild Hay Harvested	18	14	0	0

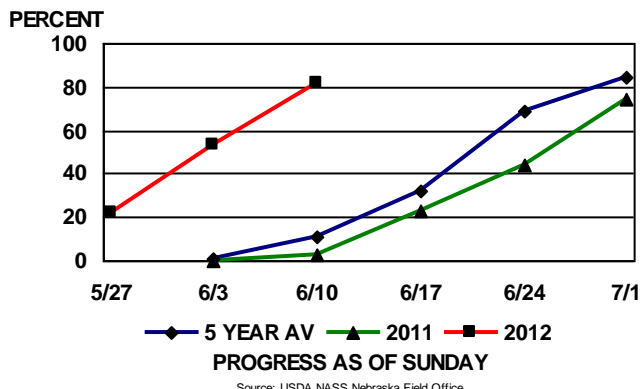
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending June 10, 2012

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	2	16	37	42	3
Corn	1	6	23	62	8
Oats	0	4	30	61	5
Sorghum	1	6	32	60	1
Soybeans	1	7	28	57	7
Wheat	3	13	40	42	2
Wild Hay	5	5	28	62	0

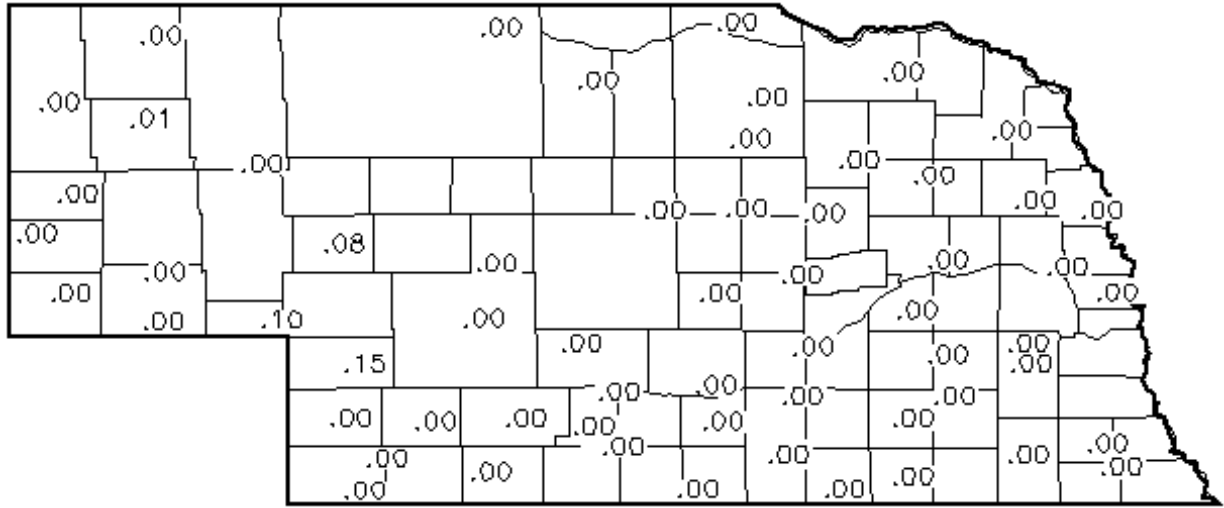
Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 16 poor, 38 fair, 41 good, and 0 excellent, well below 80 percent good to excellent last year and 79 average. Culling has begun in some areas due to poor pastures.

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 WHEAT TURNING COLOR



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. June 10, 2012



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, June 4 – June 10, 2012

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.02	.01	.00	.00	.00	.01	.00	.00
Total since April 1	2.39	6.24	8.01	6.48	7.22	4.64	4.97	5.46
Normal since April 1	5.81	6.63	7.85	7.60	8.25	6.43	7.51	8.38
Total as % of normal	40%	93%	102%	85%	87%	72%	66%	65%

**Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, June 10, 2012**

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15			
	Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal	
	High	Low						
NW	Alliance	93	50	70	+4	538	670	594
	Scottsbluff	95	54	72	+6	606	743	589
	Sidney	96	50	71	+4	575	711	623
NC	Ainsworth	92	55	74	+5	580	739	657
	Arthur	94	54	72	+4	563	709	646
	O'Neill	92	49	72	+3	571	721	670
NE	Concord	89	57	73	+3	639	799	701
	Elgin	88	53	72	+2	615	767	685
	West Point	91	56	73	+2	668	826	728
C	Grand Island	91	54	72	+3	678	828	677
	Cozad	94	45	72	+3	634	780	662
	Ord	91	53	72	+3	618	768	671
EC	Central City	90	53	72	+3	693	842	688
	Lincoln	92	59	77	+5	768	945	752
	Mead	92	57	75	+4	724	892	752
SW	Champion	103	48	74	+6	662	813	651
	Dickens	98	51	73	+4	613	759	655
	McCook	96	56	75	+6	702	862	661
SC	Minden	91	53	71	+3	669	815	669
	Red Cloud	94	57	75	+5	742	901	682
	Smithfield	93	57	73	+4	651	803	665
SE	Beatrice	92	57	75	+3	756	914	752
	Clay Center	92	52	73	+3	704	855	682
	Nemaha	92	62	76	+5	830	1003	754

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