



# Nebraska Weather and Crops

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**Agricultural Summary:** For the week ending September 2, 2012, temperatures in the triple digits along with little precipitation continued to deepen drought conditions blanketing the state, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Dryland corn harvest continues while harvest of high moisture and seed corn picked up momentum. Fire risk remains high with producers encouraged to monitor harvesting equipment. Numerous drought damaged corn fields have been chopped for silage or baled for hay. The first fields of winter wheat have been seeded in western counties as well as the first fields of proso millet were harvested. With pasture conditions in over 95 percent of the state rated in poor or very poor condition, cattle producers continue supplemental feeding of livestock. Culling and marketing of livestock continues due to reduced forage supplies.

**Weather Summary:** Temperatures averaged 10-12 degrees above normal in the west and 7-9 degrees above normal in the east. Highs reached triple digits and lows were in the mid to upper 50's. Little to no precipitation fell across the state.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending September 2, 2012

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Topsoil</b>				
Very Short	72	68	2	4
Short	25	26	22	27
Adequate	3	6	74	67
Surplus	0	0	2	2
<b>Subsoil</b>				
Very Short	72	70	2	5
Short	25	26	20	24
Adequate	3	4	76	70
Surplus	0	0	2	1
<b>Days Suitable</b>	6.9	6.4	5.9	5.9

**Field Crops Report:** Corn in the dent stage reached 93 percent, ahead of 66 last year and 70 average. Corn mature reached 36 percent, compared to 2 last year and 19 days ahead of 5 average. Corn harvested for grain was 7 percent, compared to 0 last year and average. Corn conditions rated 22 percent very poor, 21 poor, 27 fair, 28 good, and 2 excellent, well below 76 percent good to excellent last year and 77 average. Irrigated corn conditions rated 50 percent good to excellent and dryland corn rated 3.

Soybeans turning color were at 48 percent, compared to 9 last year and 11 days ahead of 16 average. Soybeans dropping leaves were 7 percent, compared to 0 last year and 1 average. Conditions rated 20 percent very poor, 25 poor, 35 fair, 19 good, and 1 excellent, well below last year's 80 percent good to excellent and 76 average.

The first fields of winter wheat were seeded with progress at 1 percent, behind both 8 percent last year and 6 average.

Sorghum headed was 88 percent, behind 99 last year and 98 average. Sorghum turning color was 29 percent, compared to 65 last year and 49 average. Sorghum conditions rated 9 percent very poor, 40 poor, 37 fair, 14 good, and 0 excellent, well below 78 percent good to excellent last year and average.

The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 46 percent complete, compared to 15 last year and 12 average. Alfalfa condition rated 45 percent very poor, 29 poor, 17 fair, 8 good, and 1 excellent, well below 77 percent good to excellent last year and 70 average.

Dry beans turning color were 62 percent, compared to 56 last year and average. Dry beans dropping leaves were 18 percent, compared to 28 last year and 19 average. Dry bean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 8 poor, 46 fair, 42 good, and 3 excellent, well below 62 percent good to excellent last year and 69 average.

Proso millet harvested was 9 percent complete, compared to 6 last year and average.

### Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending September 2, 2012

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	46	25	15	12
Corn Dent	93	82	66	70
Corn Mature	36	22	2	5
Corn Harvested	7	4	0	0
Dry Beans Turning Color	62	17	56	56
Dry Beans Dropping Leaves	18	0	28	19
Proso Millet Harvested	9	0	6	6
Sorghum Headed	88	83	99	98
Sorghum Turning Color	29	14	65	49
Soybeans Turning Color	48	22	9	16
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	7	3	0	1
Winter Wheat Seeded	1	0	8	6

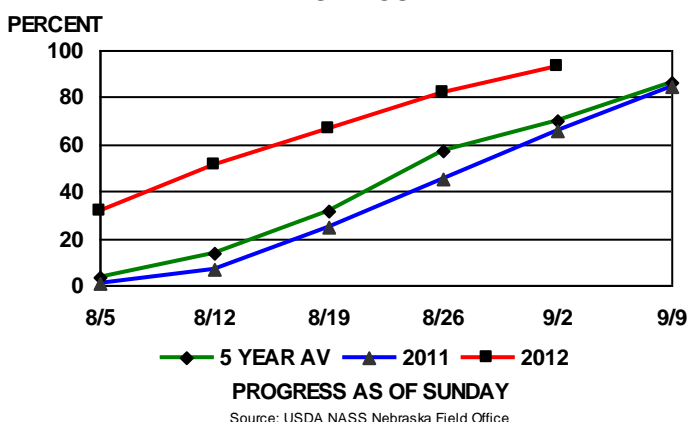
### Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending September 2, 2012

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	45	29	17	8	1
Corn	22	21	27	28	2
Dry Beans	1	8	46	42	3
Sorghum	9	40	37	14	0
Soybeans	20	25	35	19	1

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 72 percent very poor, 24 poor, 4 fair, 0 good, and 0 excellent, well below 72 percent good to excellent last year and 69 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](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_&Condition/NEcurrent.asp)*

### NEBRASKA CORN DENTED



### NEBRASKA SOYBEANS TURNING COLOR

