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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending September 9, 2012, another week with little to no rain, temperatures in triple digits, and winds led to even drier conditions, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Producers are encouraged to stay on alert as fires during harvest have been reported. Dryland corn harvest continues to spread across the state while harvest of early planted irrigated fields has begun in some locations. Seed corn harvest is in full swing and high moisture corn was picked for feed lots. Soybean fields are turning color and maturing rapidly. Winter wheat fields that have been seeded into dry topsoil will need moisture for emergence. Harvest of proso millet continued. Cattle producers continue supplemental feeding livestock due to reduced forage supplies. Selling of cattle remains active due to high feed prices.

Weather Summary: Little to no precipitation fell during the week. Temperatures averaged 1-2 degrees above normal across the state. Highs reached triple digits and overnight lows fell to the mid 30's.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending September 9, 2012

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	75	72	3	3
Short	23	25	28	28
Adequate	2	3	67	67
Surplus	0	0	2	2
Subsoil				
Very Short	76	72	3	5
Short	23	25	23	25
Adequate	1	3	73	69
Surplus	0	0	1	1
Days Suitable	6.8	6.9	6.5	5.9

Field Crops Report: Corn in the dent stage reached 98 percent, ahead of 85 last year and 83 average. Corn mature reached 55 percent, compared to 7 last year and 17 days ahead of 13 average. Corn harvested for grain was 12 percent, compared to 1 last year and average. Corn conditions rated 22 percent very poor, 21 poor, 26 fair, 27 good, and 4 excellent, well below 76 percent good to excellent last year and 79 average. Irrigated corn conditions rated 51 percent good to excellent and dryland corn rated 3.

Soybeans turning color were at 77 percent, compared to 31 last year and 11 days ahead of 44 average. Soybeans dropping leaves were 25 percent, compared to 2 last year and 7 average. Conditions rated 20 percent very poor, 27 poor, 35 fair, 17 good, and 1 excellent, well below last year's 81 percent good to excellent and 77 average.

Winter wheat seeded was at 8 percent, behind both 19 percent last year and 16 average.

Proso millet harvested was 17 percent complete, compared to 12 last year and 13 average.

Sorghum headed was 94 percent, behind 100 last year and 99 average. Sorghum turning color was 51 percent, compared to 78 last year and 68 average. Sorghum mature was 3 percent, behind 6 last year but equal to 3 average. Sorghum conditions rated 13 percent very poor, 44 poor, 31 fair, 12 good, and 0 excellent, well below 77 percent good to excellent last year and 78 average.

The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 74 percent complete, compared to 28 last year and 24 average. Alfalfa condition rated 45 percent very poor, 29 poor, 17 fair, 8 good, and 1 excellent, well below 78 percent good to excellent last year and 72 average.

Dry beans turning color were 80 percent, compared to 79 last year and 84 average. Dry beans dropping leaves were 34 percent, below 52 last year and 45 average. Dry beans harvested were 5 percent, behind 7 last year and 10 average. Dry bean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 8 poor, 50 fair, 39 good, and 2 excellent, well below 61 percent good to excellent last year and 67 average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending September 9, 2012

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	74	46	28	24
Corn Dent	98	93	85	83
Corn Mature	55	36	7	13
Corn Harvested	12	7	1	1
Dry Beans Turning Color	80	62	79	84
Dry Beans Dropping Leaves	34	18	52	45
Dry Beans Harvested	5	0	7	10
Proso Millet Harvested	17	9	12	13
Sorghum Headed	94	88	100	99
Sorghum Turning Color	51	29	78	68
Sorghum Mature	3	0	6	3
Soybeans Turning Color	77	48	31	44
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	25	7	2	7
Winter Wheat Seeded	8	1	19	16

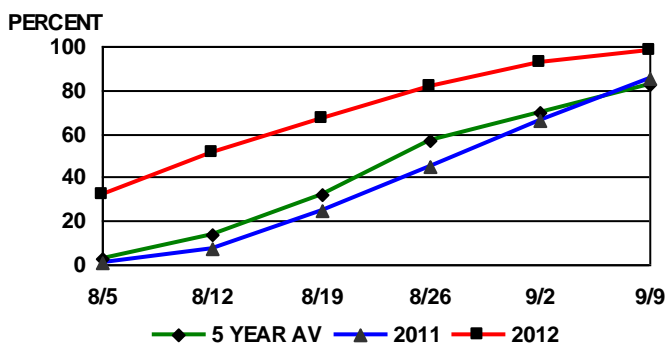
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending September 9, 2012

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	45	29	17	8	1
Corn	22	21	26	27	4
Dry Beans	1	8	50	39	2
Sorghum	13	44	31	12	0
Soybeans	20	27	35	17	1

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 73 percent very poor, 24 poor, 3 fair, 0 good, and 0 excellent, well below 71 percent good to excellent last year and 68 average.

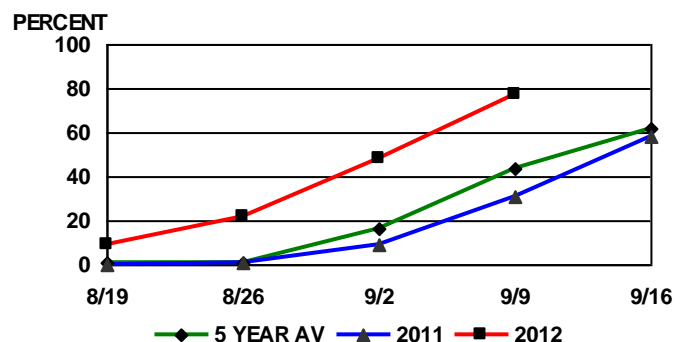
This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/NEcurrent.asp

NEBRASKA CORN DENTED



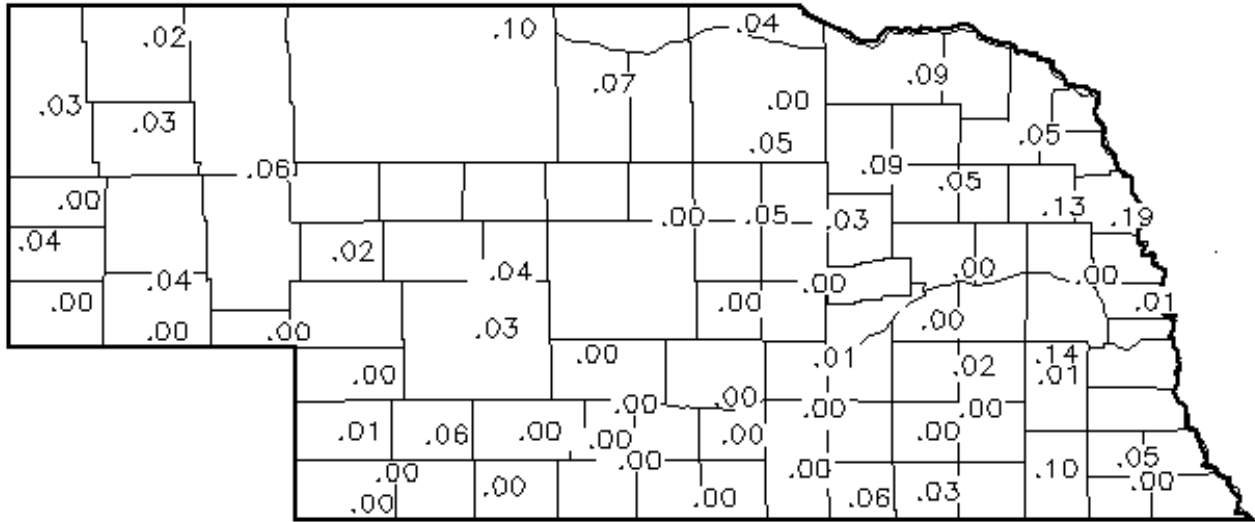
Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

NEBRASKA SOYBEANS TURNING COLOR



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. September 9, 2012



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, September 3 – September 9, 2012

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.02	.05	.07	.04	.04	.01	.03	.03
Total since April 1	5.32	9.21	10.92	8.59	12.12	8.43	10.29	13.35
Normal since April 1	11.97	15.32	17.68	17.13	18.68	14.38	17.15	19.51
Total as % of normal	44%	60%	61%	50%	64%	58%	60%	68%

Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, September 9, 2012

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15			
	Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal	
	High	Low						
NW	Alliance	93	39	65	+1	2379	2494	2466
	Scottsbluff	92	39	65	+1	2550	2669	2449
	Sidney	94	42	67	+2	2509	2631	2572
NC	Ainsworth	96	37	68	+2	2666	2794	2700
	Arthur	97	41	68	+2	2576	2699	2653
	O'Neill	100	37	68	+2	2673	2798	2745
NE	Concord	96	42	68	0	2730	2856	2857
	Elgin	97	42	68	+1	2689	2814	2795
	West Point	97	42	68	0	2750	2879	2940
C	Grand Island	99	41	68	+2	2803	2930	2757
	Cozad	99	36	67	+1	2617	2740	2705
	Ord	100	35	67	+1	2701	2827	2743
EC	Central City	101	36	68	+1	2802	2931	2799
	Lincoln	101	45	71	+2	3093	3232	3015
	Mead	102	41	69	0	2876	3006	3014
SW	Champion	99	38	67	+1	2603	2724	2669
	Dickens	99	40	68	+2	2656	2778	2682
	McCook	97	41	69	+3	2832	2964	2698
SC	Minden	100	40	68	+2	2746	2872	2727
	Red Cloud	103	42	70	+3	2982	3113	2777
	Smithfield	100	41	68	+2	2729	2856	2713
SE	Beatrice	102	42	69	0	2963	3092	3015
	Clay Center	100	40	68	+1	2802	2932	2778
	Nemaha	96	48	72	+3	3169	3316	3013

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