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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending October 14, 2012, rain over the weekend in the southeastern quarter of the state brought some much needed moisture to the region, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Row crop harvest is winding down in the east and continues active in western counties. Statewide, corn harvest is 80 percent complete, over one month ahead of average. Soybean harvest was 86 percent complete, near three weeks ahead of average. Winter wheat seeding, at 95 percent, was near completion. However, less than half of the winter wheat crop had emerged, near two weeks behind average. Sorghum harvest approached the half way point. Sugar beet, proso millet, and dry bean harvests were active in western counties. Corn stalks were being baled or grazed with 97 percent of the state's pastures in poor or very poor condition. Cattle are being marketed as producers face high forage prices and limited feedstocks.

Weather Summary: Precipitation was received mainly in the southeastern quarter of the state with highest amounts recorded in the East Central and Southeast Districts. Some isolated pockets received over 2 inches of moisture. Temperatures averaged 3 to 6 degrees below normal across the state. Highs reached the low 80's in the Central District but were mostly in the mid 70's elsewhere. Lows dipped into the lower 20's.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending October 14, 2012**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	72	76	5	6
Short	23	21	28	22
Adequate	5	3	66	68
Surplus	0	0	1	4
Subsoil				
Very Short	80	78	5	7
Short	18	20	31	26
Adequate	2	2	63	66
Surplus	0	0	1	1
Days Suitable	6.3	6.4	5.2	4.9

Field Crops Report: Corn harvested for grain was 80 percent, compared to 27 last year and 32 days ahead of 26 average.

Soybeans harvested were 86 percent, ahead of 78 last year and 19 days ahead of 65 average.

Winter wheat seeded was at 95 percent, near 94 percent last year and equal to average. Winter wheat emerged was 47 percent, well behind 82 percent last year and 77 average due to dry soils.

Sorghum mature was 94 percent, ahead of 89 last year and 81 average. Sorghum harvested was 45 percent complete, ahead of 19 last year and 16 average. Sorghum conditions rated 12 percent very poor, 42 poor, 35 fair, 10 good, and 1 excellent, well below 78 percent good to excellent last year.

Proso millet harvest was 90 percent complete, ahead of 88 last year and 85 average.

Dry beans harvested were 85 percent, behind 95 last year and average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 14, 2012

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
				Percent
Corn Harvested	80	67	27	26
Dry Beans Harvested	85	81	95	95
Proso Millet Harvested	90	89	88	85
Sorghum Mature	94	84	89	81
Sorghum Harvested	45	31	19	16
Soybeans Harvested	86	71	78	65
Winter Wheat Seeded	95	81	94	95
Winter Wheat Emerged	47	31	82	77

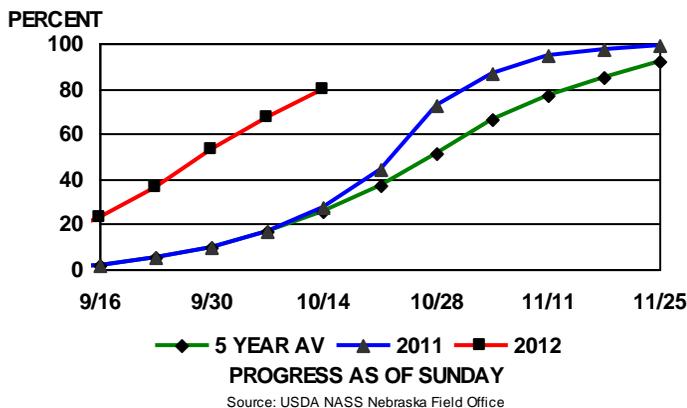
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 14, 2012

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Sorghum	12	42	35	10	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 62 percent good to excellent last year and 65 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

