



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending November 18, 2012, above normal temperatures with virtually no precipitation combined for a mild week that was good for field work, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. The state continues in extreme drought with soil moisture profiles depleted. During the past 60 days, the western two-thirds of the state received less than one inch of precipitation. Statewide, the topsoil moisture rating is the lowest for this time of year since 1999. Due to short soil moisture supplies, winter wheat emergence continues behind average with thin and spotty stands reported. The winter wheat crop rated only 17 percent in good condition which is the poorest rating since 1990. Producers in western counties continue trying to harvest remaining corn acres that were downed by high winds last month. Other field activities included fall tillage and fertilizer applications. Soil temperatures averaged in the mid 40's except for a few southwestern counties where soil temperatures were in the low 50's.

Weather Summary: Statewide, little or no precipitation was recorded with only trace amounts reported in the Panhandle. Average temperatures across the state ranged from 1 to 4 degrees above normal. Highs reached the mid 60's and lows were mainly in the teens but dropped to single digits in the Panhandle.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending November 18, 2012**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	69	67	5	6
Short	26	26	36	23
Adequate	5	7	58	68
Surplus	0	0	1	3
Subsoil				
Very Short	83	78	4	6
Short	16	20	33	23
Adequate	1	2	61	69
Surplus	0	0	2	2
Days Suitable	6.5	6.2	6.3	5.7

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat emerged was 92 percent, behind 100 percent last year and average. Wheat conditions rated 13 percent very poor, 27 poor, 43 fair, and 17 good, well below 78 percent good to excellent last year and 65 average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending November 18, 2012

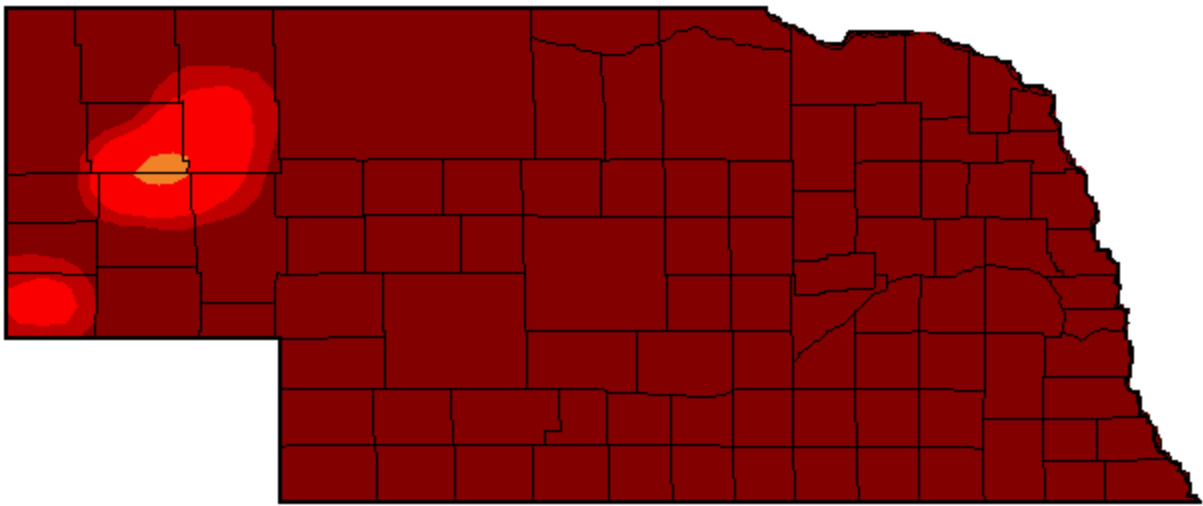
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Winter Wheat Emerged	92	91	100	100

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending November 18, 2012

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Winter Wheat	13	27	43	17	0

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

Precipitation in Inches November 12 – November 18, 2012



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, November 12 – November 18, 2012

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.01	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Total since April 1	6.79	10.00	12.90	9.65	15.08	9.31	11.74	16.97
Normal since April 1	14.01	18.54	22.15	21.12	24.02	16.98	20.94	25.22
Total as % of normal	48%	54%	57%	45%	62%	55%	55%	66%

Temperature: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, November 18, 2012

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	65	6	37	+2
	Scottsbluff	66	1	39	+3
	Sidney	66	7	38	+2
NC	Ainsworth	65	15	40	+4
	Arthur	66	15	40	+3
	O'Neill	63	14	38	+1
NE	Concord	61	16	38	+1
	Elgin	60	16	39	+2
	West Point	62	16	39	+1
C	Grand Island	63	15	40	+3
	Cozad	59	10	37	0
	Ord	60	10	37	0
EC	Central City	63	16	40	+3
	Lincoln	63	19	45	+5
	Mead	63	14	41	+2
SW	Champion	67	9	37	+1
	Dickens	66	12	39	+3
	McCook	60	12	39	+3
SC	Minden	62	14	40	+3
	Red Cloud	65	16	43	+6
	Smithfield	59	18	40	+4
SE	Beatrice	63	18	43	+3
	Clay Center	63	18	40	+3
	Nemaha	65	21	45	+6

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