



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending July 8, 2007, another hot, dry week stressed dryland crops and pastures keeping irrigation running, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistic Service, Nebraska Field Office. Wheat harvest advanced quickly in southern counties and is now only two days behind average. Producers were also able to make gains with their second cutting of alfalfa and oat harvest. Another dry week in the Panhandle, resulted in a further deterioration of moisture conditions. Over the last 45 days, the eastern third of the state has received 60 percent of their normal precipitation.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 2 degrees above normal and ranged from highs over 100 degrees in the north and west to lows in the mid 50's. Only the Southwest and South Central Districts saw measurable precipitation which averaged a half inch.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable For Fieldwork: Nebraska, Week Ending July 8, 2007

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	12	10	30	26
Short	34	25	39	33
Adequate	52	63	31	40
Surplus	2	2	0	1
Subsoil				
Very Short	8	9	37	21
Short	28	20	39	33
Adequate	64	70	24	45
Surplus	0	1	0	1
Days Suitable	6.6	6.6	6.4	6.1

Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 17 fair, 55 good, and 25 excellent, well above last year's 61 percent good or excellent rating. Irrigated fields rated 90 percent good or excellent while dryland fields declined and rated 67, both above year ago levels. Corn silked was 27 percent, ahead of last year's 24 and 14 average.

Soybean conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 22 fair, 60 good, and 16 excellent, well above last year's 50 percent good or excellent condition. Soybeans blooming were 36 percent, behind last year's 47 but ahead of the 31 average. Soybeans setting pods was 3 percent, near last year and average.

Wheat conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 13 poor, 27 fair, 44 good, and 12 excellent. Wheat ripe was 78 percent, well behind last year's 93 but ahead of the 74 average. Wheat harvested was 41 percent, behind last year's 76 and 49 average.

Alfalfa conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 31 fair, 47 good, and 13 excellent, well above last year's 36 percent

good or excellent condition. Second cutting was 56 percent complete, behind last year's 72 but ahead of the 53 average.

Oat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 27 fair, 64 good, and 6 excellent, well above last year's 24 percent good or excellent condition. Oats harvested was 16 percent, behind last year's 33 and 18 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 20 fair, 66 good, and 11 excellent, well above last year's 53 percent good or excellent condition.

Dry bean conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 18 fair, 77 good, and 3 excellent, well ahead of last year's 53 percent good or excellent condition. Dry beans blooming were 14 percent, ahead of 7 last year and average.

Wild hay conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 2 poor, 20 fair, 63 good, and 11 excellent, well above last year's 19 percent good or excellent condition.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending July 8, 2007

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 2 nd Cutting	56	25	72	53
Corn Silked	27	3	24	14
Dry Beans Blooming	14		7	7
Oats Harvested	16	3	33	18
Soybeans Blooming	36	16	47	31
Soybeans Setting Pods	3		4	3
Wheat Ripe	78	48	93	74
Wheat Harvested	41	10	76	49

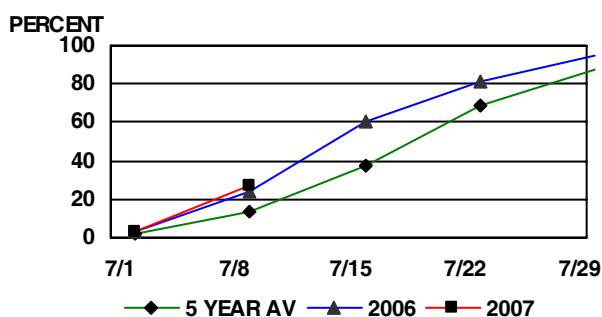
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending July 8, 2007

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	2	7	31	47	13
Corn	1	2	17	55	25
Dry Beans	0	2	18	77	3
Oats	0	3	27	64	6
Sorghum	1	2	20	66	11
Soybeans	0	2	22	60	16
Wheat	4	13	27	44	12
Wild Hay	4	2	20	63	11

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 6 poor, 24 fair, 54 good, and 11 excellent, well above last year's 14 percent good or excellent condition.

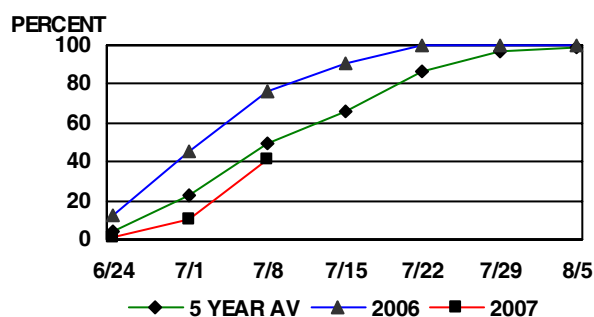
This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/cmts_cur.htm

CORN SILKED



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WHEAT HARVESTED



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