



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending August 26, 2007, rain during the week stopped haying activities and irrigation in many areas of eastern Nebraska, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Portions of the state received storms that caused wind and hail damage to crops. In some areas, the rains will allow crops to mature without additional irrigation. However, the lack of drying weather has lowered hay quality. Other producer activities included preparing wheat ground for seeding and planting alfalfa. In the west, producers were getting ready for dry bean harvest.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 1 degree above normal across the state. Triple digit highs were recorded in the southern part of the state while the northern part of the state saw lows in the 40's. Six of the eight districts averaged over an inch of rain with the Northeast District averaging over 4 inches.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable For Fieldwork:
Nebraska, Week Ending August 26, 2007**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	4	9	26	33
Short	18	25	30	33
Adequate	74	63	43	33
Surplus	4	3	1	1
Subsoil				
Very Short	13	15	38	43
Short	29	29	37	32
Adequate	56	55	25	25
Surplus	2	1	0	0
Days Suitable	3.9	5.5	6.1	6.0

Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 19 fair, 49 good, and 28 excellent, well above last year's 53 percent good or excellent rating. Irrigated fields rated 85 percent good or excellent while dryland fields rated 66, both above year ago levels. Corn in the dough stage was 94 percent, ahead of 93 last year and 91 average. Corn in the dent stage was 63 percent, behind last year's 66 but ahead of the 56 average. Corn mature was 2 percent, behind 4 last year and average.

Soybean conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 19 fair, 55 good, and 24 excellent, well above last year's 52 percent good or excellent condition. Soybeans setting pods was 97 percent, behind last year's 100 and near the 98 average. Soybeans turning color was 4 percent, behind last year's 11 and 12 average.

Alfalfa conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 14 poor, 24 fair, 45 good, and 15 excellent, well above last year's 29 percent good or excellent condition. Third cutting was 79 percent

complete, behind last year's 89 and 83 average. Fourth cutting was 1 percent complete, behind last year's 4 and 3 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 17 fair, 53 good, and 29 excellent, well above last year's 50 percent good or excellent condition. Sorghum headed was 99 percent, ahead of last year's 95 and 92 average. Sorghum turning color was 33 percent, behind last year's 42 and 36 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 26 fair, 58 good, and 10 excellent, above last year's 62 percent good or excellent condition. Dry beans setting pods were 89 percent, behind 100 last year and 93 average. Dry beans turning color was 30 percent, behind 34 a year ago but ahead of 24 average. Dry beans dropping leaves was 5 percent, behind last year's 7 and 9 average.

Wheat seeded was 1 percent complete, near last year's 2 and even with the average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending August 26, 2007

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 3 rd Cutting	79	65	89	83
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	1		4	3
Corn Dough	94	88	93	91
Corn Dent	63	46	66	56
Corn Mature	2		4	4
Dry Beans Setting Pods	89	75	100	93
Dry Beans Turning Color	30	7	34	24
Dry Beans Dropping Leaves	5		7	9
Sorghum Headed	99	92	95	92
Sorghum Turning Color	33	13	42	36
Soybeans Setting Pods	97	93	100	98
Soybeans Turning Color	4	1	11	12
Winter Wheat Seeded	1		2	1

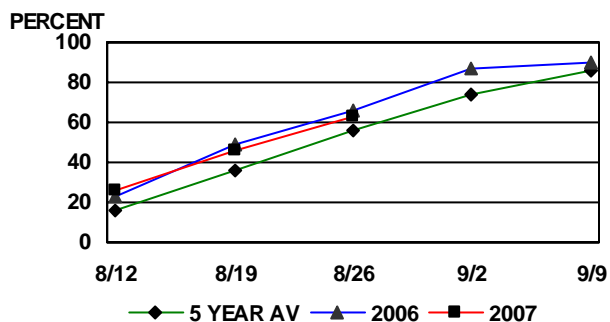
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending August 26, 2007

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	2	14	24	45	15
Corn	1	3	19	49	28
Dry Beans	1	5	26	58	10
Sorghum	0	1	17	53	29
Soybeans	0	2	19	55	24

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 12 poor, 29 fair, 43 good, and 13 excellent, well above last year's 8 percent good or excellent condition.

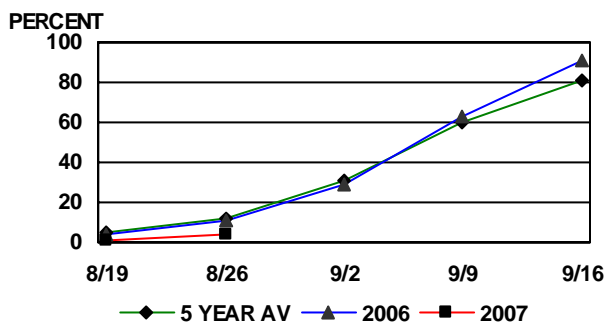
This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/cmts_cur.htm

CORN DENTED



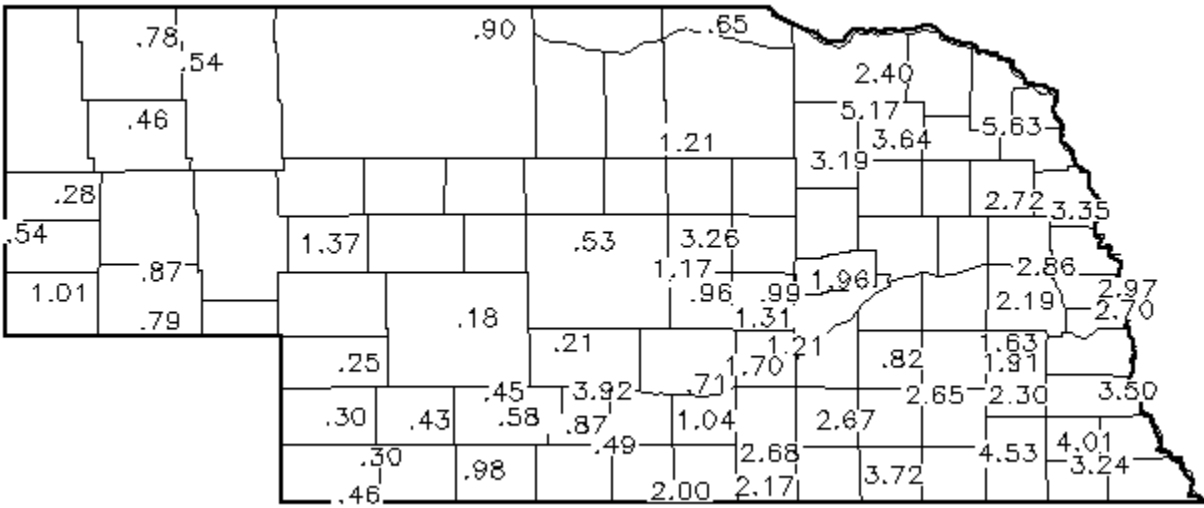
PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

SOYBEANS TURNING COLOR



PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. August 26, 2007



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – August 26, 2007

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.65	1.14	4.03	1.27	2.10	.62	1.51	3.14
Total since April 1	9.54	17.84	22.41	24.82	22.32	18.90	21.78	22.87
Normal since April 1	11.35	14.07	16.52	15.47	17.17	13.77	15.28	17.78
Total as % of normal	82%	126%	135%	160%	130%	136%	142%	128%

**Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, August 26, 2007**

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15		
	Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal
	High	Low					
NW Alliance	97	47	67	-2	115	2230	2186
Scottsbluff	99	52	70	+1	125	2393	2177
Sidney	99	50	71	+1	130	2241	2226
NC Ainsworth	92	51	69	-3	122	2411	2437
Arthur	95	46	70	-2	123	2249	2385
O'Neill	91	51	69	-2	131	2476	2472
NE Concord	86	53	69	-3	135	2561	2549
Elgin	90	55	70	-2	135	2537	2513
West Point	89	55	72	-2	149	2654	2647
C Grand Island	96	57	74	+2	157	2640	2473
Lexington	97	55	74	+2	151	2512	2435
Ord	97	55	72	0	140	2556	2469
EC Central City	95	54	73	+1	154	2662	2517
Lincoln	95	59	76	+2	173	2908	2709
Mead	94	57	74	+1	165	2752	2706
SW Champion	99	53	73	+2	140	2359	2408
Dickens	100	52	72	+1	140	2378	2413
McCook	98	57	76	+4	161	2626	2426
SC Minden	96	56	73	+2	155	2604	2448
Red Cloud	101	57	76	+4	164	2714	2498
Smithfield	95	56	73	+2	153	2521	2439
SE Beatrice	96	60	76	+2	168	2762	2709
Clay Center	95	56	74	+2	156	2580	2498
Nemaha	95	62	77	+3	176	2948	2709

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