



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending November 18, 2007, the fourth straight week of dry weather combined with unseasonably warm temperatures allowed corn harvest to progress near completion, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Corn harvest remained ahead of last year and average. In the west, producers were being encouraged to irrigate wheat due to the dry conditions. Other activities around the state included moving cattle to stalk fields, fall tillage, and applying fertilizer.

Field Crops Report: Corn harvested was 97 percent complete, 8 days ahead of last year's 92 and 5 days ahead of the 92 average.

Sorghum harvest was 98 percent complete, ahead of the 95 of last year and average.

Winter wheat conditions moved lower and rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 40 fair, 50 good, and 4 excellent, below last year's 59 percent good or excellent rating.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged eight degrees above normal across the state. The Southwest District had the biggest variance in temperature with highs in the upper 70's and lows in the single digits. Precipitation was absent across the majority of the state with only traces in a few districts.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending November 18, 2007

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
				Percent
Corn Harvested	97	92	92	92
Sorghum Harvested	98	92	95	95

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending November 18, 2007

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel- Lent
					Percent
Winter Wheat	1	5	40	50	4

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable For Fieldwork:
Nebraska, Week Ending November 18, 2007**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
				Percent
Topsoil				
Very Short	9	10	11	18
Short	30	24	31	33
Adequate	59	65	57	48
Surplus	2	1	1	1
Subsoil				
Very Short	10	12	20	35
Short	26	26	38	37
Adequate	63	61	42	28
Surplus	1	1	0	0
Days Suitable	6.8	7.0	5.9	5.6

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



