



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending October 26, 2008, little harvest progress was made due to heavy rains and cool conditions, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Corn harvest is now almost three weeks behind last year and the five year average, while soybean harvest is five days ahead of last year but four days behind the average. Water was reported to be standing in fields as many areas in the eastern two-thirds of the state have received from 5-7 inches of precipitation in the last 30 days. One to three inches of snow were reported in the southwest and central parts of the state. High winds late in the week ranged from 40-50 miles per hour with gusts of 60 mph or more recorded.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 5 degrees below normal across the state and ranged from highs in the lower 70's in the west to lows in the teens in the Panhandle. Precipitation was widespread east of the Panhandle with most districts receiving two inches or more.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending October 26, 2008**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	0	3	6	14
Short	9	14	16	28
Adequate	72	75	65	55
Surplus	19	8	13	3
Subsoil				
Very Short	3	8	12	28
Short	17	23	20	32
Adequate	71	66	62	39
Surplus	9	3	6	1
Days Suitable	2.2	3.7	5.0	5.6

Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 18 fair, 53 good, and 23 excellent, below last year's 82 percent good or excellent rating. Irrigated fields rated 80 percent good or excellent, well below last year while dryland fields rated 72, near year ago levels. Corn mature was 87, behind last year and the average of 100. Corn harvested was 21 percent complete, nearly 3 weeks behind last year's 58 and the 56 average.

Soybean harvest was 82 percent complete, five days ahead of last year's 73 but four days behind the 89 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 19 fair, 55 good, and 21 excellent, well below last year's 86 percent good or excellent condition. Sorghum mature was 71, well behind last year's 100 and the average of 99. Sorghum harvest was 12 percent complete, behind last year's 49 and three weeks behind the 56 average.

Winter wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 21 fair, 69 good, and 10 excellent, above a year ago levels. Winter wheat emerged was 91 percent, behind last year's 95 and 94 average.

Proso Millet harvest was 96 percent complete, behind last year's 100, but ahead of the 94 average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 26, 2008

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Corn Mature	87	83	100	100
Corn Harvested	21	18	58	56
Proso Millet Harvested	96	88	100	94
Sorghum Mature	71	63	100	99
Sorghum Harvested	12	8	49	56
Soybeans Harvested	82	74	73	89
Winter Wheat Emerged	91	86	95	94

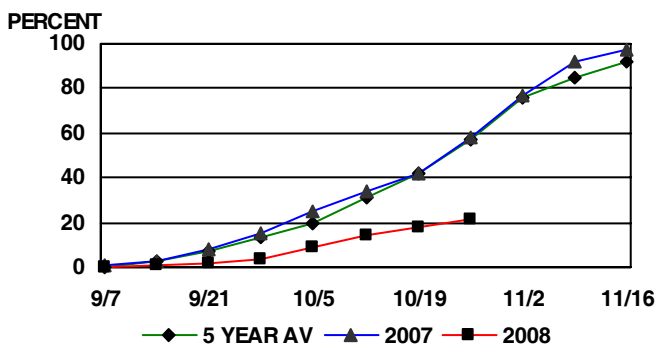
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 26, 2008

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Corn	2	4	18	53	23
Sorghum	1	4	19	55	21
Wheat	0	0	21	69	10

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 26 fair, 54 good, and 9 excellent, near last year's 62 percent good or excellent condition. Feedlots are very muddy with reduced weight gains noted.

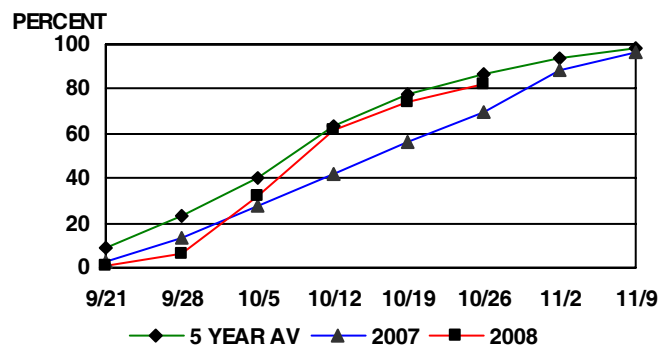
This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/cmts_cur.htm

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