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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending May 10, 2009, the third consecutive week of favorable conditions allowed producers to again make excellent progress planting spring crops, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Corn planting advanced rapidly, a week ahead of last year and three days ahead of the average. Producer attention has now turned to soybean planting which is ten days ahead of last year and six days ahead of the average. Cool temperatures have wheat developing slower than average but ahead of last year. Alfalfa, pasture, and rangelands continue their slow growth.

Weather Summary: For the fourth week out of the last six, temperatures were below normal. Temperatures averaged one degree below normal across Nebraska and ranged from highs in the mid 80's in the East Central District to lows in the upper 20's in the Panhandle. Small amounts of precipitation were reported in many parts of the state with the Southwest and South Central Districts receiving the most with over a half inch.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending May 10, 2009

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	0	0	3	6
Short	12	8	7	18
Adequate	83	81	78	69
Surplus	5	11	12	7
Subsoil				
Very Short	5	4	5	15
Short	12	13	16	26
Adequate	81	80	74	56
Surplus	2	3	5	3
Days Suitable	5.0	3.7	3.7	5.0

Field Crops Report: Corn planted made good progress and was 78 percent complete, a week ahead of last year's 52 and three days ahead of the 70 average. Corn emerged was 19 percent, ahead of last year's 4 but even with the 19 average.

Soybean planting was 29 percent complete, ten days ahead of last year's 6 and six days ahead of the 17 average.

Wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 22 fair, 63 good, and 12 excellent, above last year's 64 percent good or excellent condition. Wheat jointed was 66 percent, well ahead of last year's 31 but behind the 70 average.

Alfalfa conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 24 fair, 66 good, and 8 excellent, near last year's 76 percent good or excellent condition.

Oats conditions improved and rated 0 percent very poor, 6 poor, 9 fair, 80 good and 5 excellent. Oats planted was 99 percent complete, ahead of last year's 93 and the 97 average. Oats emerged was 95 percent, well ahead of last year's 62 and the 80 average.

Sorghum planting was just underway at 7 percent complete, four days ahead of last year's 2 and near the average of 6.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending May 10, 2009

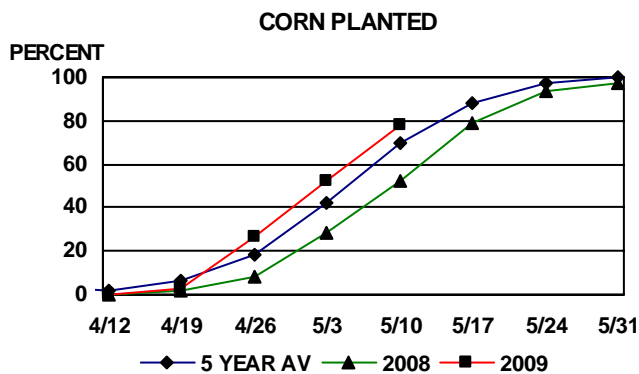
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Corn Planted	78	52	52	70
Corn Emerged	19	3	4	19
Oats Planted	99	95	93	97
Oats Emerged	95	68	62	80
Sorghum Planted	7	2	1	6
Soybeans Planted	29	7	6	17
Wheat Jointed	66	31	41	70

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending May 10, 2009

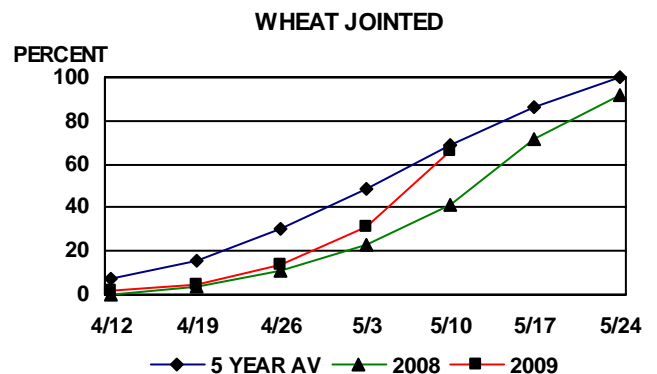
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	0	2	24	66	8
Oat	0	6	9	80	5
Wheat	0	3	22	63	12

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 25 fair, 63 good, and 8 excellent, above last year's 66.

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

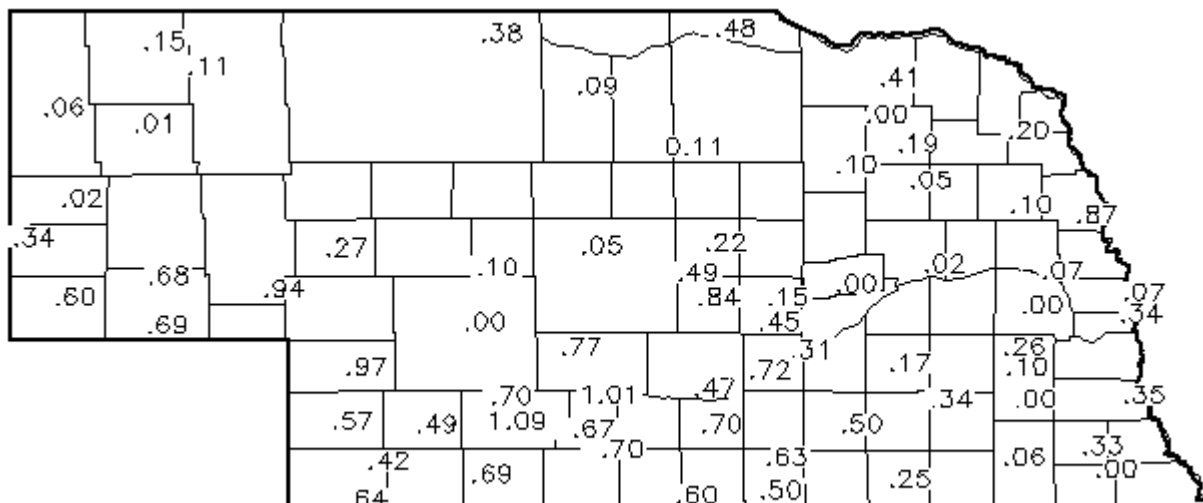


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Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. May 10, 2009



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – May 10, 2009

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.33	.28	.22	.30	.13	.60	.60	.21
Total since April 1	3.75	2.60	2.43	2.10	2.12	4.16	3.24	3.24
Normal since April 1	2.70	3.07	3.80	3.58	3.98	2.92	3.23	4.03
Total as % of normal	139%	86%	63%	58%	53%	143%	101%	80%

Temperature: By District, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, May 10, 2009

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	74	29	50	-5
	Scottsbluff	77	35	54	-1
	Sidney	75	35	53	-3
NC	Ainsworth	72	33	54	-4
	Arthur	76	33	54	-3
	O'Neill	74	31	55	-3
NE	Concord	77	34	58	-1
	Elgin	75	33	56	-3
	West Point	77	38	59	-1
C	Grand Island	79	37	58	0
	Lexington	80	36	56	-2
	Ord	76	33	56	-2
EC	Central City	80	37	59	0
	Lincoln	85	45	62	+2
	Mead	84	41	60	0
SW	Champion	78	39	56	-2
	Dickens	77	36	55	-2
	McCook	82	39	58	0
SC	Minden	81	39	57	-1
	Red Cloud	83	39	59	0
	Smithfield	79	37	56	-1
SE	Beatrice	84	41	61	0
	Clay Center	82	39	58	0
	Nemaha	83	47	63	+3

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