



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending September 20, 2009, warm, dry conditions helped crops progress toward harvest, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Dry bean harvest in the west is nearly half complete. The first fields of soybeans have been harvested. Seed corn, high moisture corn, and silage were being harvested. Producer activities included drilling winter wheat, baling hay, and preparing grain bins for storage.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 1 degree above normal across the state. The state saw highs around 90 and lows generally in the 40's. There was no significant rainfall across Nebraska.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending September 20, 2009**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	1	1	4	10
Short	24	24	24	31
Adequate	74	73	71	56
Surplus	1	2	1	3
Subsoil				
Very Short	1	2	8	22
Short	17	18	30	31
Adequate	81	79	61	47
Surplus	1	1	1	0
Days Suitable	6.6	5.8	6.2	5.6

Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 14 fair, 52 good, and 27 excellent, above last year's 73 percent good or excellent rating. Irrigated fields rated 82 percent good or excellent while dryland fields rated 74, both above year ago levels. Corn in the dent stage was 91 percent, behind last year's 94 and the 96 average. Corn mature was 15 percent, behind last year's 19 and twelve days behind the 44 average.

Soybean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 15 fair, 59 good, and 21 excellent, above last year's 69 percent good or excellent condition. Soybeans turning color was 89 percent, ahead of last year's 77 but even with the average. Soybeans dropping leaves was 40 percent, ahead of last year's 34 but three days behind the 52 average. Soybeans harvested were 1 percent, even with last year but behind the 4 average.

Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 21 fair, 56 good, and 18 excellent, above last year's 67 percent good or excellent condition. Fourth cutting was 61 percent complete, well ahead of last year's 42 and the 49 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 22 fair, 56 good, and 18 excellent, near last year's

76 percent good or excellent condition. Sorghum turning color was 74 percent, behind last year's 83 and 91 average. Sorghum mature was 5 percent, even with last year but behind the 26 average.

Dry bean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 21 fair, 63 good, and 8 excellent, above last year's 60 percent good or excellent condition. Dry beans turning color were 95 percent, ahead of last year's 87 and 92 average. Dry beans dropping leaves was 72 percent, well ahead of last year's 49 and ahead of the 64 average. Dry beans harvested were 45 percent, well ahead of last year's 9 and eight days ahead of the 25 average.

Winter wheat seeded was 56 percent complete, ahead of last year's 40 and the 48 average. Winter wheat emerged was 22 percent, well ahead of last year's 6 and 14 average.

Proso millet harvested was 29 percent, ahead of last year's 27 but behind the 39 average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending September 20, 2009

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	61	25	42	49
Corn Dented	91	85	94	96
Corn Mature	15	9	19	44
Dry Beans Turning Color	95	87	87	92
Dry Beans Dropping Leaves	72	44	49	64
Dry Beans Harvested	45	21	9	25
Proso Millet Harvested	29	16	27	39
Sorghum Turning Color	74	53	83	91
Sorghum Mature	5		5	26
Soybeans Turning Color	89	70	77	89
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	40	14	34	52
Soybeans Harvested	1		1	4
Winter Wheat Seeded	56	30	40	48
Winter Wheat Emerged	22	6	6	14

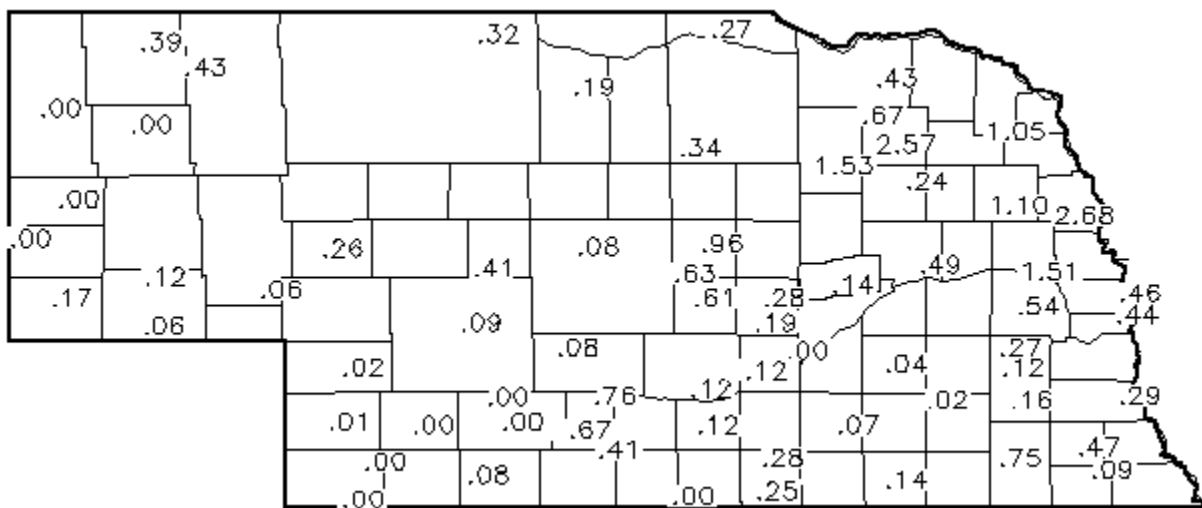
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending September 20, 2009

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	1	4	21	56	18
Corn	2	5	14	52	27
Dry Beans	1	7	21	63	8
Sorghum	1	3	22	56	18
Soybeans	1	4	15	59	21

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 21 fair, 62 good, and 11 excellent, above last year's 57 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

Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. September 28, 2008



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – September 28, 2008

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.09	.90	1.30	.28	.46	.06	.23	.32
Total since April 1	12.93	21.36	21.53	22.40	26.33	20.23	22.53	26.13
Normal since April 1	12.77	16.34	19.54	18.25	20.92	15.65	17.99	21.83
Total as % of normal	101%	130%	110%	121%	125%	128%	125%	119%

Temperature: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, September 28, 2008

Station	Temperature			
	Extremes		Average	Departure
	High	Low		
NW Alliance	88	37	62	+6
Scottsbluff	90	36	64	+7
Sidney	90	39	65	+7
NC Ainsworth	92	44	68	+9
Arthur	92	42	66	+7
O'Neill	86	48	68	+8
NE Concord	86	49	67	+7
Elgin	86	48	68	+8
West Point	86	47	68	+7
C Grand Island	88	49	70	+10
Lexington	89	47	69	+10
Ord	88	48	68	+9
EC Central City	88	46	69	+9
Lincoln	86	52	72	+10
Mead	87	48	70	+8
SW Champion	90	42	66	+7
Dickens	90	44	67	+8
McCook	95	44	71	+12
SC Minden	90	47	70	+11
Red Cloud	90	55	72	+12
Smithfield	88	48	69	+10
SE Beatrice	88	52	71	+9
Clay Center	89	50	70	+10
Nemaha	85	58	72	+10

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