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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending October 4, 2009, cool conditions slowed crop dry down and corn harvest progress, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Corn moisture levels are still high in many areas limiting harvest which is twelve days behind the average. Soybean harvest is near last year but three days behind the average. In the west, dry bean harvest was nearing completion while sugar beet harvest was just picking up speed. Hard freezing temperatures during the week ended the growing season in a number of counties.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 8 degrees below normal across the state. Highs were in the 70's with the exception of the Panhandle and Southwest Districts where highs in the 80's and 90's were recorded. Most lows were in the mid to high 20's. Much of the state was dry with only the Northeast and North Central Districts receiving a quarter of an inch or more.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending October 4, 2009

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	1	1	4	10
Short	22	18	29	29
Adequate	75	80	66	60
Surplus	2	1	1	1
Subsoil				
Very Short	2	2	9	22
Short	17	16	29	31
Adequate	80	81	61	47
Surplus	1	1	1	0
Days Suitable	5.2	4.8	6.6	5.9

Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 12 fair, 55 good, and 26 excellent, above last year's 76 percent good or excellent rating. Irrigated fields rated 83 percent good or excellent, near year ago levels while dryland fields rated 76 percent above last year. Corn mature was 63 percent, ahead of last year's 60 but eight days behind the 80 average. Corn harvested was 6 percent, behind last year's 8 and twelve days behind the 16 average.

Soybean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 13 fair, 59 good, and 24 excellent, well above last year's 69 percent good or excellent condition. Soybeans dropping leaves were 91 percent, ahead of last year's 85 but near the average of 93. Soybeans harvested were 27 percent, near last year's 28 but three days behind the 36 average.

Alfalfa fourth cutting was 79 percent complete, ahead of last year's 70 but near the 77 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 57 good, and 20 excellent, above last year's 64 percent good or excellent condition. Sorghum turning color was 93 percent, behind last year's 96 and the average of 99. Sorghum mature was 30 percent, near last year's 31 but twelve days behind the 69 average. Sorghum harvested was 2 percent, even with last year but behind the 9 average.

Dry beans harvested were 84 percent, ahead of last year's 67 and eight days ahead of the 64 average.

Winter wheat seeded was 85 percent, near last year's 83 and even with the average. Winter wheat emerged was 50 percent, near last year's 49 but behind the 54 average.

Proso millet harvested was 47 percent, well behind last year's 67 and the 70 average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 4, 2009

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	79	75	70	77
Corn Mature	63	33	60	80
Corn Harvested	6	3	8	16
Dry Beans Harvested	84	64	67	64
Proso Millet Harvested	47	43	67	70
Sorghum Turning Color	93	88	96	99
Sorghum Mature	30	16	31	69
Sorghum Harvested	2	0	2	9
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	91	74	85	93
Soybeans Harvested	27	7	28	36
Winter Wheat Seeded	85	72	83	85
Winter Wheat Emerged	50	45	49	54

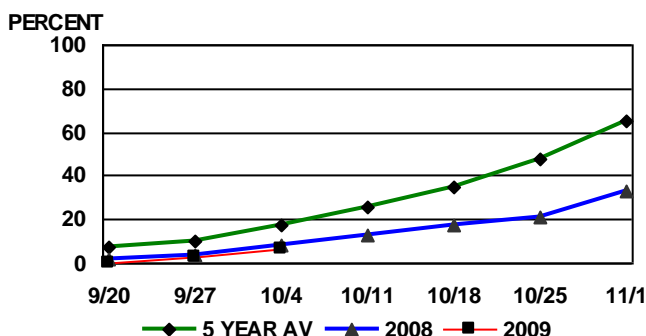
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 4, 2009

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	2	5	12	55	26
Sorghum	0	3	20	57	20
Soybeans	1	3	13	59	24

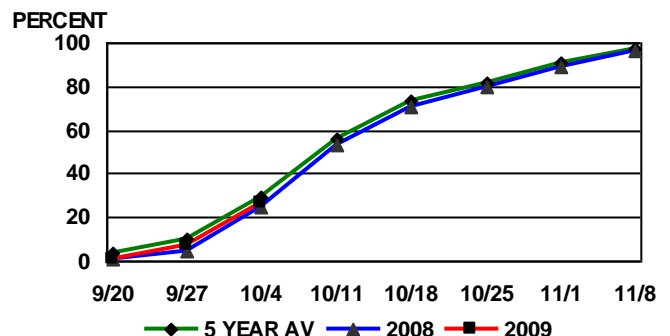
Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 22 fair, 57 good, and 14 excellent, above last year's 58 percent good or excellent condition.

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

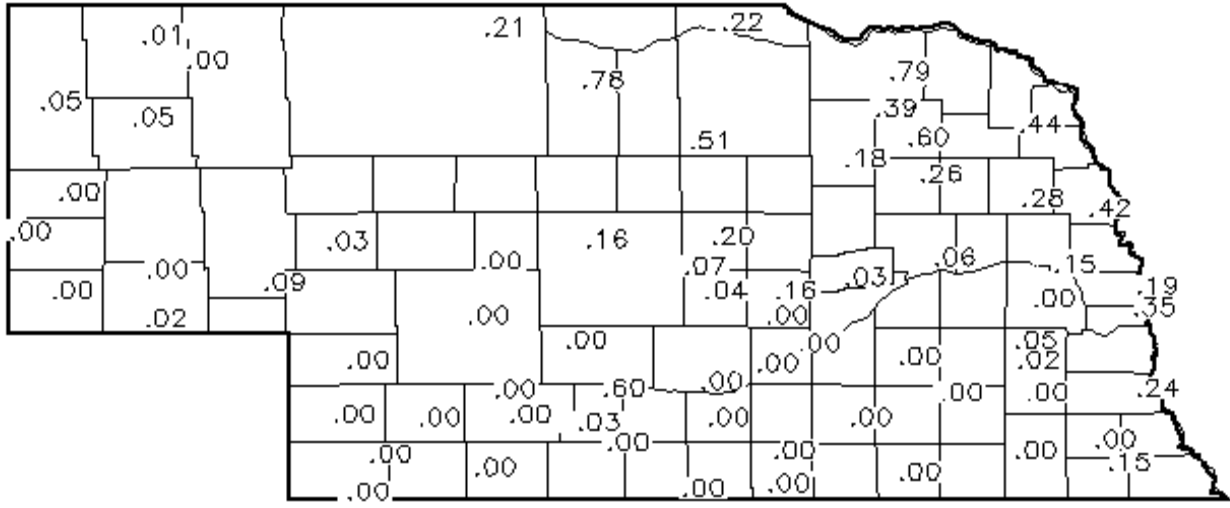
NEBRASKA CORN HARVEST



NEBRASKA SOYBEAN HARVEST



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. October 4, 2009



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – October 4, 2009

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.01	.36	.47	.07	.09	.00	.00	.04
Total since April 1	16.97	18.23	17.68	18.50	18.80	21.50	17.66	18.43
Normal since April 1	12.97	16.64	19.98	18.61	21.44	15.90	18.33	22.37
Total as % of normal	130%	110%	88%	99%	87%	135%	97%	82%

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, October 4, 2009**

	Station	Temperature			
		Extremes		Average	Departure
		High	Low		
NW	Alliance	80	25	47	-8
	Scottsbluff	79	23	48	-7
	Sidney	87	26	48	-8
NC	Ainsworth	71	31	48	-9
	Arthur	75	25	48	-9
	O'Neill	71	29	48	-10
NE	Concord	71	31	48	-11
	Elgin	70	32	49	-10
	West Point	70	28	50	-10
C	Grand Island	75	30	51	-7
	Lexington	78	30	51	-7
	Ord	73	28	48	-9
EC	Central City	75	27	51	-8
	Lincoln	74	32	53	-7
	Mead	72	27	50	-10
SW	Champion	92	25	50	-7
	Dickens	78	24	49	-8
	McCook	91	27	53	-5
SC	Minden	79	31	52	-5
	Red Cloud	79	32	53	-5
	Smithfield	78	31	51	-7
SE	Beatrice	74	29	53	-8
	Clay Center	75	31	52	-6
	Nemaha	73	33	55	-6

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