



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending October 11, 2009, widespread rain, snow and cold temperatures caused harvest delays in many areas, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Corn harvest continues to make slow progress because of high grain moisture levels. The first snow of the season fell the last half of the week, with accumulations of over twelve inches in some western counties. Livestock producers were weaning calves and moving cattle to stubble fields.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 16 degrees below normal across the state, ranging from low 70's for highs to near single digits for lows. The majority of the state received over a half inch of moisture. There were record lows and record cold highs reported in areas around the state.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending October 11, 2009

| | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | Average |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| <i>Percent</i> | | | | |
| Topsoil | | | | |
| Very Short | 1 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| Short | 8 | 22 | 19 | 26 |
| Adequate | 89 | 75 | 73 | 61 |
| Surplus | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| Subsoil | | | | |
| Very Short | 2 | 2 | 8 | 22 |
| Short | 16 | 17 | 26 | 29 |
| Adequate | 82 | 80 | 65 | 48 |
| Surplus | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Days Suitable | 3.7 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.3 |

Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 5 poor, 12 fair, 54 good, and 26 excellent, above last year's 76 percent good or excellent rating. Irrigated fields rated 82 percent good or excellent while dryland fields rated 76, both above year ago levels. Corn mature was 76 percent, behind last year's 77 and nine days behind the 89 average. Corn harvested was 10 percent, behind last year's 13 and two weeks behind the 24 average.

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 13 fair, 57 good, and 23 excellent, above last year's 70 percent good or excellent condition. Soybeans dropping leaves were 95 percent, near last year's 96 but behind the average of 98. Soybeans harvested were 45 percent, behind last year's 58 and four days behind the 61 average.

Alfalfa fourth cutting was 87 percent complete, ahead of last year's 83 and the 84 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 21 fair, 54 good, and 23 excellent, near last year's 76 percent good or excellent condition. Sorghum mature was 62 percent, ahead of last year's 56 but behind the 82 average. Sorghum harvested was 6 percent, even with last year but ten days behind the 18 average.

Dry bean harvest was nearing completion at 91 percent, near last year's 92 but ahead of the 81 average.

Winter wheat seeded was 92 percent, near last year's 91 and 93 average. Winter wheat emerged was 67 percent, behind last year's 74 and the 73 average.

Proso millet harvest was 62 percent, well behind last year's 84 and the 80 average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 11, 2009

| Crop | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | Average |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| <i>Percent</i> | | | | |
| Alfalfa 4 th Cutting | 87 | 79 | 83 | 84 |
| Corn Mature | 76 | 63 | 77 | 89 |
| Corn Harvested | 10 | 6 | 13 | 24 |
| Dry Beans Harvested | 91 | 84 | 92 | 81 |
| Proso Millet Harvested | 62 | 47 | 84 | 80 |
| Sorghum Turning Color | 96 | 93 | 99 | 100 |
| Sorghum Mature | 62 | 30 | 56 | 82 |
| Sorghum Harvested | 6 | 2 | 5 | 18 |
| Soybeans Dropping Leaves | 95 | 91 | 96 | 98 |
| Soybeans Harvested | 45 | 27 | 58 | 61 |
| Winter Wheat Seeded | 92 | 85 | 91 | 93 |
| Winter Wheat Emerged | 67 | 50 | 74 | 73 |

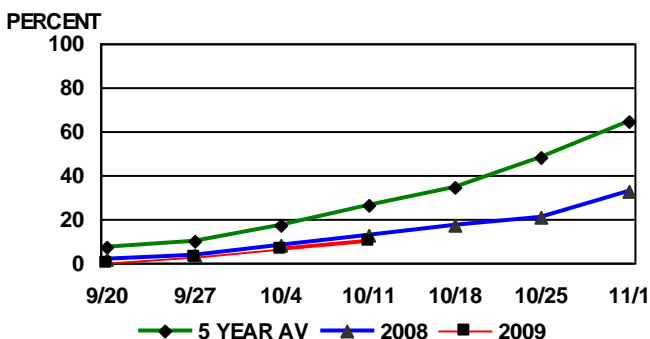
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 11, 2009

| Crop | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| <i>Percent</i> | | | | | |
| Corn | 3 | 5 | 12 | 54 | 26 |
| Sorghum | 0 | 2 | 21 | 54 | 23 |
| Soybeans | 2 | 5 | 13 | 57 | 23 |

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 22 fair, 54 good, and 16 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

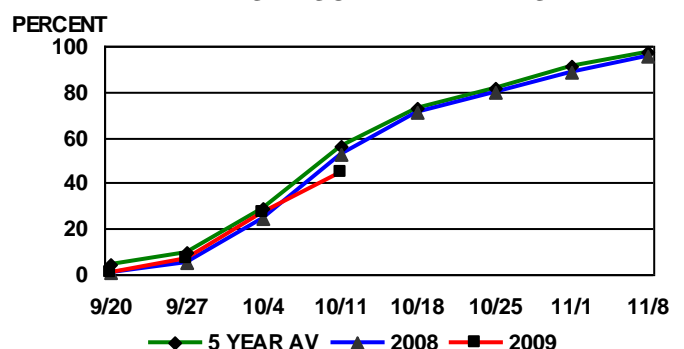
NEBRASKA CORN HARVEST



PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

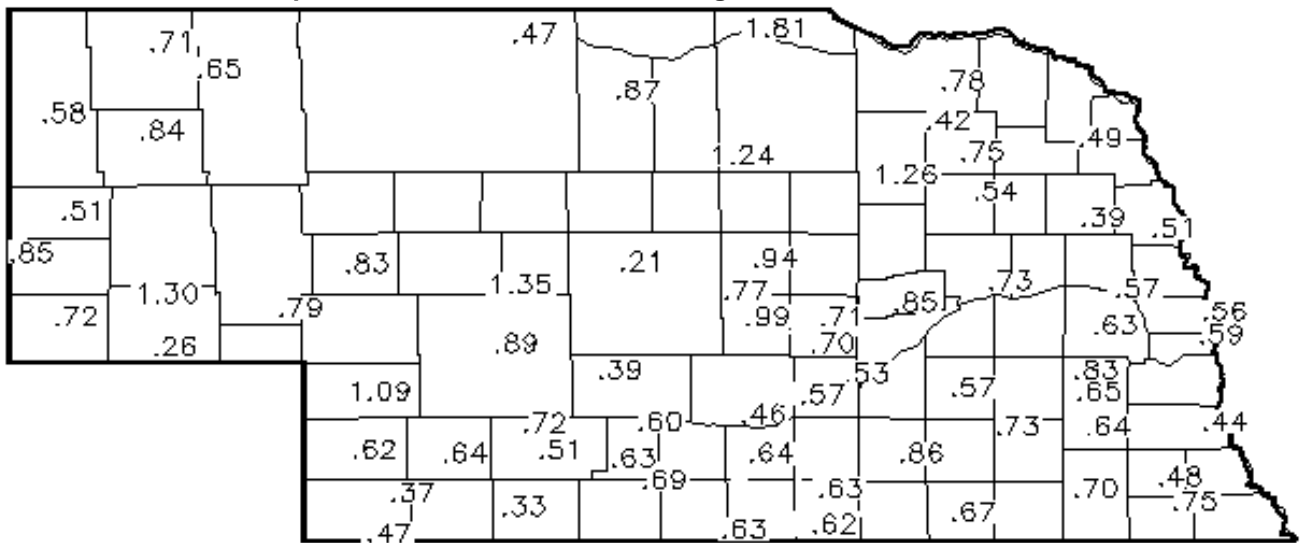
NEBRASKA SOYBEAN HARVEST



PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. October 11, 2009



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – October 11, 2009

| Item | NW | NC | NE | CEN | EC | SW | SC | SE |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total past week | .89 | 1.08 | .64 | .55 | .69 | .60 | .67 | .64 |
| Total since April 1 | 17.88 | 19.35 | 18.33 | 18.97 | 19.49 | 22.11 | 18.33 | 19.07 |
| Normal since April 1 | 13.19 | 16.96 | 20.41 | 18.95 | 21.96 | 16.15 | 18.66 | 22.90 |
| Total as % of normal | 134% | 115% | 89% | 99% | 88% | 137% | 99% | 83% |

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, October 11, 2009**

| Station | Temperature | | | | |
|---------|--------------|-----|---------|-----------|-----|
| | Extremes | | Average | Departure | |
| | High | Low | | | |
| NW | Alliance | 64 | 12 | 33 | -20 |
| | Scottsbluff | 65 | 11 | 35 | -18 |
| | Sidney | 63 | 12 | 34 | -20 |
| NC | Ainsworth | 65 | 20 | 38 | -17 |
| | Arthur | 66 | 14 | 35 | -20 |
| | O'Neill | 66 | 22 | 38 | -17 |
| NE | Concord | 71 | 22 | 39 | -17 |
| | Elgin | 69 | 23 | 40 | -16 |
| | West Point | 72 | 24 | 42 | -15 |
| C | Grand Island | 70 | 22 | 42 | -14 |
| | Lexington | 72 | 20 | 41 | -14 |
| | Ord | 73 | 21 | 40 | -15 |
| EC | Central City | 72 | 21 | 42 | -14 |
| | Lincoln | 72 | 25 | 45 | -13 |
| | Mead | 73 | 25 | 43 | -14 |
| SW | Champion | 70 | 17 | 38 | -17 |
| | Dickens | 69 | 13 | 36 | -19 |
| | McCook | 72 | 21 | 41 | -14 |
| SC | Minden | 71 | 22 | 42 | -14 |
| | Red Cloud | 74 | 25 | 44 | -12 |
| | Smithfield | 69 | 20 | 39 | -16 |
| SE | Beatrice | 73 | 25 | 43 | -15 |
| | Clay Center | 72 | 24 | 42 | -14 |
| | Nemaha | 73 | 28 | 47 | -11 |

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