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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending October 18, 2009, wet soils and cool conditions slowed harvest of fall crops to a crawl, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. With only two days suitable for field work, soybean harvest crept forward to just over halfway complete and is a week behind average. Corn harvest has also been slow due to poor drying conditions. High grain moisture levels have resulted in progress being over two weeks behind the average. In the west, producers were busy harvesting sugar beets.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 11 degrees below normal across the state. The Panhandle, North Central and Southwest Districts saw highs in the 80's and lows in the 20's. All districts recorded lows near or below the freezing mark. Precipitation was widespread but limited. All districts, except the Panhandle, averaged at least a quarter of an inch of rainfall.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending October 18, 2009

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	1	1	3	8
Short	7	8	14	23
Adequate	88	89	75	63
Surplus	4	2	8	6
Subsoil				
Very Short	2	2	8	19
Short	15	16	23	30
Adequate	82	82	66	49
Surplus	1	0	3	2
Days Suitable	2.4	3.7	3.9	4.4

Field Crops Report: Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 11 fair, 54 good, and 28 excellent, above last year's 76 percent good or excellent rating. Irrigated fields rated 83 percent good or excellent while dryland fields rated 79, both above year ago levels. Corn mature was 78 percent, behind last year's 82 and 94 average. Corn harvested was 13 percent complete, behind last year's 17 and eighteen days behind the 34 average.

Soybean harvest moved slowly to 55 percent complete, behind last year's 72 and a week behind the 75 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 19 fair, 52 good, and 25 excellent, even with last year's 77 percent good or excellent condition. Sorghum mature was 76 percent, ahead of last year's 63 but behind the 89 average. Sorghum harvest was 7 percent complete, near last year's 8 but sixteen days behind the 30 average.

Dry beans harvested were 92 percent complete, behind last year's 99 but ahead of the 90 average.

Winter wheat seeded was 95 percent, even with last year but near the 97 average. Winter wheat emerged was 78 percent, behind last year's 85 and 86 average.

Proso millet harvest was 63 percent, behind last year's 88 and the 85 average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 18, 2009

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Corn Mature	78	76	82	94
Corn Harvested	13	10	17	34
Dry Beans Harvested	92	91	99	90
Proso Millet Harvested	63	62	88	85
Sorghum Mature	76	62	63	89
Sorghum Harvested	7	6	8	30
Soybeans Harvested	55	45	72	75
Winter Wheat Seeded	95	92	95	97
Winter Wheat Emerged	78	67	85	86

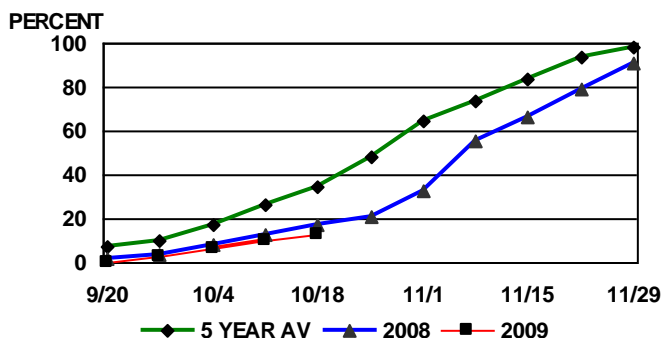
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 18, 2009

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	2	5	11	54	28
Sorghum	1	3	19	52	25

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 57 good, and 17 excellent, well above last year's 57 percent good or excellent condition.

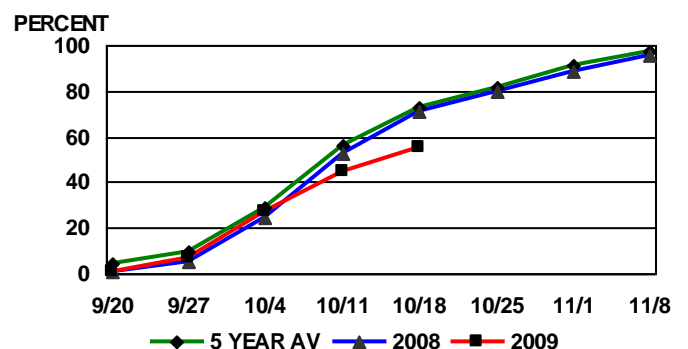
This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/cmts_cur.htm

NEBRASKA CORN HARVEST



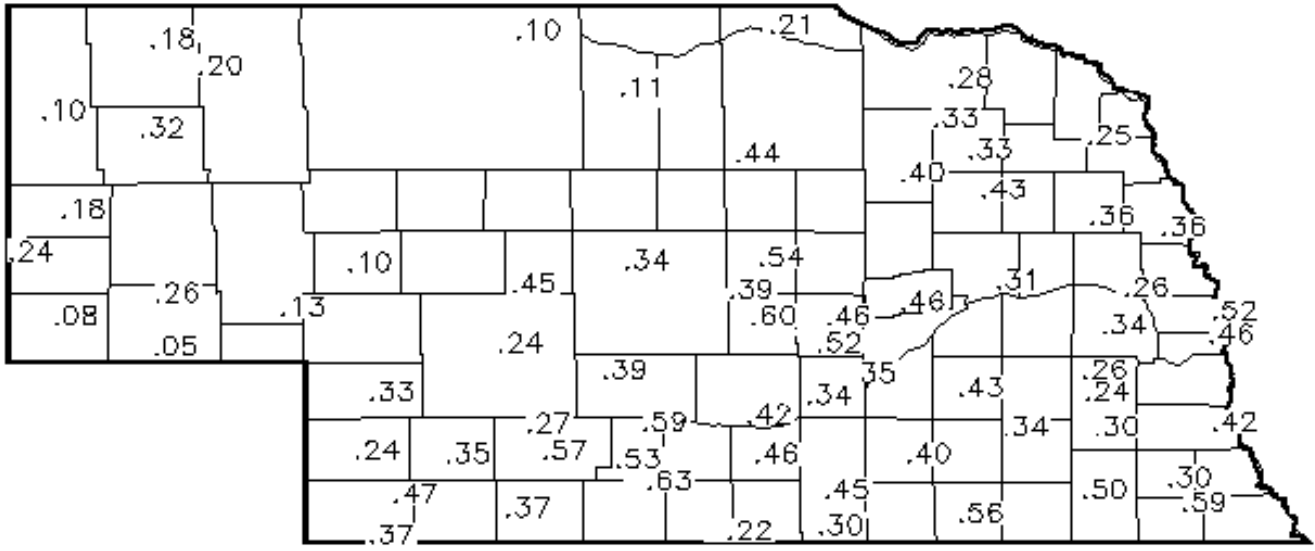
PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY
Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

NEBRASKA SOYBEAN HARVEST



PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY
Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. October 18, 2009



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – October 18, 2009

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.19	.28	.34	.37	.37	.43	.46	.46
Total since April 1	18.09	19.61	18.64	19.18	19.85	22.58	18.79	19.53
Normal since April 1	13.40	17.27	20.82	19.26	22.45	16.40	18.98	23.41
Total as % of normal	134%	114%	89%	99%	88%	137%	99%	83%

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, October 18, 2009**

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	80	23	42	-8
	Scottsbluff	81	20	43	-7
	Sidney	80	24	45	-7
NC	Ainsworth	82	27	42	-11
	Arthur	81	25	42	-10
	O'Neill	71	26	40	-13
NE	Concord	65	26	39	-14
	Elgin	66	28	40	-13
	West Point	66	29	41	-13
C	Grand Island	70	28	42	-11
	Lexington	74	26	42	-11
	Ord	71	28	41	-11
EC	Central City	70	31	42	-11
	Lincoln	68	33	43	-12
	Mead	67	32	42	-13
SW	Champion	86	23	44	-8
	Dickens	83	24	42	-10
	McCook	81	27	44	-8
SC	Minden	73	27	42	-10
	Red Cloud	74	30	43	-10
	Smithfield	73	28	42	-11
SE	Beatrice	68	32	42	-13
	Clay Center	71	30	42	-11
	Nemaha	64	34	44	-11

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