



# Nebraska Weather and Crops

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**Agricultural Summary:** For the week ending November 22, 2009, a third consecutive week of dry weather allowed corn and sorghum harvests to make good progress, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Corn and sorghum harvests are now two and a half weeks behind the average with many producers still reporting high grain moisture levels. Drying capacity continues to limit harvest progress. Long wait times at some elevators are being reported with facilities limiting deliveries of wet grain. Other activities included moving cattle onto stalks, fall tillage, and applying fertilizer.

**Weather Summary:** Temperatures averaged three degrees above normal across the state and ranged from near 60 to lows in the lower double digits. Precipitation was absent across the majority of the state. Snow fell in southeast counties early in the week with the district reporting over three quarters of an inch of moisture.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:  
Nebraska, Week Ending November 22, 2009**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Topsoil</b>				
Very Short	0	0	2	9
Short	3	2	9	28
Adequate	92	90	86	61
Surplus	5	8	3	2
<b>Subsoil</b>				
Very Short	0	0	1	17
Short	7	6	17	32
Adequate	90	90	79	50
Surplus	3	4	3	1
<b>Days Suitable</b>	6.0	6.1	5.6	5.6

**Field Crops Report:** Corn harvested was 65 percent complete, well behind last year's 80 and 18 days behind the 92 average.

Sorghum harvest was 68 percent complete, behind last year's 75 and 19 days behind the average of 93.

Winter wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 28 fair, 59 good, and 12 excellent, below last year's 79 percent good or excellent rating.

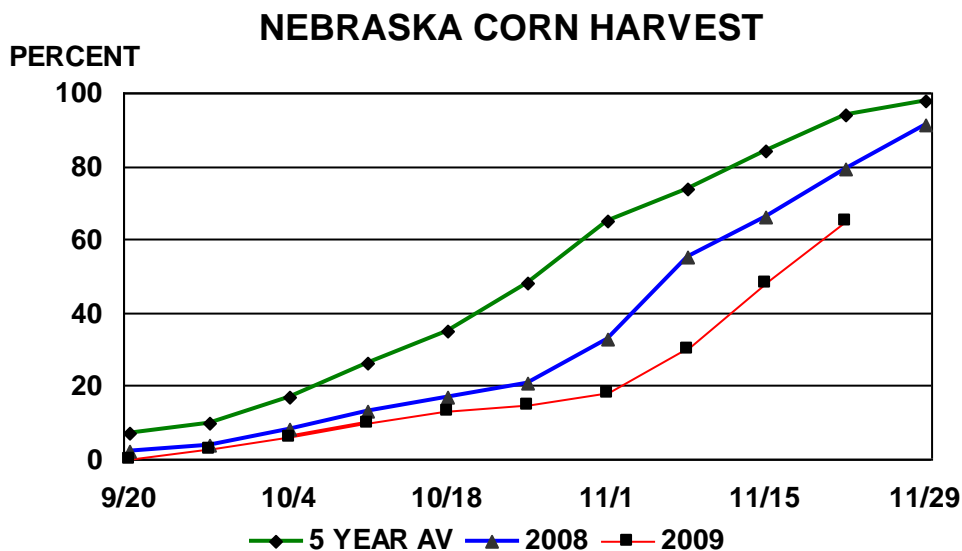
**Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending November 22, 2009**

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Corn Harvested	65	48	80	92
Sorghum Harvested	68	44	75	93

**Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending November 22, 2009**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Winter Wheat	0	1	28	59	12

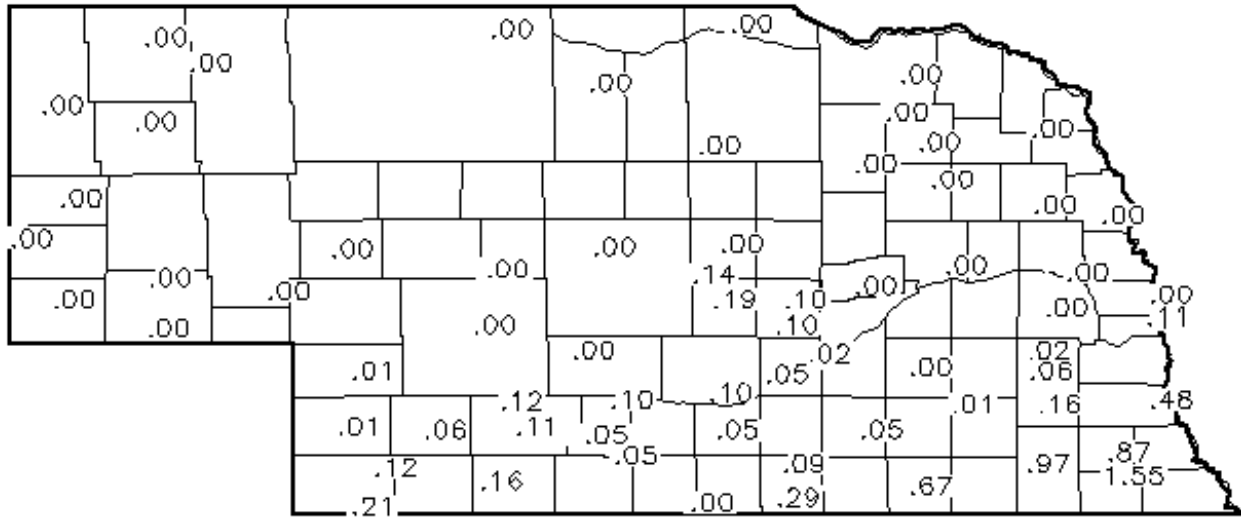
*This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: [http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/cmts\\_cur.htm](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/cmts_cur.htm)*



**PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY**

Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. November 22, 2009**



**Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – November 22, 2009**

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.00	.00	.00	.05	.03	.09	.06	.77
Total since April 1	19.98	21.66	21.91	22.21	22.63	26.04	22.07	23.21
Normal since April 1	14.16	18.39	22.40	20.52	24.28	17.36	20.17	25.35
Total as % of normal	140%	118%	97%	107%	93%	150%	110%	91%

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,  
Week Ending Sunday, November 22, 2009**

	Station	Temperature			
		Extremes		Average	Departure
		High	Low		
NW	Alliance	60	20	38	+4
	Scottsbluff	59	16	37	+2
	Sidney	61	12	37	+2
NC	Ainsworth	61	22	40	+5
	Arthur	58	18	38	+3
	O'Neill	57	15	37	+2
NE	Concord	56	18	39	+3
	Elgin	57	20	39	+3
	West Point	57	20	40	+4
C	Grand Island	57	17	38	+3
	Lexington	57	17	37	+2
	Ord	62	14	38	+3
EC	Central City	59	14	39	+3
	Lincoln	59	27	43	+5
	Mead	58	21	40	+2
SW	Champion	60	15	36	+1
	Dickens	58	17	37	+3
	McCook	58	17	39	+4
SC	Minden	58	17	38	+2
	Red Cloud	57	18	40	+4
	Smithfield	56	20	38	+2
SE	Beatrice	56	23	39	+1
	Clay Center	58	16	39	+3
	Nemaha	57	30	42	+4

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