



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending April 25, 2010, corn planting was active across the eastern third of the State until rains halted progress, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Accumulation of an inch or more of precipitation was common across all but the Central counties. Rain scattered throughout the week limited farm activities with only 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork. In many areas, soils will need to dry before further planting progress can be made. Both topsoil and subsoil moisture supplies are above previous year and average. Other activities included planting of oats and sugar beets, seed bed preparation, fertilizer application and working the spring calf crop. Pastures and forage crops continued to benefit from the moisture but feedlot conditions were muddy.

Weather Summary: Temperatures for the week averaged 1 degree above normal across the state with highs near 70 in most locations and lows in the 30's. Precipitation fell throughout the state with heaviest accumulations of 2 inches or more common in Panhandle counties.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending April 25, 2010**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	0	0	1	3
Short	2	6	13	14
Adequate	90	89	77	74
Surplus	8	5	9	10
Subsoil				
Very Short	0	0	5	9
Short	2	2	16	23
Adequate	92	93	78	65
Surplus	6	5	1	2
Days Suitable	3.6	5.0	5.1	4.1

Field Crops Report: Corn planting was 23 percent statewide. This is near last year's 24 but ahead of the 15 average. The first fields had begun to emerge.

Wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 23 fair, 67 good, and 7 excellent, close to the 73 percent good or excellent of last year but above 61 average. Wheat jointed was at 16 percent, ahead of last year's 13 but behind 26 average.

Oats planted was 85 percent, ahead of last year's 82 and 82 average. Nearly half of the oats had emerged at 48 percent, ahead of last year's 31 and 38 average.

Alfalfa rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 74 good, and 11 excellent. Conditions are above last year's 77 percent good or excellent condition and 67 average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending April 25, 2010

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Corn Planted	23	5	24	15
Corn Emerged	1	0	0	0
Oats Planted	85	71	82	82
Oats Emerged	48	18	31	38
Wheat Jointed	16	9	13	26

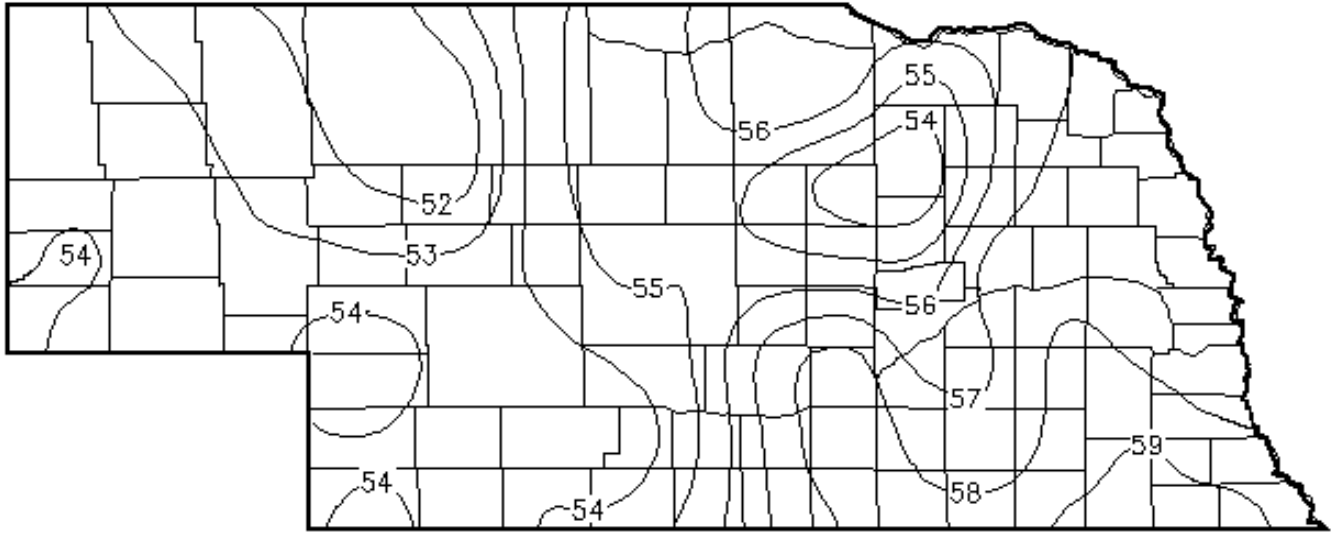
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending April 25, 2010

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	0	1	14	74	11
Wheat	0	3	23	67	7

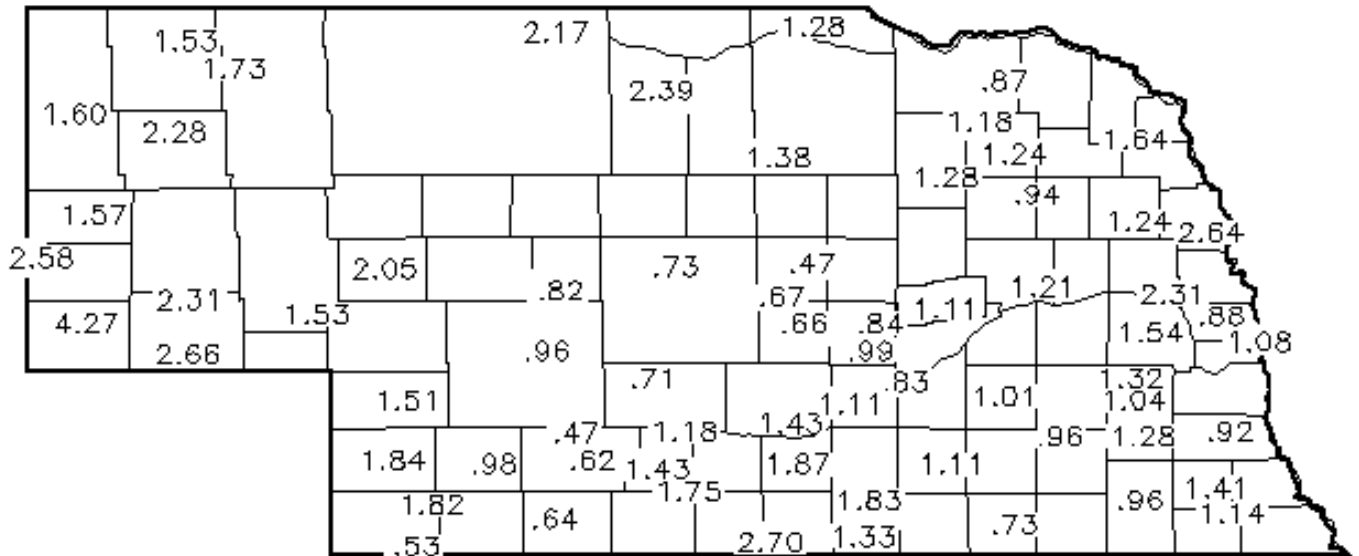
Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Spring calving was 92 percent complete. Calf losses rated 2 percent below average, 87 average, and 11 above average. Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 15 fair, 74 good, and 9 excellent, well above last year's 72 good and excellent and 60 average.

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

**Average Temperature at the Four Inch Depth Under Bare Soil
April 19 – April 25, 2010**



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. April 25, 2010



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – April 25, 2010

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	2.35	1.46	1.36	.73	1.23	1.07	1.75	1.02
Total since April 1	3.24	2.34	1.87	2.02	2.22	2.76	3.79	2.16
Normal since April 1	1.42	1.69	2.10	1.99	2.22	1.53	1.66	2.26
Total as % of normal	230%	143%	88%	101%	100%	180%	230%	95%

Temperature: By District, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, April 25, 2010

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	70	29	48	-3
	Scottsbluff	73	30	49	-2
	Sidney	70	31	49	-3
NC	Ainsworth	70	39	53	0
	Arthur	67	32	51	-2
	O'Neill	66	41	54	+1
NE	Concord	71	36	55	+1
	Elgin	68	37	54	0
	West Point	70	35	56	+1
C	Grand Island	70	38	56	+3
	Lexington	68	37	53	0
	Ord	70	41	55	+2
EC	Central City	71	33	55	+2
	Lincoln	75	36	58	+2
	Mead	73	30	56	0
SW	Champion	66	34	51	-1
	Dickens	66	36	52	-1
	McCook	69	37	54	+1
SC	Minden	71	34	55	+2
	Red Cloud	71	38	57	+3
	Smithfield	68	35	53	0
SE	Beatrice	73	32	56	0
	Clay Center	70	32	56	+2
	Nemaha	75	43	59	+4