



# Nebraska Weather and Crops

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**Agricultural Summary:** For the week ending October 17, 2010, little to no rain fell for the third week in a row allowing producers to advance harvest well ahead of the five year averages, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Soybean harvest progressed to 89 percent complete and corn reached the half way point, both two weeks or more ahead of average. Long lines and available storage at elevators caused some harvest bottlenecks for producers. Sorghum harvest was advancing with dry bean and proso millet harvests nearing completion. The last of the winter wheat fields were being seeded but the lack of rain is slowing emergence.

**Weather Summary:** Temperatures averaged 2 degrees above normal across Nebraska. High temperatures reached the upper 80's in the Southwest District and upper 70's to low 80's for the rest of the state. Lows were recorded in the mid 20's in the Southwest District, giving the region its first hard freeze. Light precipitation fell early in the week in the southern two-thirds of the state. The South Central District averaged the most moisture but was limited to .15 of an inch.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:  
Nebraska, Week Ending October 17, 2010**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Topsoil</b>				
Very Short	10	11	1	6
Short	43	38	7	18
Adequate	47	51	88	69
Surplus	0	0	4	6
<b>Subsoil</b>				
Very Short	4	4	2	13
Short	35	33	15	26
Adequate	61	63	82	59
Surplus	0	0	1	2
<b>Days Suitable</b>	6.7	6.8	2.6	4.0

**Field Crops Report:** Corn harvest was 50 percent complete, well ahead of 13 last year and 29 average.

Soybeans harvested was 89 percent, well ahead of 54 last year and 69 average.

Sorghum mature was 94 percent, well ahead of last year's 74 and 85 average. Sorghum harvested was 28 percent, ahead of 7 last year and 24 average.

Winter wheat seeding was 98 percent complete, ahead of 95 last year and 96 average. Winter wheat emerged was 81 percent, ahead of last year's 76 but near 82 average.

Dry beans harvested was 98 percent, ahead of 92 last year and 94 average.

Proso millet harvest was at 93 percent, ahead of 63 last year and 83 average.

The fourth cutting of alfalfa progressed to 91 percent, ahead of 89 last year and near 92 average.

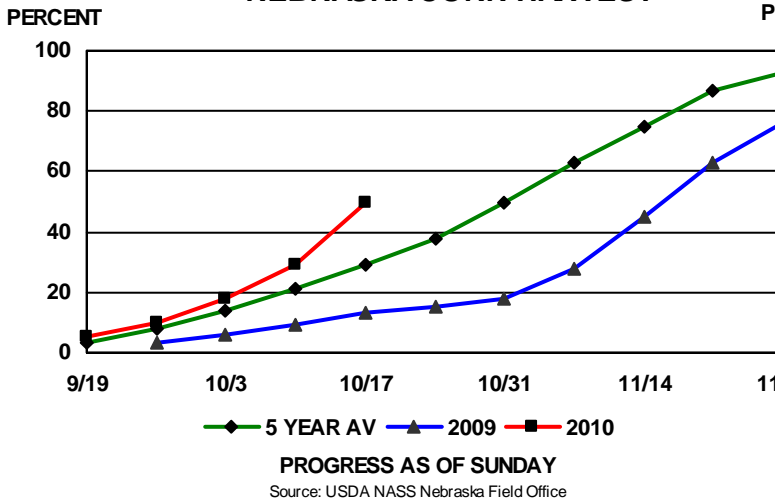
**Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 17, 2010**

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	91	85	89	92
Corn Harvested	50	29	13	29
Dry Beans Harvested	98	96	92	94
Proso Millet Harvested	93	87	63	83
Sorghum Mature	94	89	74	85
Sorghum Harvested	28	15	7	24
Soybeans Harvested	89	71	54	69
Winter Wheat Seeded	98	95	95	96
Winter Wheat Emerged	81	68	76	82

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 25 fair, 64 good, and 6 excellent, above year ago levels.

*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)*

**NEBRASKA CORN HARVEST**



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