



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending October 24, 2010, weather conditions have allowed producers to make excellent harvest progress for the fourth week in a row, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Soybean harvest neared completion at 96 percent, approximately two weeks ahead of average. Corn harvest jumped to 74 percent complete, about 3 weeks ahead of average. Crops are drying down in the field saving producers on drying costs. Harvested fields were beginning to get worked up as well as some fertilizer applications being made. Rangeland is starting to show some stress due to the dry conditions.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 4 degrees above normal across Nebraska. High temperatures reached the mid to upper 70's across the state while lows were recorded in the upper 20's to low 30's. Light precipitation fell late in the week mostly in the western two-thirds of the state and the far southeast counties. The North Central District averaged the most moisture at over .5 of an inch.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending October 24, 2010

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	12	10	0	6
Short	50	43	4	16
Adequate	38	47	82	68
Surplus	0	0	14	10
Subsoil				
Very Short	5	4	1	14
Short	37	35	12	24
Adequate	57	61	81	59
Surplus	1	0	5	4
Days Suitable	6.5	6.7	1.7	3.7

Field Crops Report: Corn harvest was 74 percent complete, well ahead of 15 last year and 38 average.

Soybeans harvested was 96 percent, well ahead of 62 last year and 78 average.

Sorghum mature was 95 percent, ahead of last year's 86 and 91 average. Sorghum harvested was 52 percent, well ahead of 8 last year and 34 average.

Winter wheat conditions rated 7 percent poor, 53 fair, 36 good, and 4 excellent. Winter wheat emerged was 91 percent, ahead of last year's 85 but equal to average.

Proso millet harvest was at 96 percent, ahead of 65 last year and 89 average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 24, 2010

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
				<i>Percent</i>
Corn Harvested	74	50	15	38
Proso Millet Harvested	96	93	65	89
Sorghum Mature	95	94	86	91
Sorghum Harvested	52	28	8	34
Soybeans Harvested	96	89	62	78
Winter Wheat Emerged	91	81	85	91

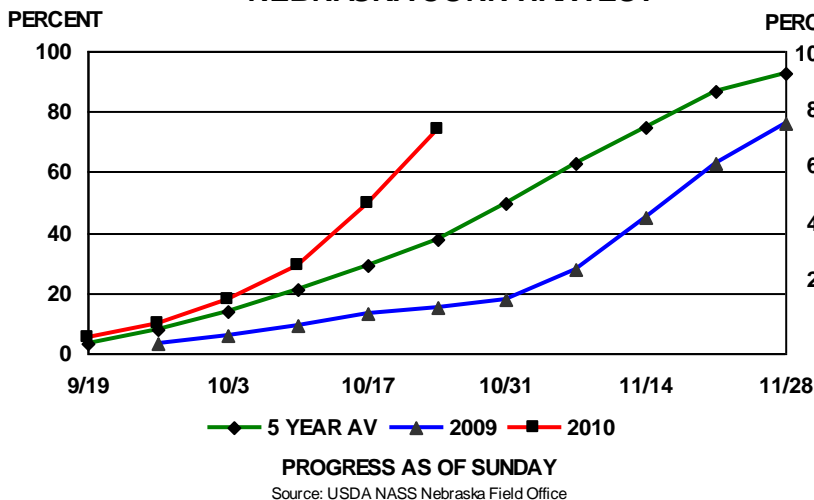
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 24, 2010

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
					<i>Percent</i>
Wheat	0	7	53	36	4

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 26 fair, 60 good, and 8 excellent, near 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

NEBRASKA CORN HARVEST



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