



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending July 31, 2011, above normal temperatures impacted both crops and livestock, with high humidity adding to livestock stress, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Wheat and hay harvest progressed with the dry conditions and irrigation was active in most areas. Aerial applications of fungicides and insecticides were occurring where needed.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 3 degrees above normal. Highs reached triple digits, but were mainly in mid to upper 90's. Lows were recorded mostly in the 60's. Rainfall was highest in the Southeast District while the Panhandle received only a trace.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending July 31, 2011**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	5	2	0	14
Short	33	28	19	28
Adequate	60	67	78	56
Surplus	2	3	3	2
Subsoil				
Very Short	3	1	0	14
Short	21	16	10	24
Adequate	74	80	87	61
Surplus	2	3	3	1
Days Suitable	6.0	6.3	6.2	6.2

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 16 fair, 56 good, and 21 excellent. Irrigated corn conditions rated 80 percent good to excellent and dryland corn rated 74. Corn silked was 89 percent, behind 94 last year and 90 average. Corn in dough stage was 17 percent, behind 25 last year and average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 58 good, and 17 excellent, below 78 percent good to excellent last year but above 68 average. Soybeans blooming were 81 percent, behind 88 last year and 85 average. Soybean acreage setting pods were at 35 percent, behind 45 last year and 46 average.

Wheat harvest was 87 percent complete, behind 93 last year and 6 days behind 96 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 23 fair, 64 good, and 10 excellent, below 82 percent good to excellent last year but above 71 average. Sorghum headed was 15 percent, behind 42 last year and 32 average.

Oats harvested was 85 percent, ahead of 82 last year and 79 average.

Dry Beans condition rated 0 percent very poor, 10 poor, 23 fair, 59 good, and 8 excellent, below 77 percent good to excellent last year but above 64 average. Dry beans blooming were 54 percent, behind 78 last year and average. Dry beans setting pods were 11 percent, behind 15 last year and 24 average.

Alfalfa rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 16 fair, 64 good, and 17 excellent, near 80 percent good to excellent last year and above 59 average. Second cutting of alfalfa was 88 percent complete, behind 92 last year and average. Third cutting of alfalfa was at 14 percent, behind 24 last year and 20 average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending July 31, 2011

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 2 nd Cutting	88	75	92	92
Alfalfa 3 rd Cutting	14	3	24	20
Corn Silked	89	73	94	90
Corn Dough	17	6	25	25
Dry Beans Blooming	54	25	78	78
Dry Beans Setting Pods	11	3	15	24
Oats Harvested	85	73	82	79
Sorghum Headed	15	10	42	32
Soybeans Blooming	81	65	88	85
Soybeans Setting Pods	35	19	45	46
Wheat Harvested	87	66	93	96

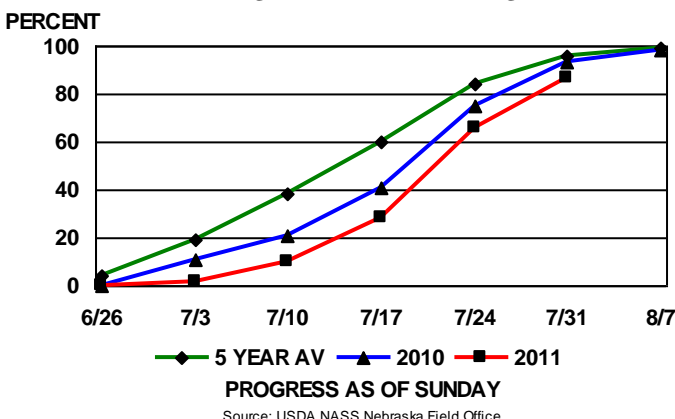
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending July 31, 2011

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	0	3	16	64	17
Corn	2	5	16	56	21
Dry Beans	0	10	23	59	8
Sorghum	0	3	23	64	10
Soybeans	1	4	20	58	17

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 18 fair, 66 good, and 11 excellent, below last year's 90 percent good to excellent but above 58 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/NEcurrent.asp](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics/by%20State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop%20Progress%20&%20Condition/NEcurrent.asp)

NEBRASKA WHEAT HARVESTED



NEBRASKA CORN SILKED

