



# Nebraska Weather and Crops

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**Agricultural Summary:** For the week ending September 25, 2011, dry weather allowed for harvesting to pick up momentum, but progress was limited due to high grain moisture levels, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Frost was recorded in portions of Nebraska, however, a statewide hard freeze has yet to occur. Harvest of corn silage, high moisture corn, and seed corn were winding down. Dry bean harvest was near the halfway point and sugarbeet harvest has begun in the west. About one quarter of the winter wheat crop has emerged.

**Weather Summary:** Temperatures for the week averaged 4 to 8 degrees below normal for the eastern half of the state and from near normal to 4 degrees below normal for the western half. Highs were in the 80's and lows were in the 30's. Very little rain fell during the week. The South East District had the highest accumulation of near one tenth of an inch of precipitation. The rest of the state was mostly dry.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:  
Nebraska, Week Ending September 25, 2011**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Topsoil</b>				
Very Short	7	3	4	4
Short	28	25	28	24
Adequate	65	71	65	69
Surplus	0	1	3	3
<b>Subsoil</b>				
Very Short	4	3	1	9
Short	27	25	22	25
Adequate	68	71	75	65
Surplus	1	1	2	1
<b>Days Suitable</b>	6.5	5.2	5.1	5.3

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 17 fair, 55 good, and 21 excellent, below 81 percent good to excellent last year but near 75 average. Irrigated corn conditions rated 79 percent good to excellent and dryland corn rated 69. Corn mature was 52 percent, well behind 74 last year and 57 average. Corn harvest was at 6 percent, behind 9 last year but equal to average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 17 fair, 57 good, and 22 excellent, above 76 percent good to excellent last year and 74 average. Soybeans turning color was 92 percent, behind 94 last year and average. Soybeans dropping leaves was 47 percent, well behind 76 last year and 67 average. Soybean harvest was just underway.

Winter Wheat seeded was 66 percent, equal to last year but ahead of 63 average. Wheat emerged was 27 percent, ahead of 22 last year and near 26 average.

Proso Millet harvest was 37 percent, behind 59 last year and 49 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 19 fair, 58 good, and 19 excellent, above last year's good to excellent rating of 72 percent and average. Sorghum turning color was 95 percent, equal to last year but ahead of 93 average. Sorghum mature was 34 percent, behind 41 last year and near 35 average. Sorghum harvested was 2 percent, equal to last year and average.

Dry Beans condition rated 3 percent very poor, 13 poor, 22 fair, 50 good, and 12 excellent, below 66 percent good to excellent last year. Dry beans turning color was 97 percent, behind 100 percent last year but equal to average. Dry beans dropping leaves were 91 percent, near last year's 90 but ahead of 81 average. Dry beans harvest was 49 percent, well behind 76 last year but near 50 average.

Alfalfa rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 23 fair, 63 good, and 11 excellent, below 78 percent good to excellent last year. The fourth cutting of alfalfa was at 82 percent, ahead of 75 last year and 68 average.

**Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending September 25, 2011**

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	82	60	75	68
Corn Mature	52	22	74	57
Corn Harvested	6	2	9	6
Dry Beans Turning Color	97	94	100	97
Dry Beans Dropping Leaves	91	83	90	81
Dry Beans Harvested	49	17	76	50
Proso Millet Harvested	37	23	59	49
Sorghum Turning Color	95	93	95	93
Sorghum Mature	34	24	41	35
Sorghum Harvested	2	1	2	2
Soybeans Turning Color	92	73	94	94
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	47	17	76	67
Soybeans Harvested	2		8	6
Winter Wheat Seeded	66	41	66	63
Winter Wheat Emerged	27		22	26

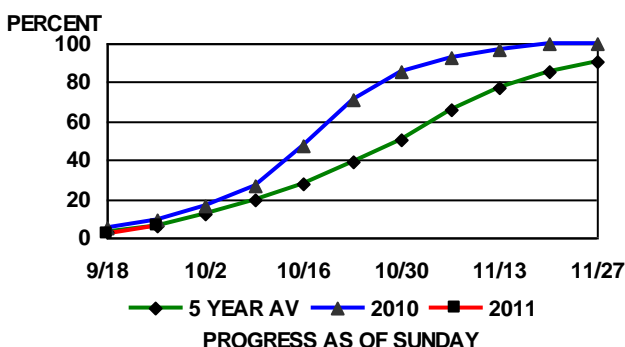
**Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending September 25, 2011**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	0	3	23	63	11
Corn	2	5	17	55	21
Dry Beans	3	13	22	50	12
Sorghum	1	3	19	58	19
Soybeans	1	3	17	57	22

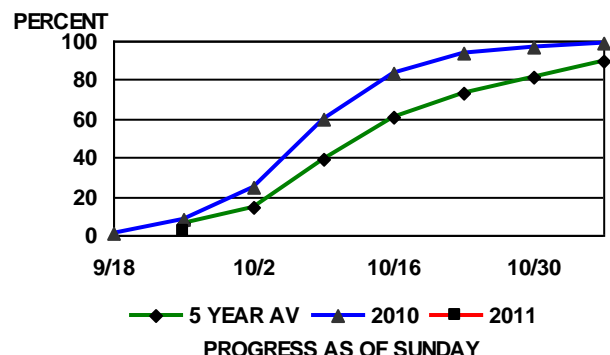
**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 22 fair, 61 good, and 10 excellent, below last year's 83 percent good to excellent but above 59 average.

*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_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/NEcurrent.asp)*

**NEBRASKA CORN HARVEST**



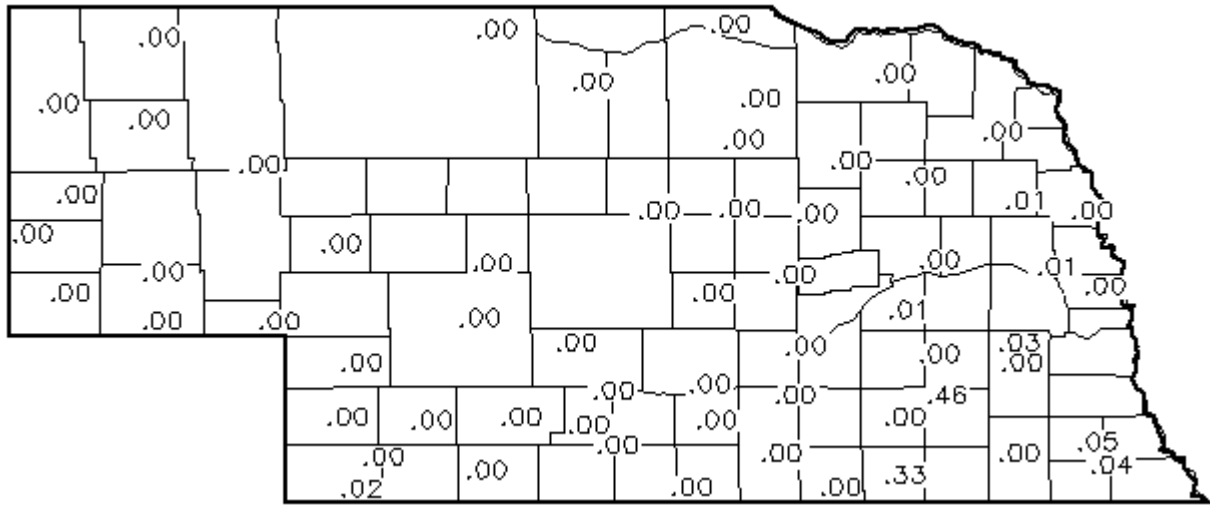
**NEBRASKA SOYBEANS HARVEST**



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**Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. September 25, 2011**



**Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, September 19 – September 25, 2011**

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.00	.00	.00	.00	.06	.01	.01	.12
Total since April 1	17.07	21.20	20.87	22.42	24.01	20.21	21.40	21.04
Normal since April 1	12.64	16.42	19.14	18.53	20.49	15.23	18.51	21.49
Total as % of normal	134%	129%	109%	121%	117%	133%	115%	98%

**Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska,  
Week Ending Sunday, September 25, 2011**

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15			
	Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal	
	High	Low						
NW	Alliance	85	32	58	-1	2285	2380	2666
	Scottsbluff	89	30	59	0	2449	2551	2650
	Sidney	85	37	59	0	2359	2455	2773
NC	Ainsworth	85	32	57	-4	2521	2603	2907
	Arthur	84	34	59	-2	2398	2491	2858
	O'Neill	83	32	55	-6	2549	2625	2954
NE	Concord	81	33	55	-7	2609	2676	3079
	Elgin	82	32	56	-5	2599	2671	3008
	West Point	82	32	55	-8	2725	2796	3168
C	Grand Island	84	35	57	-4	2792	2875	2961
	Lexington	84	34	57	-4	2624	2715	2917
	Ord	84	31	55	-6	2628	2711	2952
EC	Central City	82	30	55	-7	2769	2850	3013
	Lincoln	83	37	59	-5	3101	3182	3256
	Mead	81	32	55	-8	2890	2966	3254
SW	Champion	88	32	59	-1	2583	2689	2874
	Dickens	84	33	58	-2	2515	2610	2887
	McCook	89	33	59	-1	2782	2881	2905
SC	Minden	83	35	57	-4	2765	2851	2932
	Red Cloud	85	35	59	-2	2996	3086	2990
	Smithfield	84	35	58	-3	2636	2726	2921
SE	Beatrice	83	36	58	-6	3004	3089	3256
	Clay Center	84	35	57	-4	2830	2915	2990
	Nemaha	80	43	60	-3	3226	3307	3255

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