



# Nebraska Weather and Crops

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**Agricultural Summary:** For the week ending October 2, 2011, soybean harvest moved into full swing with no rainfall during the week, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Green stemmed soybeans were making early harvest difficult; however, harvest progress of all fall crops was on pace with average. Dry bean harvest continued to advance while sugarbeet harvest was slowed with the hot weather. About half of the winter wheat crop has emerged. A lack of moisture to carry the wheat crop through the winter months is starting to be a concern.

**Weather Summary:** No precipitation was reported by recording stations for the week. High temperatures were in the 90's and lows were mainly in the 30's. The western half of the state saw above normal temperatures while the eastern half was near normal. The Panhandle averaged 6 degrees above normal for the week.

Winter Wheat seeded was 82 percent, above 79 last year and 80 average. Wheat emerged was 53 percent, ahead of 41 last year and 44 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 8 poor, 18 fair, 59 good, and 14 excellent, equal to last year and average. Sorghum mature was 75 percent, ahead of 72 last year and 56 average. Sorghum harvested was 7 percent, ahead of 5 last year and 4 average.

Proso Millet harvest was 64 percent, behind 70 last year but equal to average.

Dry Beans dropping leaves were 99 percent, ahead of last year's 96 and 92 average. Dry beans harvest was 80 percent, behind 83 last year but ahead of 70 average.

The fourth cutting of alfalfa was at 86 percent, ahead of 82 last year and 76 average.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending October 2, 2011

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Topsoil</b>				
Very Short	8	7	10	6
Short	42	28	31	26
Adequate	50	65	58	66
Surplus	0	0	1	2
<b>Subsoil</b>				
Very Short	4	4	2	10
Short	34	27	31	27
Adequate	62	68	66	62
Surplus	0	1	1	1
<b>Days Suitable</b>	6.9	6.5	6.5	5.9

### Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 2, 2011

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	86	82	82	76
Corn Mature	75	52	88	75
Corn Harvested	11	6	17	12
Dry Beans Dropping Leaves	99	91	96	92
Dry Beans Harvested	80	49	83	70
Proso Millet Harvested	64	37	70	64
Sorghum Mature	75	34	72	56
Sorghum Harvested	7	2	5	4
Soybeans Turning Color	98	92	99	99
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	78	47	90	88
Soybeans Harvested	20	2	29	22
Winter Wheat Seeded	82	66	79	80
Winter Wheat Emerged	53	27	41	44

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 19 fair, 55 good, and 18 excellent, below 82 percent good to excellent last year but near 75 average. Irrigated corn conditions rated 77 percent good to excellent and dryland corn rated 67. Corn mature was 75 percent, well behind 88 last year but equal to average. Corn harvest was at 11 percent, behind 17 last year but near 12 average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 18 fair, 58 good, and 20 excellent, near 77 percent good to excellent last year but above 74 average. Soybeans turning color was 98 percent, near 99 last year and average. Soybeans dropping leaves was 78 percent, well behind 90 last year and 88 average. Soybean harvest was at 20 percent, behind 29 last year but near 22 average.

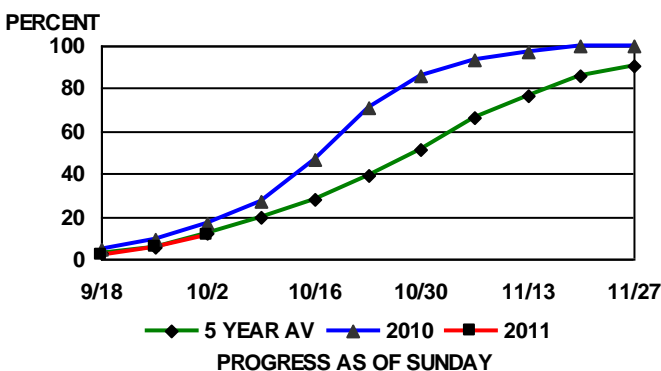
### Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 2, 2011

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Corn	2	6	19	55	18
Sorghum	1	8	18	59	14
Soybeans	1	3	18	58	20

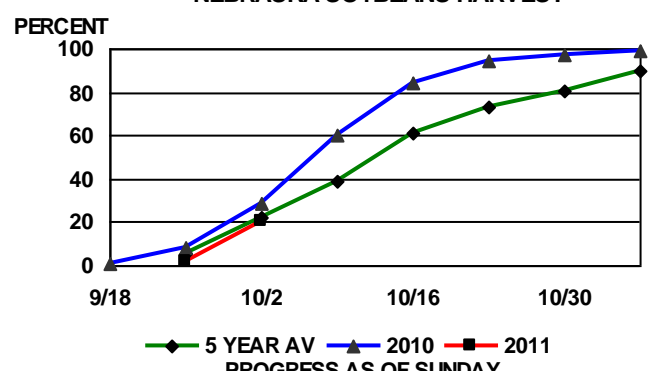
**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 8 poor, 24 fair, 63 good, and 4 excellent, below last year's 75 percent good to excellent but above 57 average.

*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



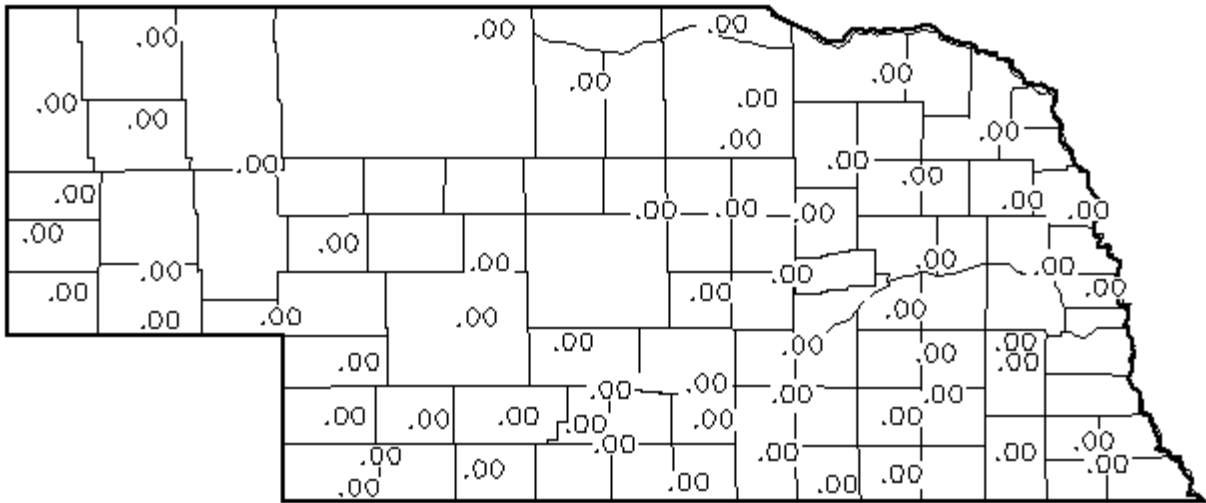
NEBRASKA SOYBEANS HARVEST



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**Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. October 2, 2011**



**Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, September 26 – October 2, 2011**

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Total since April 1	17.09	21.20	20.87	22.42	24.01	20.21	21.40	21.04
Normal since April 1	12.89	16.82	19.72	19.06	21.20	15.56	19.03	22.25
Total as % of normal	132%	125%	105%	117%	113%	130%	112%	95%

**Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska,  
Week Ending Sunday, October 2, 2011**

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15			
	Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal	
	High	Low						
NW	Alliance	89	36	62	+6	2380	2491	2743
	Scottsbluff	92	37	63	+7	2551	2665	2727
	Sidney	87	38	62	+5	2455	2564	2851
NC	Ainsworth	93	34	62	+4	2603	2707	2984
	Arthur	89	34	60	+2	2491	2591	2936
	O'Neill	90	34	60	+1	2625	2721	3032
NE	Concord	86	36	58	-1	2676	2763	3157
	Elgin	88	37	60	+1	2671	2764	3087
	West Point	87	34	59	-2	2796	2889	3247
C	Grand Island	88	35	60	+1	2875	2972	3040
	Lexington	90	30	59	+1	2715	2815	2996
	Ord	97	30	58	0	2711	2813	3031
EC	Central City	89	31	58	-1	2850	2946	3093
	Lincoln	87	36	61	0	3182	3278	3337
	Mead	87	31	59	-2	2966	3062	3335
SW	Champion	92	29	60	+2	2689	2800	2952
	Dickens	89	33	59	+1	2610	2712	2966
	McCook	93	30	61	+3	2881	2990	2984
SC	Minden	88	31	59	0	2851	2951	3011
	Red Cloud	89	34	60	+1	3086	3186	3069
	Smithfield	89	32	60	+1	2726	2827	3000
SE	Beatrice	88	35	60	-1	3089	3187	3337
	Clay Center	88	36	60	+1	2915	3014	3069
	Nemaha	85	41	61	+1	3307	3399	3337

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