



# Nebraska Weather and Crops

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**Agricultural Summary:** For the week ending October 30, 2011, mostly dry conditions coupled with cooler temperatures aided harvest progress of fall crops, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Soybean harvest neared completion with progress on pace with last year and well ahead of average. Corn harvest jumped to near three-fourths complete with progress ten days ahead of average. Sorghum harvest at 64 percent, was eight days ahead of average. Sunflower harvest has started while sugarbeet harvest was winding down. Fall tillage has been ongoing and anhydrous ammonia applications have begun. Wheat conditions continue well above last year. Soil moisture levels continue to decline and are now below average for this time of year. During the last two months, precipitation averaged less than 50 percent of normal across much of the eastern third of Nebraska.

**Weather Summary:** Temperatures for the week averaged 2 degrees below normal. High temperatures reached the 80's and lows dipped into the mid teen's in the Panhandle. The Southwest and Panhandle Districts received limited rain during the week with accumulations averaging near a quarter of an inch.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending October 30, 2011

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Topsoil</b>				
Very Short	6	5	15	6
Short	35	31	48	22
Adequate	59	64	37	64
Surplus	0	0	0	8
<b>Subsoil</b>				
Very Short	4	4	8	10
Short	37	30	35	24
Adequate	59	66	57	62
Surplus	0	0	0	4
<b>Days Suitable</b>	6.5	6.5	6.2	4.8

**Field Crops Report:** Corn harvest was at 73 percent, one week behind 86 last year but ten days ahead of 51 average.

Soybean harvest was at 98 percent, equal to last year but well ahead of 85 average.

Winter Wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 22 fair, 69 good, and 8 excellent, well above 38 percent good to excellent last year and 67 average. Wheat emerged was 98 percent, ahead of 92 last year and 95 average.

Sorghum mature was 97 percent, near 99 last year but ahead of 94 average. Sorghum harvested was 64 percent, three days behind 74 last year but eight days ahead of 45 average.

### Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 30, 2011

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Corn Harvested	73	49	86	51
Sorghum Mature	97	93	99	94
Sorghum Harvested	64	46	74	45
Soybeans Harvested	98	93	98	85
Winter Wheat Emerged	98	93	92	95

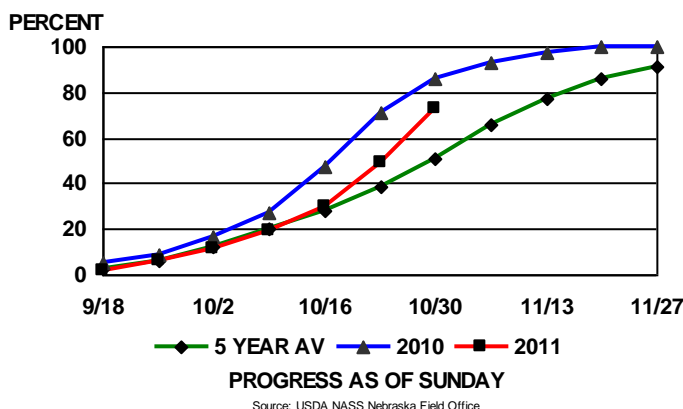
### Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 30, 2011

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	1	22	69	8

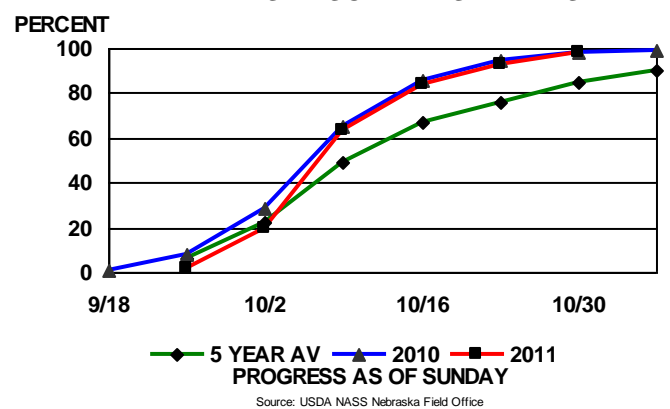
**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 25 fair, 62 good, and 6 excellent, above 62 percent good to excellent last year and 57 average.

*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



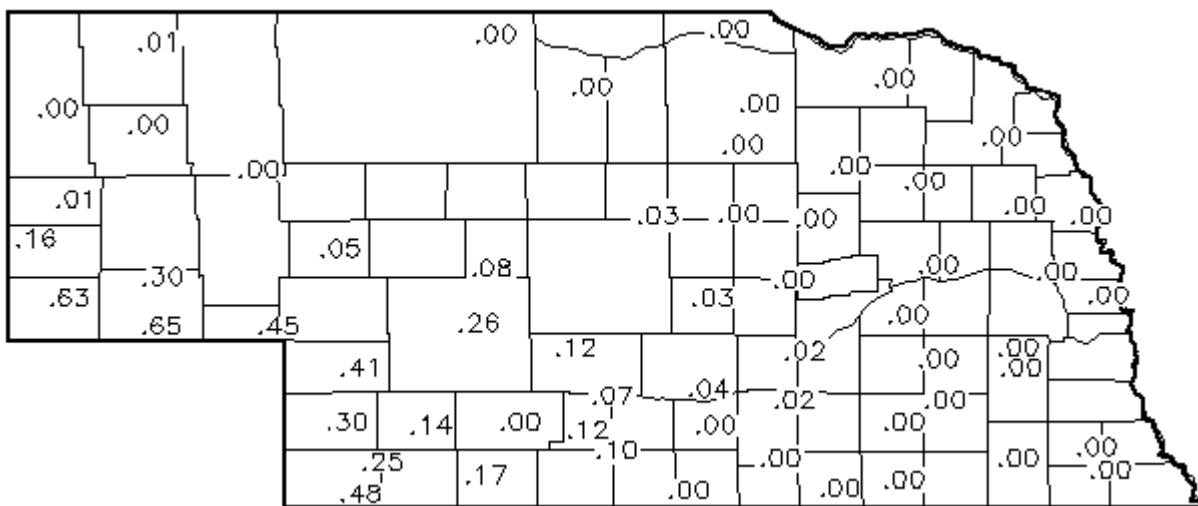
NEBRASKA SOYBEANS HARVEST



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**Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. October 30, 2011**



**Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, October 24 – October 30, 2011**

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.23	.02	.00	.02	.00	.26	.05	.00
Total since April 1	18.58	23.46	22.23	26.05	25.19	22.03	25.27	21.57
Normal since April 1	13.64	17.97	21.39	20.41	23.16	16.48	20.33	24.30
Total as % of normal	136%	130%	104%	127%	109%	134%	124%	89%

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,  
Week Ending Sunday, October 30, 2011**

	Station	Temperature			
		Extremes		Average	Departure
		High	Low		
NW	Alliance	77	18	41	-4
	Scottsbluff	75	15	41	-4
	Sidney	80	15	40	-6
NC	Ainsworth	71	27	45	-2
	Arthur	76	21	43	-3
	O'Neill	72	23	44	-3
NE	Concord	71	23	44	-3
	Elgin	73	28	46	-1
	West Point	73	21	45	-4
C	Grand Island	80	22	46	-1
	Lexington	80	22	45	-2
	Ord	74	20	43	-4
EC	Central City	79	20	45	-2
	Lincoln	80	28	50	+1
	Mead	79	22	48	-2
SW	Champion	80	17	43	-4
	Dickens	75	22	43	-3
	McCook	81	23	45	-2
SC	Minden	83	24	45	-2
	Red Cloud	85	24	49	+1
	Smithfield	81	25	46	-1
SE	Beatrice	83	28	49	0
	Clay Center	83	22	46	-1
	Nemaha	81	33	53	+4

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