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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending November 6, 2011, precipitation in the forms of both rain and snow fell during the middle of the week slowing most field operations, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Strong winds on Saturday aided in drying fields to allow producers to proceed with field operations. Corn harvest was mostly completed in the eastern half of the state while the Panhandle District is only half harvested. Harvest progress was a week behind last year, but fifteen days ahead of average. Sorghum harvest at 85 percent, was two weeks ahead of average. Fall tillage has been ongoing on harvested fields. Producers had favorable conditions to apply anhydrous ammonia with soil temperatures that ranged from the low 40s in the Panhandle to upper 40's in the east. Wheat conditions continue well above last year.

Weather Summary: Temperatures for the week averaged 2 degrees below normal for most of the state with the Panhandle District falling to 5 degrees below normal. High temperatures reached the mid 70's and lows dipped into the low teen's in the western half of the state. Precipitation in the form of snow fell in portions of the west on Wednesday. Rain fell in the south and southeast on Thursday with totals less than one inch in most locations.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending November 6, 2011

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Aver-age
	Percent			
Topsoil				
Very Short	4	6	15	7
Short	37	35	48	22
Adequate	59	59	37	66
Surplus	0	0	0	5
Subsoil				
Very Short	4	4	9	10
Short	35	37	34	24
Adequate	60	59	57	64
Surplus	1	0	0	2
Days Suitable	5.4	6.5	6.7	5.9

Field Crops Report: Corn harvest was at 87 percent, one week behind 93 last year but fifteen days ahead of 66 average.

Sorghum harvested was 85 percent, three days behind 90 last year but two weeks ahead of 63 average.

Winter Wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 21 fair, 67 good, and 11 excellent, well above 43 percent good to excellent last year and 68 average.

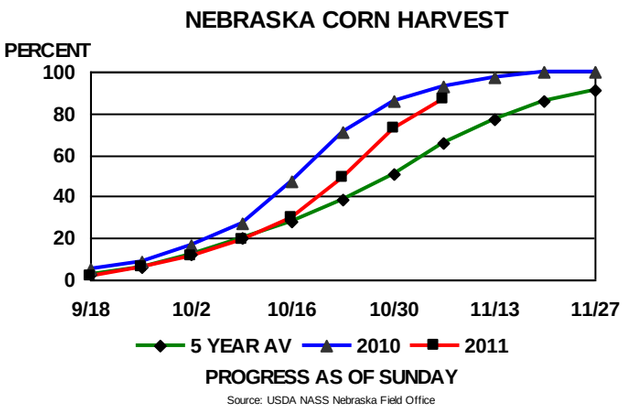
Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending November 6, 2011

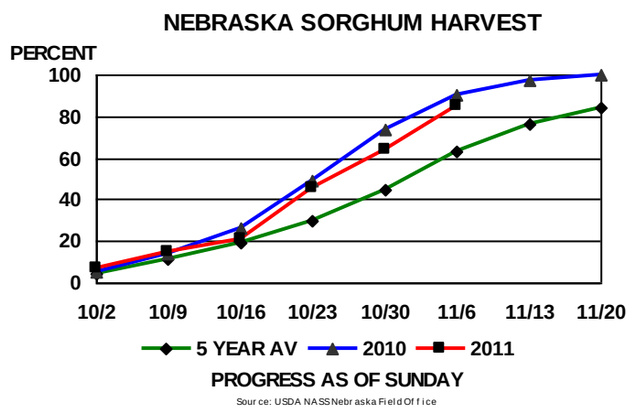
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Aver-Age
		Percent		
Corn Harvested	87	73	93	66
Sorghum Harvested	85	64	90	63

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending November 6, 2011

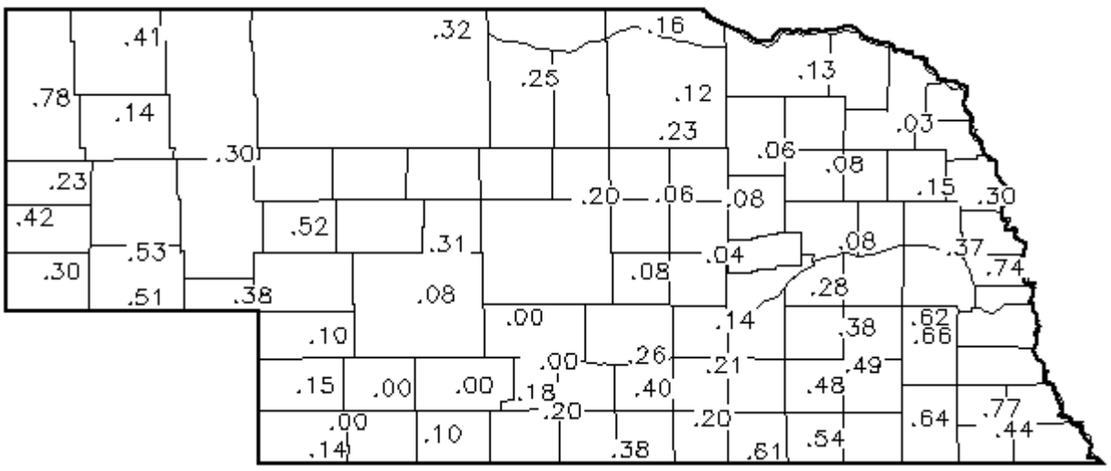
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel-Lent
			Percent		
Winter Wheat	0	1	21	67	11

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





Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. November 6, 2011



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, October 31 – November 6, 2011

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.40	.21	.10	.11	.46	.07	.25	.56
Total since April 1	18.98	23.66	22.33	26.16	25.64	22.13	25.52	22.14
Normal since April 1	13.79	18.20	21.70	20.69	23.50	16.68	20.58	24.66
Total as % of normal	137%	130%	103%	126%	109%	133%	124%	90%

Temperature: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, November 6, 2011

Station		Temperature			
		Extremes		Average	Departure
		High	Low		
NW	Alliance	70	12	36	-5
	Scottsbluff	70	12	37	-5
	Sidney	72	10	36	-6
NC	Ainsworth	74	21	43	0
	Arthur	73	13	38	-4
	O'Neill	71	19	42	-1
NE	Concord	64	18	42	-2
	Elgin	70	20	43	-1
	West Point	65	20	42	-2
C	Grand Island	73	19	43	-1
	Lexington	74	16	41	-2
	Ord	73	12	40	-3
EC	Central City	73	21	43	-1
	Lincoln	70	24	46	+1
	Mead	68	21	44	-2
SW	Champion	78	11	40	-2
	Dickens	75	15	41	-2
	McCook	76	15	42	-1
SC	Minden	72	19	42	-1
	Red Cloud	73	22	45	+2
	Smithfield	75	19	42	-1
SE	Beatrice	70	22	45	-1
	Clay Center	72	22	43	-1
	Nemaha	76	28	49	+3

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