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## **Nebraska Weather and Crops**



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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending 1, 2012, high winds coupled temperatures well above normal and precipitation caused soil moisture levels to be below previous year and 5 year averages, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. The first fields of corn have been planted, but most producers were holding off to limit chances of freeze damage. Planting of oats was off to a good start with 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Producers have been applying fertilizer, performing spring tillage, and getting machinery ready to plant. Soil temperatures have climbed into the mid 50's to low 60's compared to upper 30's to mid 40's last year. Spring calving was near threefourths complete with favorable conditions having aided in calf losses to be well below average.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 18 degrees above normal across the state. Highs reached the low 90's in the east and lows dipped to just below freezing in the Panhandle. Limited or no precipitation was recorded across most of the state. However, isolated pockets in South Central and extreme Southeast Nebraska received over one inch.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending April 1, 2012

This Week	Last Week	Last Vear	Aver- age		
WCCK			age		
	Percent				
16	9	18	6		
44	39	27	17		
40	52	51	70		
0	0	4	7		
13	9	19	9		
42	44	28	19		
45	47	51	68		
0	0	2	4		
6.5	3.5	3.2	3.5		
	16 44 40 0 13 42 45 0	Week         Week           Per           16         9           44         39           40         52           0         0           13         9           42         44           45         47           0         0	Week         Week         Year           Percent           16         9         18           44         39         27           40         52         51           0         0         4           13         9         19           42         44         28           45         47         51           0         0         2		

**Field Crops Report:** Wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 33 fair, 56 good, and 7 excellent, well above last year's 36 percent good to excellent.

The first fields of corn were being planted in the eastern third of the state.

Oats planted were at 38 percent, well ahead of last year's 14 and 13 average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending April 1, 2012

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Aver- Age
		Per	cent	
Corn Planted	1		0	0
Oats Planted	38		14	13

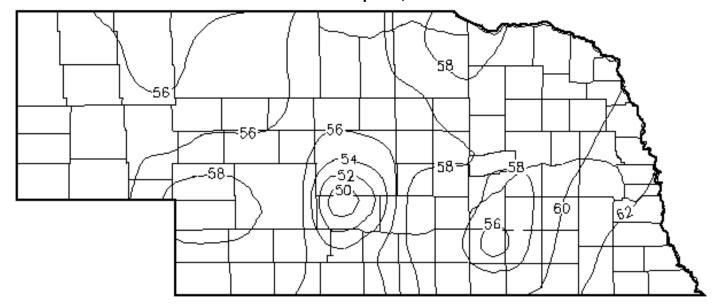
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending April 1, 2012

	Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel- Lent
Wh	ant	0	4	Percent 33	56	7
VV 11	eat	0	4	33	56	/

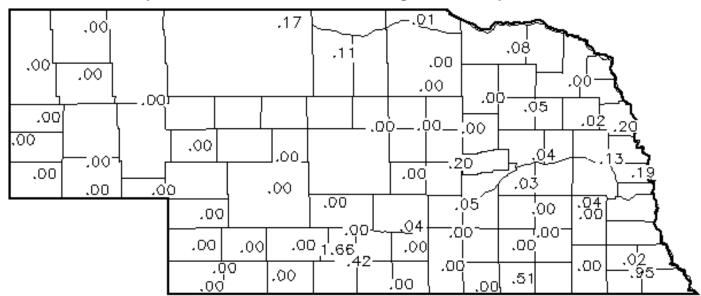
**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Cattle and calf condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 8 fair, 77 good, and 15 excellent. Spring calving was 73 percent complete. Calf losses rated 32 percent below average, 67 average, and 1 above average.

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: <a href="http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\_by\_State/Nebraska/Publications/crop\_Progress\_&\_Condition/cmts\_cur.htm">http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\_by\_State/Nebraska/Publications/crop\_Progress\_&\_Condition/cmts\_cur.htm</a>

## Average Temperature at the Four Inch Depth Under Bare Soil March 26 – April 1, 2012



## Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. April 1, 2012



Temperature: By District, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, April 1, 2012

		Temperature				
	Station	Extre	Extremes		Damantona	
		High	Low	- Average	Departure	
NW	Alliance	85	32	56	+15	
	Scottsbluff	87	29	59	+18	
	Sidney	83	35	57	+15	
NC	Ainsworth	91	38	61	+18	
	Arthur	89	37	60	+17	
	O'Neill	88	37	62	+18	
NE	Concord	92	38	62	+18	
	Elgin	91	42	63	+19	
	West Point	92	38	64	+19	
C	Grand Island	88	37	63	+19	
	Lexington	86	35	61	+18	
	Ord	87	33	60	+17	
EC	Central City	90	36	63	+19	
	Lincoln	90	43	68	+22	
	Mead	91	37	65	+19	
SW	Champion	89	31	58	+15	
	Dickens	87	37	60	+17	
	McCook	93	34	61	+18	
SC	Minden	88	35	62	+19	
	Red Cloud	87	39	64	+20	
	Smithfield	87	38	62	+19	
SE	Beatrice	88	40	65	+20	
	Clay Center	89	38	63	+19	
	Nemaha	88	49	69	+23	

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