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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending October 21, 2012, high winds caused lodging in unharvested corn and soybean fields and slowed field activities at midweek, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Fire danger was high due to the dry, windy conditions with losses reported to structures, crops, and machinery in western counties. Increased field losses were also reported due to the high winds. Statewide, soybean harvest was 95 percent complete, near three weeks ahead of average. Corn harvest is 89 percent complete, over one month ahead of average. Winter wheat seeding, at 97 percent, was also near completion. Emergence of the winter wheat crop has been slow and stands at 58 percent, over two weeks behind average. Sorghum harvest neared two-thirds complete. Sugar beet harvest progressed in western counties. Some fall field work was being done. Producers continue to move cattle to stalks, dry lots, or sale barns due to reduced forage supplies.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 2 to 5 degrees above normal across the state. Highs reached the low 80's and lows dipped into the upper 20's. Precipitation was received mainly in the eastern border counties of the state with highest amounts recorded in the Northeast District. Some isolated pockets received near 1 inch of moisture.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending October 21, 2012**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	69	72	5	5
Short	26	23	30	22
Adequate	5	5	65	65
Surplus	0	0	0	8
Subsoil				
Very Short	77	80	4	6
Short	20	18	30	24
Adequate	3	2	66	66
Surplus	0	0	0	4
Days Suitable	6.1	6.3	6.1	4.0

Field Crops Report: Corn harvested for grain was 89 percent, compared to 44 last year and 32 days ahead of 37 average.

Soybeans harvested were 95 percent, ahead of 90 last year and 19 days ahead of 75 average.

Winter wheat seeded was at 97 percent, near 98 percent last year and average. Winter wheat emerged was 58 percent, well behind 91 percent last year and 87 average due to dry soils.

Sorghum mature was 97 percent, ahead of 92 last year and 87 average. Sorghum harvested was 63 percent complete, ahead of 39 last year and 26 average. Sorghum conditions rated 10 percent very poor, 42 poor, 35 fair, 12 good, and 1 excellent, well below 75 percent good to excellent last year.

Proso millet harvest was 93 percent complete, near 94 last year and ahead of 88 average.

Dry beans harvested were 91 percent, behind 99 last year and 98 average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 21, 2012

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Corn Harvested	89	80	44	37
Dry Beans Harvested	91	85	99	98
Proso Millet Harvested	93	90	94	88
Sorghum Mature	97	94	92	87
Sorghum Harvested	63	45	39	26
Soybeans Harvested	95	86	90	75
Winter Wheat Seeded	97	95	98	98
Winter Wheat Emerged	58	47	91	87

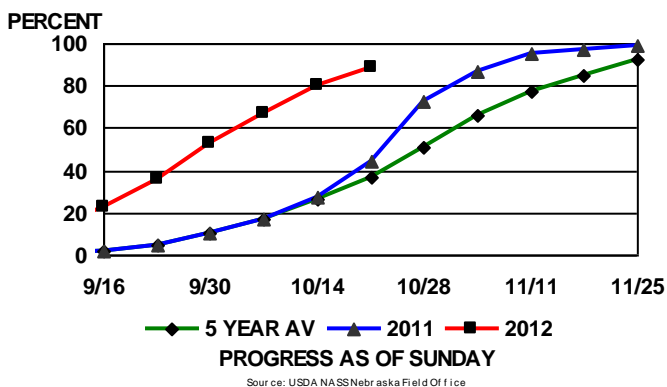
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 21, 2012

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Sorghum	10	42	35	12	1

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 74 percent very poor, 23 poor, 3 fair, 0 good, and 0 excellent, well below 67 percent good to excellent last year and 66 average.

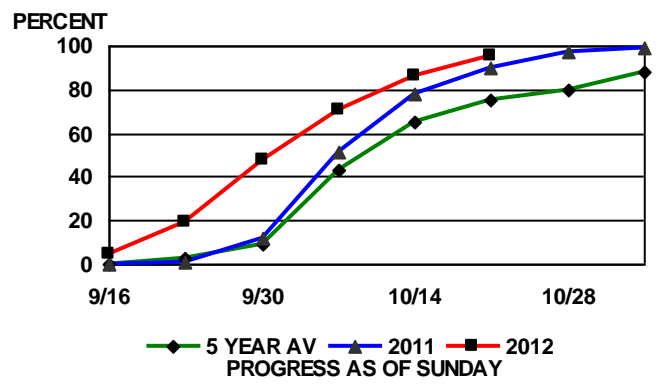
This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_&Condition/NEcurrent.asp

NEBRASKA CORN HARVEST



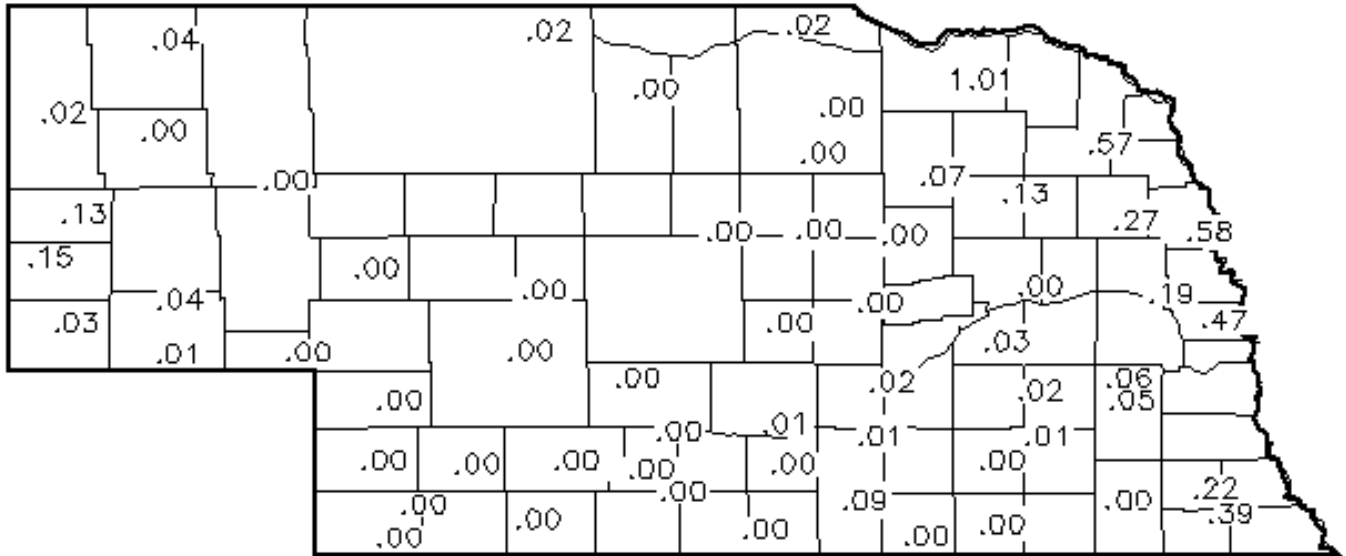
Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

NEBRASKA SOYBEANS HARVEST



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. October 21, 2012



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, October 15 – October 21, 2012

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.12	.01	.00	.00	.00	.04	.00	.00
Total since April 1	5.80	9.36	11.32	8.97	12.93	8.64	10.80	14.50
Normal since April 1	12.82	16.73	19.59	18.95	21.05	15.48	18.92	22.09
Total as % of normal	44%	56%	57%	47%	61%	55%	57%	65%

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, October 21, 2012**

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	79	30	51	+3
	Scottsbluff	80	25	51	+3
	Sidney	80	27	51	+2
NC	Ainsworth	81	34	54	+4
	Arthur	80	28	53	+3
	O'Neill	82	31	54	+4
NE	Concord	76	29	52	+1
	Elgin	80	32	55	+4
	West Point	80	29	52	0
C	Grand Island	81	30	55	+4
	Cozad	82	27	54	+3
	Ord	82	25	53	+3
EC	Central City	83	32	55	+3
	Lincoln	81	32	56	+3
	Mead	81	29	54	+1
SW	Champion	82	31	53	+3
	Dickens	81	28	54	+4
	McCook	83	27	55	+5
SC	Minden	82	32	55	+5
	Red Cloud	82	34	56	+5
	Smithfield	82	28	56	+5
SE	Beatrice	82	33	56	+3
	Clay Center	80	32	55	+4
	Nemaha	81	37	57	+3

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