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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending October 28, 2012, precipitation coupled with below normal temperatures and wind slowed field activities, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Producers in western counties are struggling to harvest lodged crops due to high winds at mid-month. Statewide, corn harvest was 94 percent complete and soybean harvest stands at 98 percent, both well ahead of average. Some winter wheat fields were reseeded due to poor stands and wind damage. Emergence of the winter wheat crop has been slow and stands at 74 percent, over two weeks behind average. Sorghum harvest was 85 percent complete while sugar beet harvest was ongoing in western counties. Some fall field work was being done. However, with soil temperatures averaging in the mid 50's, producers are encouraged to wait before applying anhydrous. Concerns about reduced forage supplies continue to burden livestock producers.

Weather Summary: Precipitation was received in the forms of rain or snow statewide. Up to 3-4 inches of snow accumulated in areas of the west while rainfall totals were generally less than half inch in most areas. Temperatures averaged 4 to 8 degrees below normal across the state. Highs varied greatly from upper 50's to mid 80's and lows dipped into the teens.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending October 28, 2012**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	67	69	6	5
Short	24	26	34	22
Adequate	9	5	60	64
Surplus	0	0	0	9
Subsoil				
Very Short	79	77	4	6
Short	18	20	35	23
Adequate	3	3	61	67
Surplus	0	0	0	4
Days Suitable	5.4	6.1	6.5	4.8

Field Crops Report: Corn harvested for grain was 94 percent, well ahead of 66 last year and 50 average.

Soybeans harvested were 98 percent, near 97 last year and ahead of 85 average.

Winter wheat emerged was 74 percent, well behind 97 percent last year and 93 average due to dry soils. Wheat conditions rated 20 percent very poor, 29 poor, 42 fair, 8 good, and 1 excellent, well below 79 percent good to excellent last year and 68 average.

Sorghum harvested was 85 percent complete, ahead of 59 last year and 41 average.

Proso millet harvest was 98 percent complete, near 99 last year and ahead of 92 average.

Dry beans harvested were 93 percent, behind 100 last year and 99 average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 28, 2012

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Corn Harvested	94	89	66	50
Dry Beans Harvested	93	91	100	99
Proso Millet Harvested	98	93	99	92
Sorghum Harvested	85	63	59	41
Soybeans Harvested	98	95	97	85
Winter Wheat Emerged	74	58	97	93

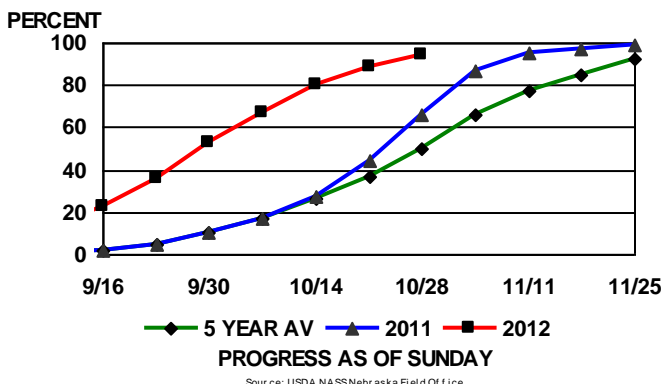
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 28, 2012

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Percent		
			Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	20	29	42	8	1

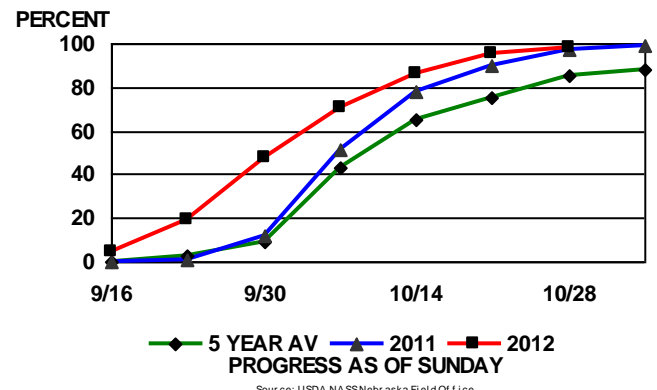
Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 77 percent very poor, 20 poor, 3 fair, 0 good, and 0 excellent, well below 68 percent good to excellent last year and 66 average.

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



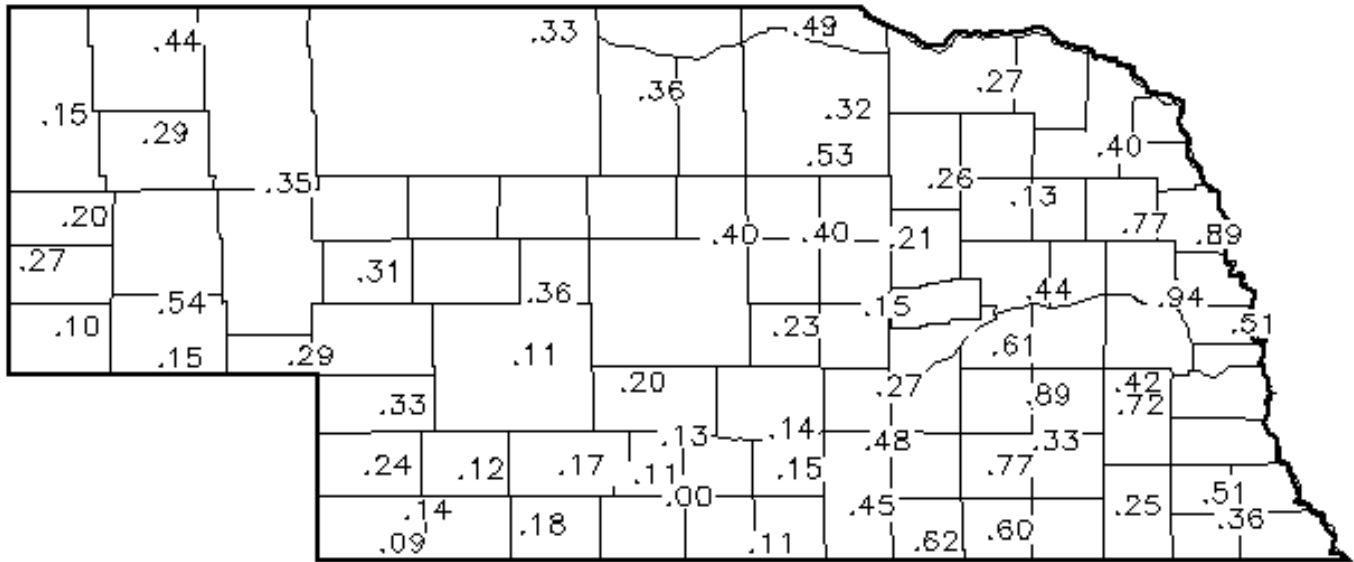
NEBRASKA SOYBEANS HARVEST



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Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. October 28, 2012



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, October 22 – October 28, 2012

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.31	.39	.43	.18	.64	.16	.12	.47
Total since April 1	6.66	9.86	12.31	9.52	14.61	9.29	11.58	16.50
Normal since April 1	13.60	17.89	21.28	20.32	23.03	16.42	20.25	24.16
Total as % of normal	48%	55%	57%	47%	63%	56%	57%	67%

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, October 28, 2012**

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	74	19	39	-6
	Scottsbluff	75	20	41	-4
	Sidney	77	18	39	-7
NC	Ainsworth	79	22	39	-8
	Arthur	79	19	40	-7
	O'Neill	61	20	39	-9
NE	Concord	60	23	41	-7
	Elgin	57	22	40	-8
	West Point	64	22	43	-6
C	Grand Island	61	19	41	-7
	Cozad	67	15	40	-7
	Ord	66	16	40	-8
EC	Central City	60	21	41	-7
	Lincoln	78	22	47	-3
	Mead	76	19	45	-5
SW	Champion	79	20	42	-5
	Dickens	74	18	40	-7
	McCook	68	21	42	-6
SC	Minden	64	17	40	-8
	Red Cloud	71	20	44	-4
	Smithfield	65	20	41	-7
SE	Beatrice	81	21	47	-3
	Clay Center	67	20	42	-6
	Nemaha	85	24	52	2

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