



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending November 11, 2012, light precipitation fell in the form of rain across the eastern third of the State and as snow in Panhandle areas. However, moisture accumulations were often less than .25 inch with many southwestern and south central counties largely missed, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Statewide, corn harvest was near completion. Remaining acres were in western counties where producers continued to deal with the effects of high winds which downed corn nearly a month ago. Winter wheat conditions showed some improvement but emergence continued behind average due to short soil moisture supplies. Soil temperatures averaged in the upper 40's except for a few southwestern counties where soil temperatures were in the low 50's.

Weather Summary: Average temperatures varied widely across the state from 5 degrees above normal in the Southeast to 3 degrees below normal in north central counties. Highs ranged from the upper 70's in the southern half of the state to lows near zero in the Panhandle.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat emerged was 91 percent, behind 100 percent last year and 99 average. Wheat conditions rated 14 percent very poor, 28 poor, 43 fair, 14 good, and 1 excellent, well below 77 percent good to excellent last year and 68 average.

Sorghum harvested was 99 percent complete, ahead of 90 last year and 73 average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending November 11, 2012

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Sorghum Harvested	99	94	90	73
Winter Wheat Emerged	91	83	100	99

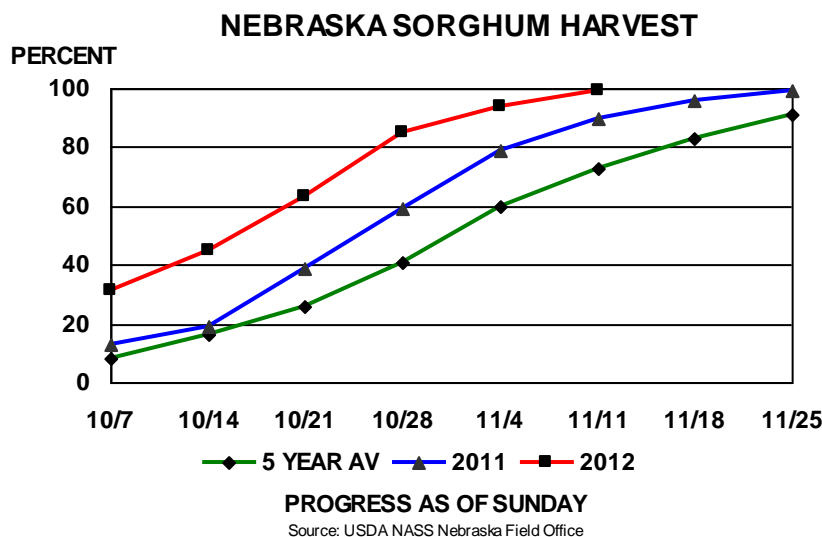
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending November 11, 2012

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Percent		
			Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	14	28	43	14	1

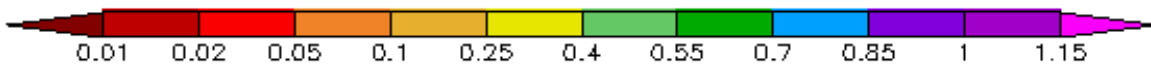
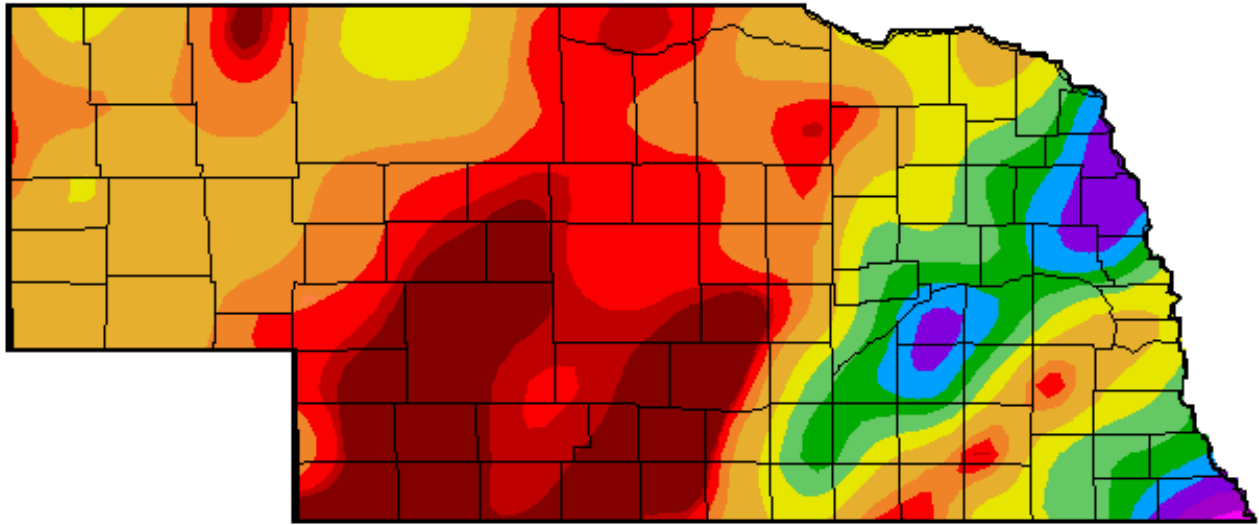
**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending November 11, 2012**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	67	69	5	6
Short	26	24	36	23
Adequate	7	7	58	67
Surplus	0	0	1	4
Subsoil				
Very Short	78	78	5	6
Short	20	19	34	23
Adequate	2	3	60	69
Surplus	0	0	1	2
Days Suitable	6.2	6.5	6.0	5.8

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 November 6 – November 12, 2012



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, November 5 – November 11, 2012

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.11	.12	.52	.27	.48	.01	.20	.34
Total since April 1	6.76	9.99	12.92	9.78	15.14	9.30	11.82	16.97
Normal since April 1	13.88	18.35	21.90	20.87	23.73	16.81	20.73	24.90
Total as % of normal	48%	54%	59%	47%	63%	55%	56%	67%

Temperature: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, November 11, 2012

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	75	4	36	-2
	Scottsbluff	77	0	38	0
	Sidney	74	2	39	0
NC	Ainsworth	63	10	37	-3
	Arthur	66	8	37	-2
	O'Neill	60	13	37	-3
NE	Concord	61	17	40	-1
	Elgin	59	14	38	-3
	West Point	77	21	43	+1
C	Grand Island	78	17	42	+2
	Cozad	65	12	39	-1
	Ord	64	12	39	-1
EC	Central City	78	16	42	+1
	Lincoln	77	23	48	+5
	Mead	78	22	45	+3
SW	Champion	76	8	40	+1
	Dickens	67	12	39	0
	McCook	69	14	43	+3
SC	Minden	80	15	42	+2
	Red Cloud	78	18	45	+5
	Smithfield	77	15	42	+3
SE	Beatrice	77	20	47	+4
	Clay Center	78	17	43	+3
	Nemaha	75	23	51	+8

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