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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending April 26, 2009, favorable conditions allowed corn planting to advance quickly, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Corn planting is now a week ahead of last year and four days ahead of the average. Oats planted made a large jump as well and the first fields of soybeans have been planted. Warm temperatures at mid week brought soil temperatures to near 60 degrees for the first time this season. As calving season nears completion, producers were focused on working cattle and preparing to move livestock to pasture.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged 2 degrees above normal across the state with highs of 90 in many areas and lows below freezing in the Panhandle and North Central Districts. Precipitation was minimal, except for portions of southeast and extreme east central Nebraska.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending April 26, 2009**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	1	1	5	4
Short	13	12	10	16
Adequate	77	78	69	72
Surplus	9	9	16	8
Subsoil				
Very Short	5	5	8	14
Short	16	15	21	28
Adequate	78	77	67	56
Surplus	1	3	4	2
Days Suitable	5.3	3.9	3.7	3.9

Field Crops Report: Corn planted was 27 percent complete, a week ahead of last year's 8 and four days ahead of the 18 average.

Wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 24 fair, 61 good, and 12 excellent, above last year's 58 good or excellent condition. Wheat jointed was at 14 percent, ahead of last year's 11 but eight days behind the 32 average.

Oats planted increased to 86 percent, ahead of last year's 78 and near the 85 average. Oats emerged was at 34 percent, well ahead of last year's 26 but behind the 44 average.

Alfalfa conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 21 fair, 70 good, and 7 excellent, above last year's 70 percent good or excellent condition.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending April 26, 2009

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Corn Planted	27	3	8	18
Oats Planted	86	55	78	85
Oats Emerged	34	15	26	44
Wheat Jointed	14	5	11	32

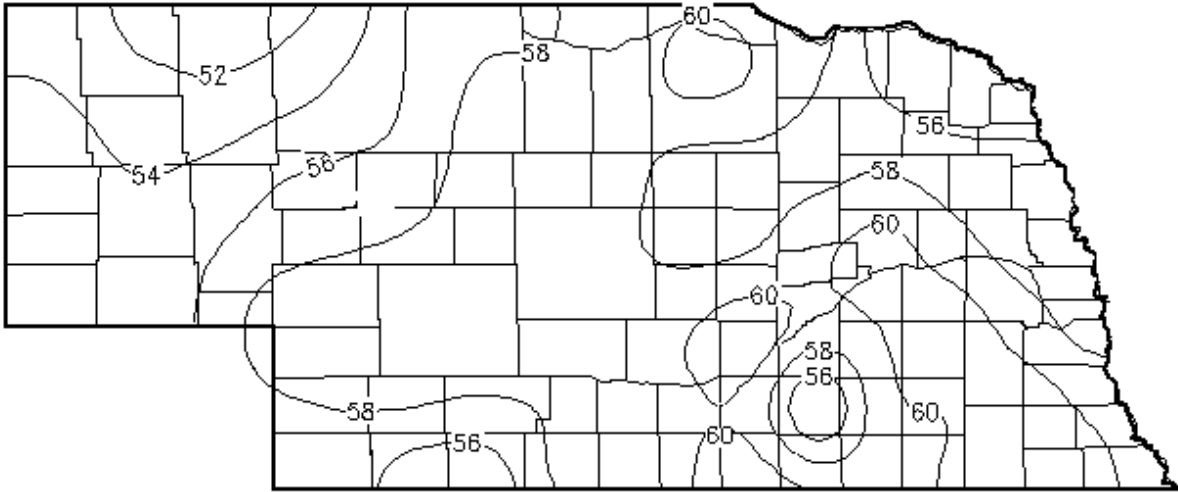
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending April 26, 2009

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	0	2	21	70	7
Wheat	0	3	24	61	12

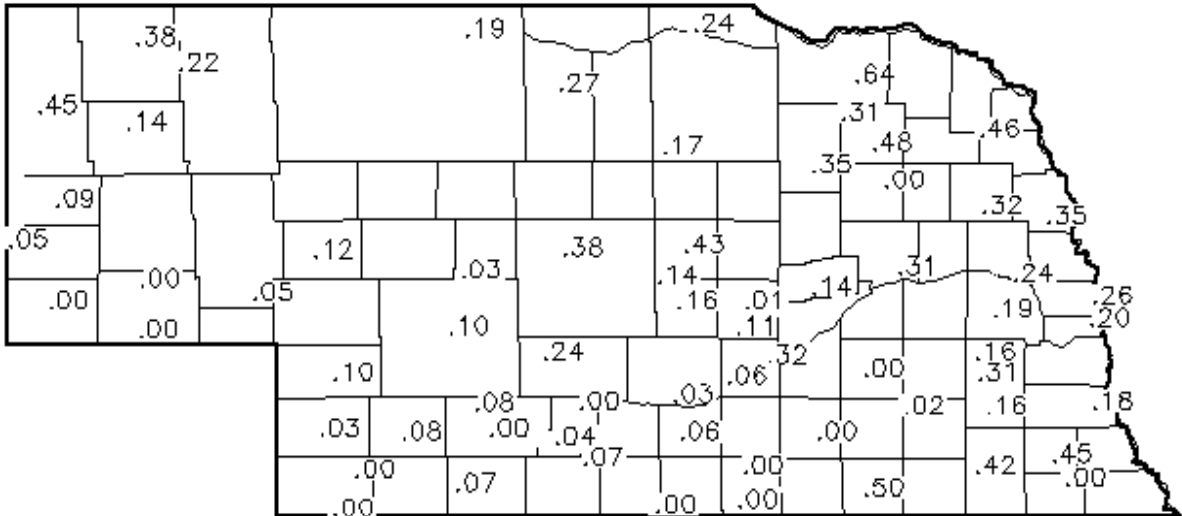
Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 23 fair, 67 good, and 6 excellent, above last year. Spring calving was 93 percent complete. Calf losses rated 12 percent below average, 86 average, and 2 above average.

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: http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Nebraska/Publications/Crop_Progress_&Condition/cmts_cur.htm

**Average Temperature at the Four Inch Depth Under Bare Soil
April 20 – April 26, 2009**



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. April 26, 2009



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – April 26, 2009

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.08	.24	.37	.18	.17	.04	.03	.31
Total since April 1	2.96	2.06	1.72	1.21	1.19	2.54	1.57	1.23
Normal since April 1	1.49	1.77	2.19	2.08	2.31	1.60	1.73	2.35
Total as % of normal	200%	120%	77%	58%	52%	159%	93%	52%

Temperature: By District, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, April 26, 2009

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	83	29	50	-1
	Scottsbluff	84	31	52	+2
	Sidney	83	32	52	0
NC	Ainsworth	87	31	53	0
	Arthur	86	33	53	+1
	O'Neill	90	32	54	0
NE	Concord	89	33	53	-1
	Elgin	90	34	54	0
	West Point	89	35	54	-1
C	Grand Island	90	33	57	+3
	Lexington	89	37	56	+3
	Ord	89	33	55	+1
EC	Central City	90	30	56	+2
	Lincoln	89	40	59	+3
	Mead	90	35	58	+2
SW	Champion	86	35	54	+1
	Dickens	87	34	55	+2
	McCook	91	38	57	+4
SC	Minden	90	35	56	+3
	Red Cloud	86	36	58	+4
	Smithfield	88	37	56	+3
SE	Beatrice	89	38	59	+4
	Clay Center	88	31	56	+3
	Nemaha	89	37	56	+3

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