



Warmth and sunshine push crop maturation as autumn nears

BY SHAUN EVERTSON

KIMBALL – Sunshine and late-summer warmth returned to the tri-state region Tuesday in the wake of a cool, dampish weekend. Farmers were busy across much of the south Panhandle of Nebraska and adjacent areas in southeast Wyoming and northeast Colorado. Winter wheat planting was well underway, as was proso millet harvest.

As the last full week of Summer begins the annual pace of farm work is picking up. It's been a wet and cool spring and summer so far and all indications are pointing to a later than average harvest season. Whether nature will cooperate with agricultural plans remains to be seen.

Celestial summer will end in the very early morning of September 23 with the arrival of the Autumnal Equinox at 12:49 a.m.

Regional Forecast and Conditions

As of Tuesday morning (September 12), the temperature at sunrise was 41 degrees under clear skies. Winds were west at 6 mph and the barometer was steady at 30.21 inches of mercury.



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A farmer plants winter wheat west of Potter Tuesday morning, in between strips of ripening proso millet. In the background is a circle of irrigated corn.

The September 12 NWS forecast for today's weather (Friday, September 15) anticipates partly sunny skies with a high of about 63 and a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Tonight will be partly cloudy with a low of about 41.

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Day length will be 12 hours and 31 minutes, night length 11 hours and

29 minutes.

Saturday will be sunny with a high of about 74. Saturday night will be mostly clear with a low of about

44.

Sunday will be sunny with a high of about 79. Sunday night will be mostly clear with a low of about 48.

Monday is expected to be sunny with a high of about 80. Monday night should be mostly clear with a low of about 45. Due to the dynamic nature of weather, forecasts beyond 48-72 hours are inexact.

At Kimball the September 5-11 daytime high averaged 77 degrees, about 12.0 degrees cooler than last week. The weekly high temperature was 87 degrees on September 8. Overnight lows averaged 47.0, about 9.15 degrees cooler than last week. The weekly low temperature was 44 degrees on September 6. The weekly mean temperature at Kimball was 62.0 degrees, about 12.44 degrees cooler than last week and 1.3 degrees warmer than the September average of 60.7. The 130-year month-to-date (September 1-15) av-

erage daily temperature is 62.9. The highest September 1-15 daily average was 71.5 degrees in 1931, with the lowest 55.2 in 1903. The 130-year average high and low temperatures at Kimball for September are 77.0 and 44.4, respectively.

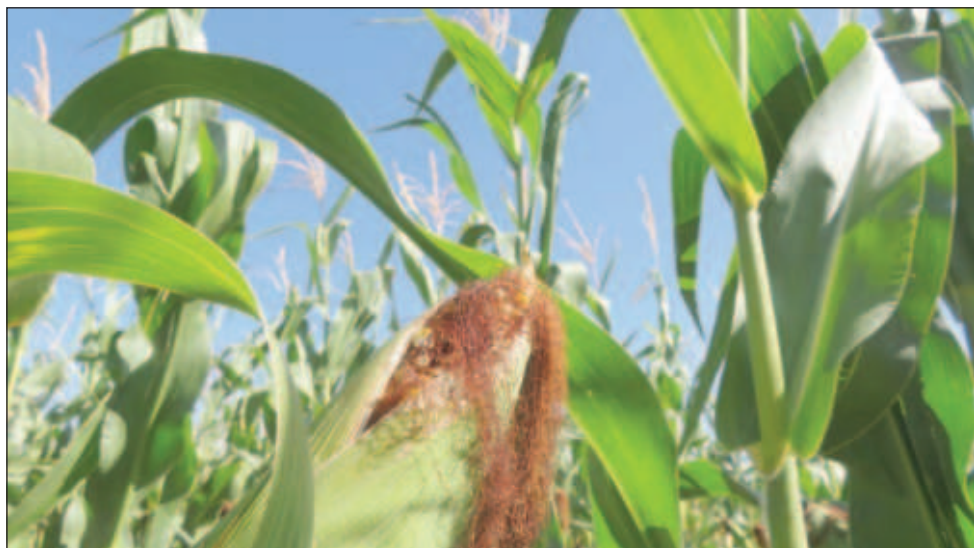
Total liquid precipitation at Kimball over the September 5-11 period was 0.03 inches from light rain on September 10.

Winds near Kimball averaged south-southeasterly and generally mild over the September 5-11 period. Gusts for the week averaged 25.42 mph. High gust for the week was 40 mph on September 5.

Historic climate data

Here's an overview of September 15 temperature and precipitation highs, lows, and averages over the preceding 130 years at Kimball. Data is taken from the High Plains

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The husk was just beginning to retract from the tip of this ear of dryland corn in a field east of Kimball Tuesday morning.

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Regional Climate Center (1893-2016, www.hprcc.unl.edu), and precision weather monitoring on the EJE Ranch south of Kimball (2008-present).

Last year (September 15, 2022): Daily high temperature 77 degrees, overnight low 52 degrees, average temperature 64.5 degrees. Precipitation 0.08 inches, snowfall zero inches, snow depth zero inches.

The warmest September 15 on record was 94 degrees in 1910. The coolest September 15 high temperature was 45 degrees in 1903. The coldest September 15 overnight low was 25 degrees in 1934. The warmest September 15 overnight low was 56 degrees in 1985. Over the years since 1893 the high temperature on September 15 has averaged 77.0 degrees, the overnight low 44.0 degrees, the daily average 60.4 degrees, precipitation has averaged

0.04 inches, snowfall zero inches, snow depth zero inches.

The highest September 15 precipitation total was 1.62 inches (rain) in 1947. Highest snowfall zero inches since 1893, highest snow depth zero inches since 1893.

USDA Weekly Crop Reports, September 11

Nebraska – For the week ending September 10, 2023, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 30 per-

cent very short, 33 percent short, 36 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 31 percent very short, 37 percent short, 31 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Corn condition rated 11 percent very poor, 16 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 38 percent good, and 13 percent excellent. Corn dented was 90 percent, ahead of 84 percent for both last year and the five-year average *see WEATHER page 7*

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The chokecherries were ready. As I stood there on a shelf of rock above the bottom of the canyon and looked around, I saw hundreds – maybe thousands – of twisted, almost ratty-looking branches hanging heavy under the weight of fruit.

These wild, canyonland chokecherries are always a surprise to me. Their shrubby forms grow in the most improbable places – some are anchored in bare inches of soil layered over solid rock, and some, many of the best it seems, have sprouted directly from fissures in the bare rock.

In the dry years, the bushes produce only a few berries each, and these are quickly consumed by birds and deer and other wildlife. In the years featuring a late spring freeze -- such as 2022 -- there might be no chokecherries at all. In the wet years the sheer quantity of fruit produced can be amazing. In a year like 2023, where there's been no shortfall of moisture, it's not uncommon to find chokecherries stripped even before ripening by teeming and hungry wildlife. I've been disappointed before.

At first glance, the bushes look anything but promising. They live in a tough neighborhood where the yearly arctic winds constantly try to scour them from the canyon. Few grow to more than five feet in height, and their stubby branches are sparse but substantial. In the spring their foliage is

a deep, radiant green, but by chokecherry time the leaves have lost much of their color and are quickly fading to brown.

In a year like this one, the wonder of the tangled, unattractive mass of bushes is the sheer volume of fruit clustered on those spare, twisted branches. Each cluster contains a dozen or so fat little berries, each about the size of a pea, and so darkly purple as to be black. At first you spy one or two clusters, but then, in a lovely bit of prairie magic, you look just a bit more closely, and dozens, hundreds, thousands of fruit clusters snap sharply into view.

The chokecherries on the EJE Ranch are likely a western variety of the chokecherry native to North America, possibly *Prunus virginiana demissa*. Western chokecherries are adapted to a more arid climate than their eastern counterpart, their bushes generally smaller in stature, and they can generally tolerate colder winter conditions. Their fruit is distinctively darker, and according to many, more sweet.

The name chokecherry is derived from the tannic, highly astringent taste of the ripe fruit. As I stood there

on my rock shelf and contemplated the chore of picking and preserving, I reached out and plucked a fat, ripe berry from the nearest cluster and popped it in my mouth. My taste buds erupted with delight. Astringent – yes – but so very sweet. Probably the sweetest chokecherry I'd ever tasted.

To work, then. The sun was well up in the afternoon sky and the day was pleasantly warm with a slight northwest breeze. The breeze was welcome, because chokecherry picking can be sweaty work. It can be a bit hazardous, too, as wild canyonland chokecherries grow where the footing is often treacherous and where rattlesnakes prefer to live, among the sharply fractured siltstone of an actively eroding prairie canyon. An hour's worth of picking yielded two gallons of chokecherries, and during that hour I moved less than 10 feet from my starting place. Buckets filled, I called it a day. I'd be back though, and this time with help.

When the weekend finally arrived my crew were primed and ready for some chokecherry picking. The pair are five and seven, a Kindergartner and a second grader. They like having

adventures on the ranch and have both been a lot of help this summer.

There are different ways to measure concepts like “help” and “work” of course. Little kids can't do hard physical labor, but they can sure lighten the load by redefining the purpose of various tasks. When I pick chokecherries by myself, my aim is to collect a lot of fruit in an efficient manner. Which is kind of silly, actually, because it's far easier and cheaper to simply buy chokecherry jam at the food store than to make it myself. I enjoy the process and I'm kind of proud that I can do it. It's part of my history and heritage after all. When I pick chokecherries with the kids it's more about spending time together, sharing an experience, answering questions, and having fun. Collecting actual chokecherries isn't really the point.

By the time we finished, however, we'd collected four coffee cans filled with chokecherries. I was only a little bit surprised, I guess, because the kids like to compete. They actually did quite a bit of picking when they weren't sidetracked by cool bugs, or birds, or bunnies. They each ended up with purple hands and purple faces, too. This year's chokecherries are far and away the sweetest ones I've ever tasted, and the kids thought they were delicious. I imagine they'll be disappointed next

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It's football season! Well, okay, it's a lot of other great seasons too, like volleyball, softball and cross-country. It's also harvest season, which can also be awesome, especially if the weather cooperates. But today we're talking about football...specifically, football mascots.

Most colleges have mascots that are tough. Eagles, Hurricanes, Lions, Tigers or Bears sound much more intimidating than Lambs, Chickens or sunny weather. When we're talking athletics, we want something that inspires fear and trepidation. But not every school has athletics, and some that do, don't seem to care about what



BACKROAD RAMBLINGS

By Christy Fredrickson

MASCOTS

they're inspiring. In fact, there are a few that make you think, “What were they thinking?”

For instance, there are Fighting Artichokes in Arizona, Fighting Okra in Mississippi and Fighting Pickles in North Carolina. Now either these schools have no concept of what intimidation means, or somewhere in their past they had a vegetable war. I mean,

how tough do you have to be to beat a Fighting Okra?

But all this vegetable infighting is probably nothing compared to the University of Wichita. Their mascot is the Shockers. This is what they used to call people who harvested (shocked) wheat. Nowadays, they might call them the combiners...at least until several weeks into harvest, then they

just call them tired. But their mascot is a giant, tough-looking bundle of wheat. If you ask me, somebody missed the boat on this one. They should have had a burly farm boy with a vicious-looking scythe. A scythe beats a bundle of wheat any day.

The University of California Santa Cruz are the Banana Slugs. Believe it or not, at one point the administration tried to change the mascot from Banana Slugs to the Sea Lions, but the students revolted until they changed it back to their beloved Banana Slugs. They must have really wanted to win the vegetable war.

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year when they taste the more tart and less sweet fruit we more commonly collect. But that'll be a lesson too.

As we worked in the warm sunshine my mind turned back to chokecherry picking when I was a little kid. I'd like to say that those are great memories for me, but at the time I thought picking chokecherries was a crashing bore. Why not go to the store for jelly? Those

memories are precious in another way – I was nearly always picking with my grandfather Wilbur, and back then I had no way to understand the reality of human mortality. There are countless bits of Grandpa walking with me every day, and now a five-year-old and a seven year old have met the chokecherry picking Wilbur too. Which is pretty cool.

Be well and embrace the blessings of liberty.

Backroads:

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Purdue University got it right. They are the Boilermakers. Just in case you didn't know what Boilermakers are, they are craftsmen responsible for producing steel fabrications. Purdue's mascot carries around a sledgehammer, just so nobody mistakes him for something wimpy.

Alabama is, of course, the Crimson Tide. But what the heck is that all about? It all started when years ago two Alabama schools, Auburn and Birmingham, fought to a 6-6 tie in a sea of red mud. A sports an-

nouncer remarked that it looked like a "crimson tide". Later, the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa claimed the name. The mascot, an elephant, came about when someone said that the linemen of the National Championship team of 1930 looked like a herd of red elephants.

So there you go, some interesting facts just in case your team loses this fall and you need to talk about something other than that last game. For most of us, no matter how bad we lose a game, things could be worse...we could be a fighting pickle!



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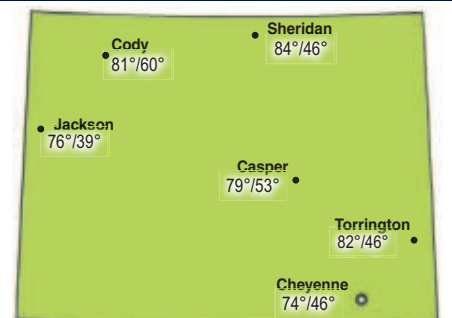
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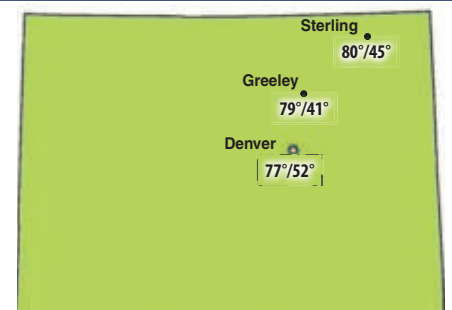
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Day	High	Real Feel	Low	Precipitation
Saturday 9/16	84°	88°	47°	2%
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Evening				2%
Monday 9/18	88°	91°	51°	10%
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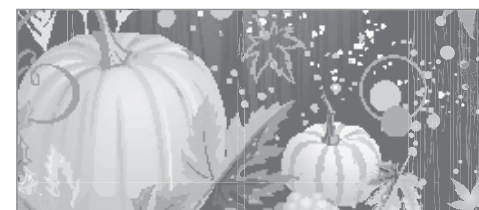
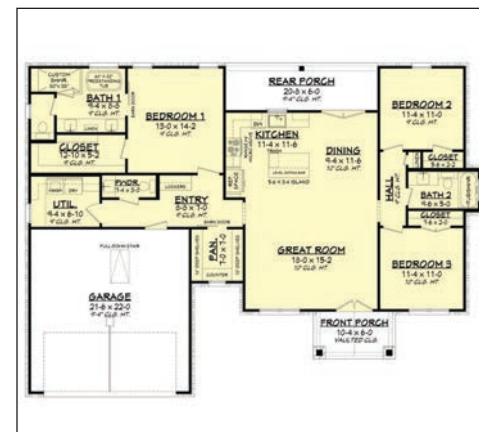
Wyoming High/Low for Saturday



Colorado High/Low for Saturday



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This gorgeous Modern Farmhouse features a beautiful exterior with hints of rustic Craftsman charm and an interior floor plan that is stylish and suitable for today's families' lifestyles. The tall stone beams and warm woods supporting the front gable offer a welcoming venue into the home's interior. Double doors and the double pair of window views add symmetry to the home's exterior and the front loading garage continues the rustic wood relationship.

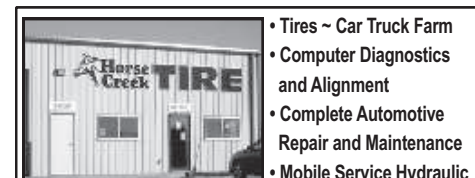
The interior floor plan features approximately 1,600 square feet of living space on one floor with three bedrooms and two

plus baths. Once inside the home, you are greeted with a large great room boasting of 10' ceiling heights and an open floor plan. The kitchen and dining space are adjacent to the great room making this area a great entertaining spot. There is access from the dining area to the rear covered porch which is a nice and spacious area to relax or dine al fresco. A large food storage area is found off the kitchen and it provides barn door access to the pantry. The garage empties into the rear interior entry where there are lockers for hanging winter gear, backpacks, and other paraphernalia; additionally, the half bath and

laundry room are located nearby. The owner's retreat features a spacious bedroom with window views, an adjacent en suite bath with both a freestanding tub and custom shower along with dual vanities. Alongside the bath is the primary closet which is large and offers a good amount of space for the homeowner's clothing and other accessories. Across the home's interior are the secondary bedrooms; both are of equivalent size with ample closet space and there is a shared hall bath between the two. This fabulous home offers a lot of charm and warmth, both on the exterior and interior.

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erage. Mature was 41 percent, ahead of 34 percent last year and 28 percent average. Harvested was 2 percent, near 1 percent both last year and average.

Soybean condition rated 12 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 36 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 54 percent, ahead of 40 percent last year and 35 percent average.

Winter wheat planted was 8 percent, near 4 percent last year, and equal to average.

Sorghum condition rated 3 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 36 percent good, and 24 percent excellent. Sorghum coloring was 85 percent, ahead of 72 percent last year and 79 percent average. Mature was 16 percent, near 13 percent last year and 14 percent average.

Dry edible bean condition rated 2 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. Dry edible beans setting pods was 95 percent, near 94 percent last year and 98 percent average. Dropping leaves was 43 percent, near 44 percent last year. Harvested was 3 percent, near 7 percent last year.

Pasture and range conditions rated 10 percent very poor, 16 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 33 percent good, and 3 percent excellent.

Wyoming – A combination of varying temperatures and moderate rainfall, along with 6.6 days suitable for field work allowed for steady harvesting progress across Wyoming. Temperatures across the State varied slightly, ranging from 4 degrees below average to 6 degrees above average. Rainfall was scattered and total accumulations varied, ranging from a trace to as much as 5 inches during the week. Some areas received no measurable rainfall. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor Wyoming remained drought-free.

Reports from Goshen County indicated some fields of sugarbeets had been harvested and silage corn was

being chopped.

Lincoln County reporters noted near freezing nightly temperatures and 70-degree days, allowing producers to dry out their hay, but there was not a lot of vegetative growth.

Reports from Campbell County indicated that reservoirs were drying up, and ranchers were moving cattle to fall pastures earlier than usual to prevent overgrazing.

Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 1 percent very short, 14 percent short, and 85 percent adequate, compared with 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 9 percent fair, and 91 percent good, compared with last week's 100 percent good.

Colorado – Widespread precipitation was reported across the State Sunday evening, with central and southern counties receiving up to 1.5 inches of moisture. Eastern Colorado experienced temperatures 4 degrees above average. Western counties experienced near to below average temperatures.

Third cutting of alfalfa advanced during a dry week, with 66 percent harvested, just behind last year and the 5-year average of 69 percent.

Barley harvest progressed quickly last week, with 92 percent harvested, ahead of last year and on par with the 5-year average.

Corn continued to mature among mostly hot, dry conditions last week, with 96 percent of the crop in the dough stage, ahead of the 5-year average and 59 percent of the crop in the dented stage, slightly behind the 5-year average of 62 percent. Corn harvested for silage progressed, with 26 percent of the crop harvested.

Proso millet harvest also progressed quickly, with 26 percent of the crop harvested, ahead of last year.

Limited potato harvest continued in the San Luis Valley last week, with 6 percent of the acreage harvested.

Stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Cattle death loss was 2 percent heavy, 75 percent average, and 23 percent light. Sheep death loss was 2 percent heavy, 90 percent average and 8 percent light.

USDA Weekly Weather Bulletin, September 5

Quiet weather prevailed nearly nationwide. Noteworthy rainfall was confined to a few areas, including the lower Mississippi Valley, parts of the East, and northern sections of the Rockies and Plains. As the week began, locally heavy showers shifted northeastward from the Great Basin and Intermountain West. A few days later, rain reached the upper Great Lakes re-


gion. During the second half of the week, showers and thunderstorms were mostly focused along a slow-moving cold front, which eventually reached the Atlantic Coast. Dry weather prevailed in most other areas, including the Far West and the nation's southern tier as far east as the Rio Grande Valley. Showers also bypassed large sections of the Midwest, helping to push summer crops toward maturity during a spell of late-season warmth.

Near- or above-average temperatures encompassed much of the central and eastern U.S., with two notable areas experiencing unusually hot weather. First, the Northeast experienced a heat wave, with weekly temperatures averaging 10 to 15 degrees above average. A separate area, covering the south-central U.S., also had several locations where readings averaged at least 10 degrees above average. In contrast, weekly temperatures averaged as much as 5 degrees below average in the Far West, especially near the California-Nevada border.

U.S. Drought Monitor

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Weather: Most experienced a warm and drier-than-average week

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Current drought status for the Nebraska Panhandle, Southwest Wyoming, and Northeast Colorado. Drought Categories: D0 – average dryness. D1 – moderate drought. D2 – severe drought. D3 – extreme drought. D4 – exceptional drought.

(September 5, 2023) Hurricane Idalia moved from the Gulf of Mexico inland along the northeastern Gulf Coast of Florida and continued northeastward through south-central and east-central Georgia, slightly inland from the South Carolina Coast, then across southeastern North Carolina before moving into the open waters of the northwestern Atlantic Ocean. A solid swath of heavy rains were observed in a band from the eastern Florida Panhandle northward through middle Georgia, interior eastern South Carolina, and southeastern North Carolina as far north as the lower Outer Banks. Between 4.5 to 10.0 inches of rain fell solidly along this swath of land, but rainfall totals dropped off rapidly to the west and east of the main band.

Farther west, a surge of tropical moisture pushed northward into the southwestern U.S., continuing northward across the Great Basin, Intermountain West, and adjacent Rockies into adjacent Canada. Heavy rainfall fell in a broken pattern over this general area, with the highest amounts reported across interior southeastern California, over much of the middle Colorado River Basin, and across scattered areas farther north. The heaviest amounts outside the lower Colorado River Basin fell on higher elevations.

Most of the Nation experienced a warm and drier-than-average week. Temperatures averaged 5 to 10 degrees above average and accompanied deficient precipitation over a large area from the Rockies to the Appalachians and central Gulf Coast Region, prompting drought intensification over large parts of the Upper Mississippi Valley, the

Central States, and the southern tier of the country west of the Florida Panhandle.

High Plains: Conditions vary markedly from southeast to northwest here. Kansas and Nebraska in the southeastern High Plains region are largely covered by drought, including significant expanses of D2 to D3 conditions, with new or expanded D4 (exceptional drought) noted in a few locations. Farther west and north, conditions are much more favorable. To the north and west of central Nebraska, dryness and drought are restricted to the eastern and northern Dakotas, and southwestern Colorado.

West: Monsoon rains remained subpar across eastern Arizona, New Mexico, and southwestern Colorado. Dryness and drought also cover large parts of Washington and Oregon as well as the northern tiers of Idaho and Montana. Some deterioration was noted in north-

central Montana, but farther west, conditions were essentially unchanged in northern Idaho and the Pacific Northwest.

Near-term forecast: Looking ahead through September 16, the NWS Climate Prediction Center (CPC) favors above-average temperatures from the South Atlantic Region westward across the southern tier of the Contiguous 48 states, over most areas from the Rockies westward, and the northern Plains. Meanwhile, below-average temperatures are favored across a large swath from the south-central Plains eastward through most of the Mississippi Valley, the Upper Southeast, the Appalachians, the Atlantic Piedmont, the Mid-Atlantic, and the lower Northeast. There are enhanced chances for surplus precipitation across the central and southern Rockies, much of the central and southern Plains, the southern half of the Mississippi Valley, the

Ohio Valley, the interior Southeast, the Appalachians, the mid-Atlantic, and the Northeast. In contrast, drier-than-average weather is favored across most of the Great Lakes, the northern tiers of the Plains and Rockies, the northern Intermountain West, and the Pacific Northwest, as well as across the Florida Peninsula.

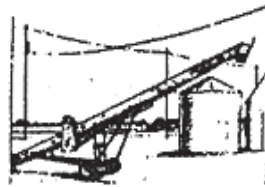
Terminology: EDDI – Evaporative Demand Drought Index. This is an experimental model for drought prediction, using nationwide data from 1980-present. SPI – Standardized Precipitation Index, correlating present month/year precipitation with 30-plus year historical data. SPEI – Standardized Precipitation Evapotranspiration Index. SWE – Snow Water Equivalent.

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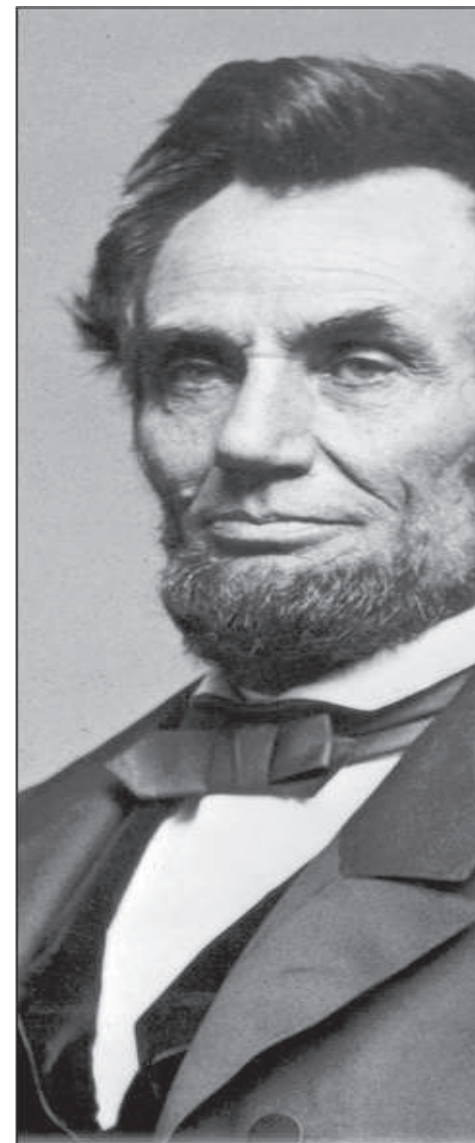
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USDA Weekly Beans Review Week ending September 12, 2023

Grain Report for 9/12/2023 - Final

Compared to last week: Trade remained very light with mostly steady bid prices. According to the NASS Crop Progress report September 11, 2023, North Dakota has 93%, and Washington has 85% dry edible peas harvested. Montana has 85%, Idaho has 27%, Minnesota has 18%, Nebraska has 3%, Colorado has 1%, North Dakota has 16%, and Washington has 30% of dry edible beans harvested. The next report will be released September 19, 2023

Region	Sale Type	Price-Bag/100lb)
US #1 Black Beans Food Grade		
Min-Dak	Bid	39.00-40.00
Michigan	Bid	40.00
US #1 Dark Red Kidney Beans Food Grade		
Min-Dak	Bid	41.00-44.00
US #1 Great Northern Beans Food Grade		
Den-Rate	Bid	42.00
US #1 Light Red Kidney Beans Food Grade		
Min-Dak	Bid	44.00
US #1 Pinto Beans Food Grade		
Den-Rate	Bid	36.00
Min-Dak	Bid	35.00

USDA Wyoming Hay Summary Week ending September 12, 2023

Compared to last week all reported hay sales sold steady. Demand was light to moderate. Most producers in the east are on third cutting of hay. In the central and west producers are on second cutting of alfalfa. There might be a few producers in the central and west that will get a few acres of third cutting put up but Mother Nature will have the final decision.

Eastern Wyoming	Qty	Price
Alfalfa (Trade/Per Ton)		
Pellets 15% Suncured	-	380.00
Western Wyoming		
Alfalfa - Premium (Trade/Per Ton)		
Small Square	100	300.00
Small Square 3 Tie	100	300.00-325.00
Alfalfa - Good (Trade/Per Ton)		
Large Square	1500	175.00-180.00
Small Square	100	265.00 265.00
Alfalfa - Fair/Good (Trade/Per Ton)		
Small Square	25	250.00
Alfalfa (Trade/Per Ton)		
Cubes	-	400.00
Alfalfa/Grass Mix - Fair (Trade/Per Ton)		
Large Square 3x4	100	185.00

USDA Nebraska Hay Summary Week ending September 7, 2023

Compared to last week all reported hay sold steady. Demand was light in most areas expect good demand was noted in eastern parts of the state. Silage chopping and baling cane or millet hay is in full swing. Several talks of high moisture corn harvest starting in the next couple of weeks. Hot and dry weather across most of the state the last seven days burning up grass pastures and dry land crops. Some producers have been bailing drought soybeans for hay instead of combining it.

Platte Valley	Qty	Price
Alfalfa - (Ask/Per Ton)		
Ground	-	215.00
Pellets 17% Dehydrated	-	375.00-385.00
Corn Stalk - (Ask/Per Ton)		
Ground	-	115.00
West Nebraska		
Alfalfa - Premium (Ask/Per Ton)		
Large Square 3x4	300	210.00
Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Ton)		
Large Square 3x4	250	170.00
Medium Square 3x3	100	200.00
Alfalfa - Utility (Ask/Per Ton)		
Large Square 3x4	1500	130.00
Alfalfa - (Ask/Per Ton)		
Ground	-	275.00

Corn	
Nebraska Daily Elevator Grain Bids	
US #2 Yellow Corn (Bulk)	
Region/Location	Average Price
Northwest	4.8564
Northeast	4.8650
Southwest	4.7025
Southeast	4.6150
South	4.4850
East	4.5472
Central	4.5650
USDA Wyoming Daily Grain Bids	
US #2 Yellow Corn (Bulk)	
Region/Location	Average Price
Southeast	4.8817
USDA Colorado Daily Grain Bids	
US #2 Yellow Corn (Bulk)	
Region/Location	Average Price
North Central Bid	5.9150
Northeast Bid	5.1633
Southeast Bid	4.9150
East Bid	5.0750

Wheat	
Nebraska Daily Elevator Grain Bids	
US #1 Hard Red Winter Wheat (Bulk)	
Region/Location	Average Price
Northwest	6.1639
Southwest	6.2850
Southeast	6.5950
South	6.5375
East	6.6775
USDA Wyoming Daily Grain Bids	
US #1 Hard Red Winter Wheat (Bulk)	
Region/Location	Average Price
Southeast	6.7650
USDA Colorado Daily Grain Bids	
US #1 Hard Red Winter Wheat (Bulk)	
Region/Location	Average Price
North Central Bid	6.6415
Northeast Bid	6.3017
Southeast Bid	6.4075
East Bid	6.4275

Beans	
Great Northern	
Kelley Bean	42
New Alliance Bean	42
Trinidad	42
Navy	
Kelley Bean	Ask
Trinidad	ABI
Black	
Kelley Bean	40
Pinto	
Kelley Bean	38
Northern Feed	38
New Alliance Bean	38
Trinidad	38
Kidneys	
Kelley Bean	Ask
Trinidad Bean	50
Millet	
Gordon, NE Bid	Call
Hemingford, NE Bid	Call
Sunflower	
Gordon, NE Bid	Ask
Hemingford, NE Bid	Ask

N.Y. Sugar					
Sugar futures trading on the New York Board of Trade					
SUGAR — World 11 112,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Month	Open	High	Low	Last	Change/Settle
OCT 23	-	-	-	-	+0.043 .2683
MAR 24	-	-	-	-	+0.041 .2707
MAY 24	-	-	-	-	+0.037 .2560
JLY 24	-	-	-	-	+0.031 .2432
OCT 24	-	-	-	-	+0.031 .2386
MAR 25	-	-	-	-	+0.032 .2368
MAY 25	-	-	-	-	+0.029 .2183
JLY 25	-	-	-	-	+0.022 .2043

Grain Futures		
USDA-AMS Chicago Board of Trade Grain Future		
Date	Change	Settlement
<i>WHEAT-5000 bu min.; cents per bushel</i>		
SEP 23	+5'2	723'2
DEC 23	+7'0	730'6
MAR 24	+7'6	734'4
MAY 24	+6'6	735'0
JLY 24	+7'0	720'6
SEP 24	+5'6	724'6
DEC 24	+5'2	736'4
MAR 25	+4'6	741'0
<i>CORN-5000 bu min.; cents per bushel</i>		
SEP 23	-8'0	463'2
DEC 23	-9'2	476'4
MAR 24	-9'2	491'0
MAY 24	-9'4	499'2
JLY 24	-9'2	503'4
SEP 24	-7'6	501'0
DEC 24	-6'4	505'4
MAR 25	-6'2	516'0
<i>OATS-5000 bu min.; cents per bushel</i>		
SEP 23	+2'0	472'0
DEC 23	+2'2	495'4
MAR 24	+2'0	505'4
MAY 24	+2'0	511'6
JLY 24	+2'0	510'2
SEP 24	+2'0	493'4
DEC 24	+2'0	458'6
MAR 25	+2'0	460'2

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Cattle Summary USDA Wyoming-Nebraska Direct Cattle Report Weekly Feeder Cattle Summary Week ending September 8, 2023

Receipts: This Week: 590 Last Week: 1,991 Last Year: 168
No comparable offerings from last week for a market comparison. Demand was moderate to good. Most of the bigger yards are filled up yearling cattle from direct or video cattle and the smaller feedlot have started to purchase some lots of cattle. Many lots do not like to wean calves so those lots decided if they want to feed a grass yearling they better start buying as numbers do appear short. September is silage month across Nebraska with Wyoming starting to chop by the end of the month. Few, feedlots in Nebraska are going to start on high moisture corn next week. Nebraska feedlots sold show list steady to 2.00 lower at 290.00 and live sales sold 1.00 to 2.00 higher from 183.00 to 184.00. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (44.1% Steers, 55.9% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 100%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with a 8-10 cent slide > 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from KS, WY

DIRECT TRADES

Delivery/Freight	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
Steers - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt)					
Current FOB	60	800	800	245.88	245.88
Current DEL	200	800	800	255.00	255.000
Heifers - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt)					
Current DEL	330	825	825	234.00 - 236.50	234.98

Colorado Auction USDA Colorado Direct Feeder Cattle Weighted Average Week ending September 8, 2023

Receipts: This Week 3,147 Last Week: 2,086 Last Year: 1,837
Compared to last week: Current FOB steer trades not tested. Feeder heifers lightly tested and a firm undertone is noted. Demand very good. Supply included: 100% Feeder Cattle (26.2% Steers, 73.8% Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 42%. Unless otherwise noted, Feeder Cattle prices FOB based on net weights after a 2-3% shrink or equivalent, with a 4-8 cent slide > 600 lbs. and 8-12 cent slide < 600 lbs. Livestock reported this week originated from AZ, CO, NC, NM, OR, TN, WY.

Cattle Futures: Settlement Prices as of September 12, 2023

Live Cattle: Open	High	Low	Last	Change	Settle	
OCT 23	184.300	184.775	183.050	184.025	-0.75	184.150
DEC 23	188.250	188.975	187.375	188.350	+1.75	188.450
FEB 24	192.575	193.150	191.525	192.600	-1.00	192.625
APR 24	196.300	196.925	195.400	196.525A	+1.75	196.600
JUN 24	189.775	190.575	189.300	190.150	+1.00	190.300
AUG 24	187.975	188.725	187.675	188.325A	+0.25	188.425
OCT 24	190.300	191.025	189.950	190.700A	+1.50	190.800
Feeder Cattle: Open	High	Low	Last	Change	Settle	
SEP 23	256.100	256.600	253.950	255.125	-9.00	255.325
OCT 23	261.375	262.075	259.550	261.175	-2.00	261.250
NOV 23	262.675	263.500	261.325	262.900	+1.50	262.900
JAN 24	261.850	262.875B	260.650	262.375B	+3.50	262.375
MAR 24	263.075	263.975	261.900	263.675	+6.00	263.725
APR 24	266.125	267.250	265.275A	266.825A	+5.75	266.750
MAY 24	268.525	269.600	267.775	269.300A	+7.75	269.275

DIRECT TRADES

Delivery/Freight	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
Steers - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt)					
Current DEL	535	560 - 590	564	251.00 - 261.00	259.41
	85	600	600	257.00	257.00
	60	800	800	247.00	247.00
Nov FOB	58	900	900	237.00	237.00
Heifers - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt)					
Current FOB	225	700	700	240.30	240.30
Current DEL	195	470 - 480	475	246.00 - 247.00	.51
	550	500	500	248.00	248.00
	545	570 - 580	579	236.00 - 237.00	236.92
	80	600	600	237.00	237.00
	69	700	700	238.00	238.00
Nov FOB	120	850	850	232.00	232.00

National Slaughter Cattle Summary Week ending September 11, 2023

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For Monday in the Western Cornbelt trade was mostly inactive on light demand. In the Southern Plains and Nebraska negotiated cash trade was at a standstill. The most recent market test in all trading regions was last week. In the Southern Plains live FOB purchases traded at 180.00. In Nebraska live FOB purchases traded from 183.00-184.00 and dressed delivered purchases traded at 290.00. In the Western Cornbelt live FOB purchases traded from 183.00-184.00 and dressed delivered purchases traded from 288.00-290.00.

National Direct Sheep Report

USDA National Weekly Slaughter Sheep Review Week ending September 8, 2023

Receipts: - Last Reported: - Last Year: -
There were no confirmed sales this week. Feeder lambs sell FOB with an overnight stand or equivalent 3-4 percent shrink unless otherwise noted. The state identified is the state of origin. Prices quoted per cwt. Current delivery unless otherwise noted.
Please Note:
The above USDA LPGMN price report is reflective of the majority of classes and grades of livestock offered for sale. There may be instances where some sales do not fit within reporting guidelines and therefore will not be included in the report. Prices are reported on an FOB basis, unless otherwise noted.

Lean Hogs Futures: Settlement Prices as of September 12, 2023

Lean Hogs: Open	High	Low	Last	Change	Settle	
OCT 23	83.175	85.350	82.975	85.125B	+2.725	85.275
DEC 23	75.150	76.975	75.000	76.825	+2.250	76.900
FEB 24	79.200	80.300	78.700	80.225	+1.400	80.250
APR 24	84.775	85.250	84.200	85.200	+7.75	85.225
MAY 24	89.150	89.500	89.050A	89.500	+3.75	89.475
JUN 24	96.400	96.700	96.125	96.625	+3.25	96.625
JUL 24	96.600	96.975	96.275	96.675	+1.25	96.725
AUG 24	95.550	96.000	95.150	95.450	-1.25	95.500
OCT 24	82.900	82.900	82.100	82.200	-4.75	82.200
DEC 24	76.750	76.750	75.950	75.925A	-5.00	75.950
FEB 25	-	-	-	80.475A	-5.00	80.300

Hog Report

Data from Pork Checkoff Marketline Week ending September 12, 2023

PORK PRODUCT PRICES CHANGE	AVERAGE
Carcass, Prior Day	+0.08 \$101.18
Loins, Prior Day	-1.23 \$98.70
Hams, Prior Day	+2.99 \$97.98
Bellies, Prior Day	-0.67 \$132.33

SOW PRICES per CWT Live

400-449#, Prior Day	-3.17	\$48.13
450-499#, Prior Day	-1.67	\$52.64
500-549#, Prior Day	-3.84	\$53.81

LIVE HOG PRICES

Red Oak	N/A	\$ N/A
Dorchester	S	\$60.00
Illinois	-2.00	\$54.00

CARCASS PRICES wt'd avg base price

CARCASS PRICES wt'd avg base price	AVERAGE
Eastern Cornbelt	N/A \$ N/A
Western Cornbelt	N/A \$ N/A
IA/MINN	N/A \$ N/A
National	+1.10 \$79.33

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Month	CME Change	CME Price
Oct 23	+2.73	\$85.28
Dec 23	+2.25	\$76.90
Feb 24	+1.40	\$80.25

Weather Outlook - Scottsbluff, NE



Fri 9/15..... **69°/43°**
Scattered Thunderstorms
Chance of Precipitation 30%



Sat 9/16..... **76°/44°**
Sunny
Chance of Precipitation 0%



Sun 9/17..... **79°/47°**
Sunny
Chance of Precipitation 0%



Mon 9/18 **80°/53°**
Sunny
Chance of Precipitation 4%



Tue 9/19 **79°/49°**
Sunny
Chance of Precipitation 20%



Wed 9/20..... **75°/46°**
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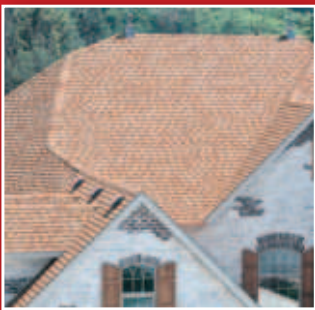
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