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Under clear skies and with unseasonably warm temperatures, the farmers in Perkins County had soybean harvest well underway toward the end of last week.

At that time, Frenchman Valley Coop manager Gary Talich said the crop's harvest would be in full swing by this week.

Nebraska's soybean crop was rated at 79 percent good to excellent, or slightly better than last year and better than the average, according to the Nebraska field office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Although the crop was rated high, it was still well behind the 67 percent on average for dropping its leaves when the report was released the third week of September.

As of the last week of September, only 47 percent of soybeans had dropped leaves, compared to 76 percent in 2010.

Corn/Wheat

- **Corn:** Information released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service indicated that by the latter part of September, the harvest of silage, high-moisture corn and seed corn was winding down, but crop maturity remained behind average.

Just more than half of the corn crop was mature, compared with 57 percent on average and 74 percent at this time in 2010.

Overall crop conditions were rated at 76 percent good to excellent, which is about average but down from 81 percent last year.

- **Wheat:** Sixty-six percent of winter wheat had been seeded, and 27 percent had emerged by the third full week of September.



