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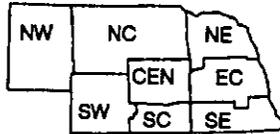
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## WEATHER

The week was warm and mild. Temperatures averaged from five degrees above normal in the east central to normals in the southwest. Light precipitation occurred the latter half of the week. Amounts ranged from none to trace amounts in the western half of the State up to .37 inch in the east central.

## GENERAL

Ideal fall harvest conditions again this past week enabled Nebraska farmers to move toward the end of harvest at a fast pace, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Fall tillage activities as well as moving cattle to fenced stalks has occupied producer's time as field after field has been harvested. This same favorable harvest weather has not been favorable for fall seeded winter wheat. Moisture remains a concern for wheat growth as well as for soil moisture supplies for spring pastures. Other farm activities included winter preparation activities and fall livestock care.

## CROPS

Harvest of corn for grain progressed at an increasing rate last week as producers are moving toward completion of the State's corn crop. As of Sunday, 96%

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had been combined and was over three weeks ahead of the 5-year average. Only a limited number of reports indicated stalk lodging and/or ear droppage. Most producers have also been able to put grain directly into storage bins without the need for artificial drying.

Grain sorghum harvest also progressed well and by week's end, 98% had been combined. This completion rate was also three weeks ahead of average.

Wheat condition was rated at 8% very poor, 14% poor, 36% fair, and 42% good. Emergence continued to lag behind last year and average with the absence of recent moisture. Moisture continued to be a major concern in emergence to date and fall growth to provide over winter survival.

## LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 65% of normal. Cattle continued to utilize grain stalk fields and in some cases have been moved to dry lots. Producers are weaning calves with some marketed. Other producers are waiting for dust settling rains before weaning to head off possible calf pneumonia cases resulting from the dusty conditions.

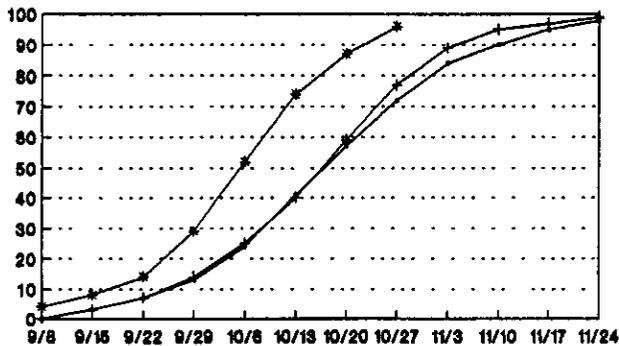
FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 27, 1991	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% corn harvested	87	95	94	96	97	100	98	100	96	87	77	72
% sorghum harvested	86	100	100	100	99	88	98	100	98	96	87	81
% wheat emerged	100	98	99	100	83	99	85	78	93	90	100	100
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 25, 1991												
Days suitable	6.9	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.7	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.2	
Topsoil moisture - Short	69	100	94	100	92	87	100	82	90	93	79	
(Percent) - Adequate	31	0	6	0	8	13	0	18	10	7	21	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Subsoil moisture - Short	61	90	76	100	100	62	92	100	88	85	86	
(Percent) - Adequate	39	10	24	0	0	38	8	0	12	15	14	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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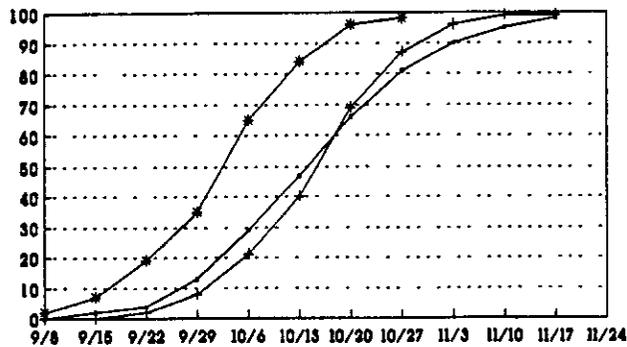
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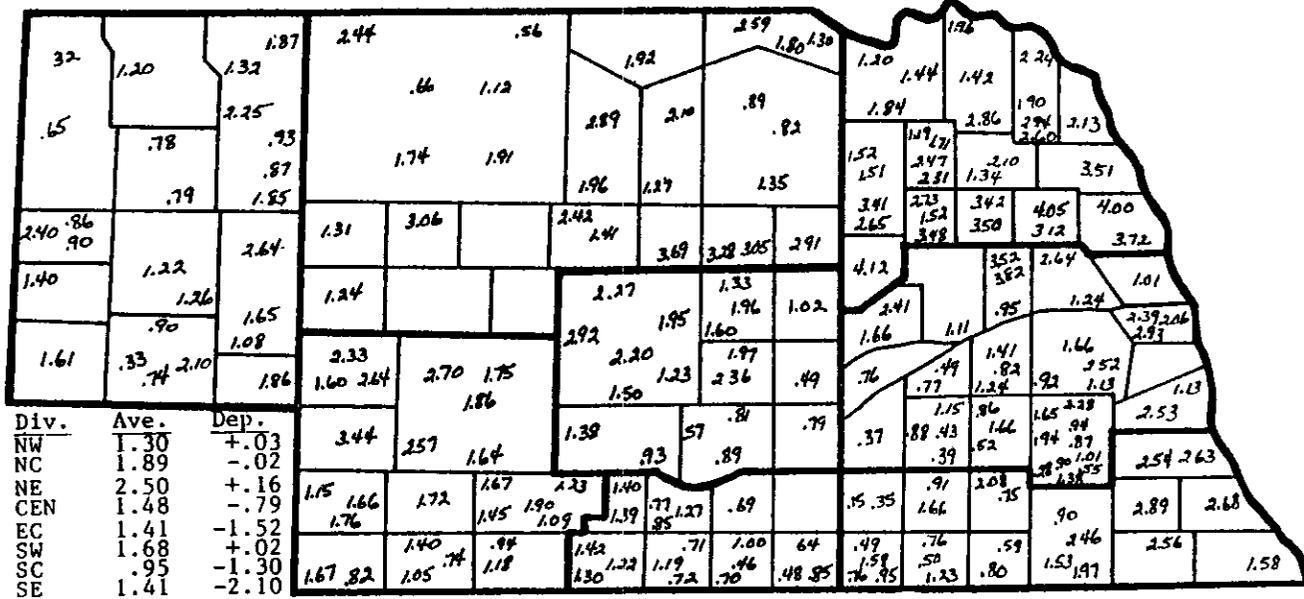
NEBRASKA -- SORGHUM HARVESTED



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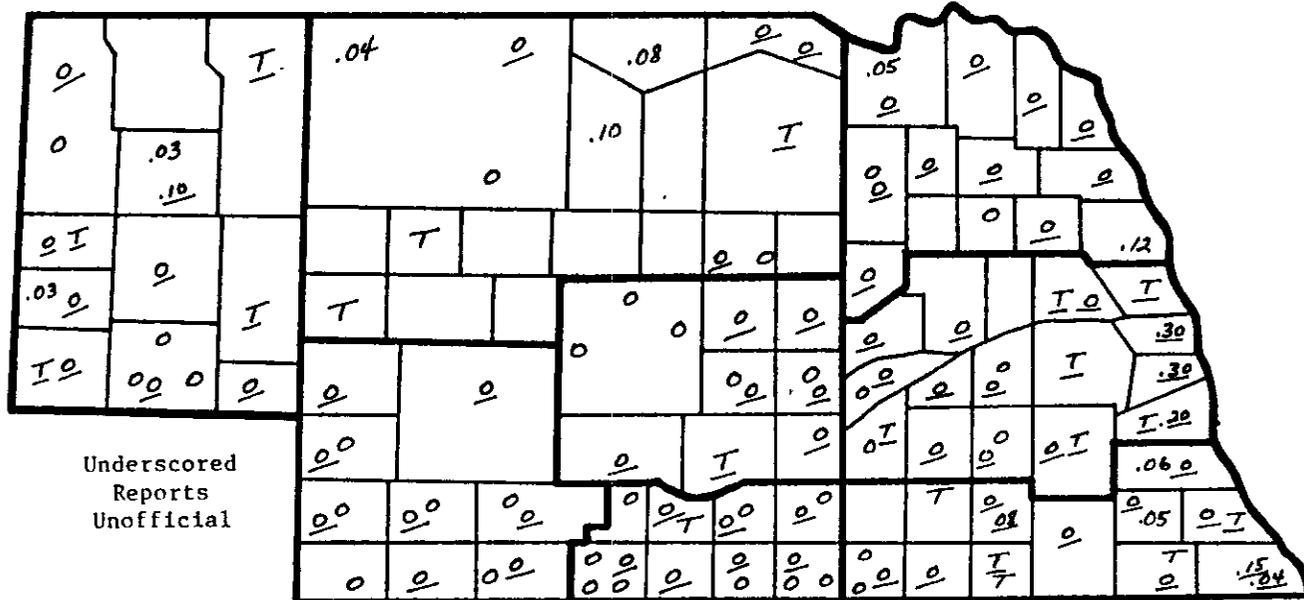
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1991 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Department of Agricultural Meteorology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1991



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1991

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	78	24	48	---	.04
Scottsbluff	79	25	47	+3	.03
Sidney	80	26	48	---	0
NC Valentine	76	17	47	+1	.05
NE Norfolk	85	20	49	+1	T
Sioux City	82	23	49	0	.08
CEN Grand Island	87	21	52	+2	T
Ord	86	20	48	---	0
EC Lincoln	83	27	55	+5	.06
Omaha	81	28	54	+4	.37
SW Imperial	85	24	46	---	T
North Platte	84	22	47	0	.01

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.