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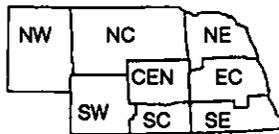
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WEATHER

The week was wet and cool. Temperatures averaged four to eight degrees below normals across the State. Precipitation occurred midweek with amounts varying from around a half inch in the west up to over three inches in the east and central portions.

GENERAL

Midweek rain and snow halted strong harvest activities last week although the moisture was beneficial to pastures and newly seeded wheat, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvest activities progressed well until the midweek rains began. With this harvest delay, farm activities included equipment maintenance and preparing grain storage and drying facilities.

CROPS

Corn condition was rated at 1% very poor, 7% poor, 12% fair, 53% good, and 27% excellent. The crop progressed toward maturity last week but remained about a week and a half behind normal. Harvest has begun in most areas of the State but was two and a half weeks behind normal with 10% completed to date, compared with 68% last year and 45% for the five-year average.

Soybean condition was rated at 1% very poor, 2% poor, 4% fair, 54% good, and 39% excellent. Favorable

CROPS (Cont.)

harvesting weather early in the week allowed producers to make excellent progress. About 61% had been combined as of Sunday, well behind last year at 86% but only a couple of days behind the average at 67%.

Sorghum condition was rated at 3% poor, 12% fair, 55% good, and 30% excellent. The crop continued to move toward maturity but remained about two and a half weeks behind normal. Harvest for grain has begun on a limited scale in many areas of the State but was about three weeks behind normal with 7% harvested by week's end. This compares with 78% last year and 54% for the average.

Dry bean harvest was nearing completion before last week's rain and snow. Regular sugar beet harvest was underway. Moisture received should make sugar beet pulling easier.

Winter wheat seeding was virtually completed across the State with 92% emerged to date. Last week's rain and snow came at an opportune time for seed germination and beginning growth. The crop condition was rated at 12% fair, 73% good, and 15% excellent.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 98% of normal and compares with 69% last year at this time. Calf weaning was beginning in several areas. With good grass yet available, many producers are keeping cattle on pastures until stalk fields become available.

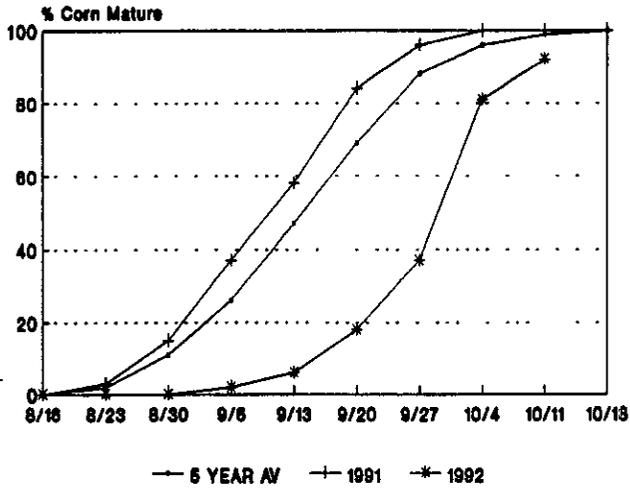
FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 11, 1992	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% corn mature	75	80	95	98	98	78	82	99	92	81	100	99
% corn harvested	13	7	6	15	11	4	10	10	10	5	68	45
% sorghum mature	0	82	82	86	89	51	63	66	72	37	100	99
% sorghum harvested	0	1	4	8	4	0	6	10	7	5	78	54
% soybeans dropping leaves	0	91	100	100	100	99	100	100	100	97	100	99
% soybeans harvested	0	39	36	92	60	53	80	85	61	30	86	67
% wheat sown	100	100	100	100	97	100	100	92	99	98	100	98
% wheat emerged	100	98	99	85	91	96	84	72	92	80	83	86
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 9, 1992												
Days suitable	5.1	4.3	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.2	6.7	6.0	
Topsoil moisture - Short (Percent)	39	5	0	0	0	10	0	6	7	38	81	
- Adequate	61	95	16	90	27	90	100	75	61	61	17	
- Surplus	0	0	84	10	73	0	0	19	32	1	2	
Subsoil moisture - Short (Percent)	15	5	0	0	0	0	10	0	3	6	86	
- Adequate	85	95	74	100	88	100	90	100	90	90	14	
- Surplus	0	0	26	0	12	0	0	0	7	4	0	

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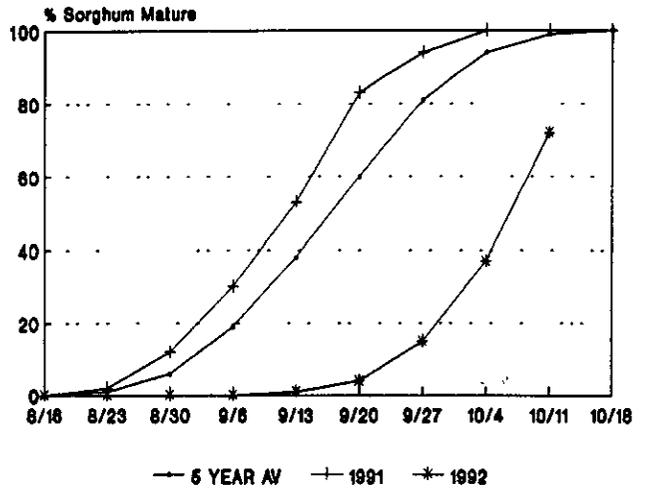
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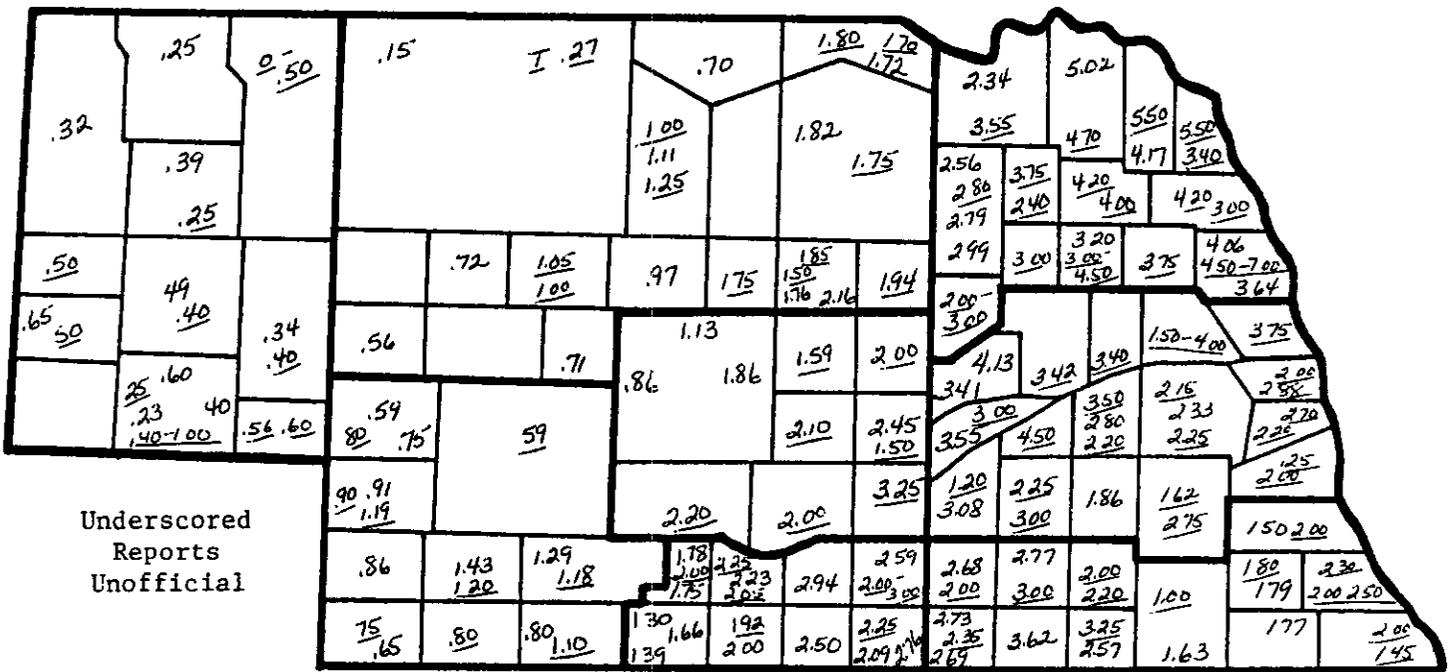
CORN MATURE



SORGHUM MATURE



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1992



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1992

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	76	25	47	---	.36
Scottsbluff	77	23	47	-7	.62
Sidney	76	24	47	---	.24
NC Valentine	78	22	47	-6	.10
NE Norfolk	80	30	49	-7	3.02
Sioux City	79	32	51	-5	3.25
CEN Grand Island	82	29	49	-8	3.24
Ord	78	27	47	---	---
EC Lincoln	83	32	53	-5	1.47
Omaha	79	34	53	-4	2.68
SW Imperial	77	30	49	---	.90
North Platte	80	27	47	-7	.60

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.