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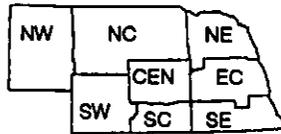
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WEATHER

The week was cool and dry. Temperatures averaged from six to ten degrees below normals for the week. The state was dry except for trace amounts of precipitation in the northeast.

GENERAL

Row crop harvest activities were slowed by wet field conditions, but picked up speed by midweek, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Wet fields caused by last week's rain and waiting for a hard freeze kept harvesting slow early in the week. As fields dried, soybean harvest continued but corn and sorghum harvesting remained slow as growers waited for a killing frost to help the crops dry down. That hard freeze came by the end of the week in most areas. Other activities during the week included finishing silage cutting, digging sugar beets in the Panhandle, harvesting sunflowers and dry beans in the Southwest, and moving hay to winter feeding areas.

CROPS

Corn condition was rated at 1% very poor, 6% poor, 12% fair, 56% good, and 25% excellent. Harvesting continued at a slow pace as growers waited for the crop to dry down in the fields. At 16% complete, the harvest is nearly three weeks behind the five-year average. High winds in the East and Northeast caused some lodging, stalk breakage and ear droppage.

CROPS (Cont.)

Soybean harvesting gained momentum at midweek as fields dried and was only 2 percentage points below the five-year average of 86% completed.

Sorghum condition was rated at 1% very poor, 3% poor, 26% fair, 52% good, and 18% excellent. The crop was 92% mature; some of the crop froze before it matured and was being cut for silage. The harvest, now about 24 days behind normal, should begin to pick up after this killing frost.

Sugar beet harvesting was in full swing in the Panhandle. **Dry bean** harvest resumed as fields dried and some **sunflowers** were harvested in the Southwest.

Winter wheat condition was rated at 13% fair, 58% good, and 29% excellent. The crop was 98% emerged, ahead of last year and the average.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 97% of normal and compares with 64% last year at this time. Operators were weaning and working calves in most areas. Cattle were still on pastures, with some supplemental feeding reported in the Northeast and Southwest. Some cattle were moving to backgrounding feedlots until stalk fields become available.

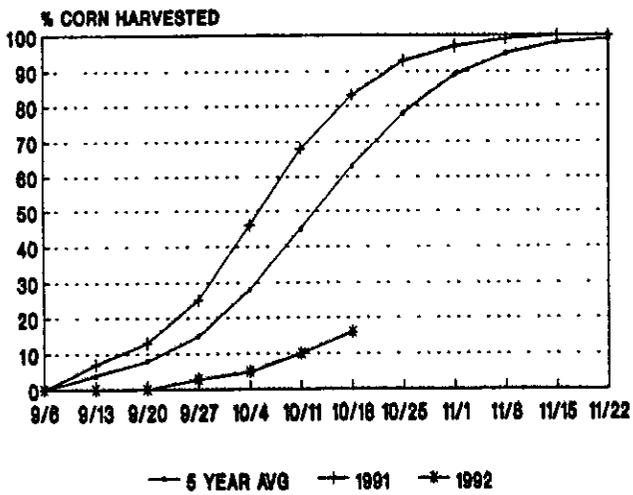
FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 18, 1992	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% corn mature	96	88	99	99	98	99	100	99	98	92	100	100
% corn harvested	20	13	10	24	16	9	20	22	16	10	83	63
% sorghum mature	100	85	97	90	93	84	93	93	92	72	100	100
% sorghum harvested	0	9	15	30	7	2	7	11	9	7	92	73
% soybeans harvested	0	69	71	93	83	74	97	96	84	61	94	86
% wheat emerged	100	99	99	94	94	100	98	94	98	92	88	94
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 16, 1992												
Days suitable	6.8	6.7	4.9	5.3	5.2	6.2	5.5	4.9	5.5	4.2	6.7	
Topsoil moisture - Short (Percent)	50	10	0	0	0	33	0	0	8	7	81	
- Adequate	50	90	67	100	87	67	100	100	84	61	19	
- Surplus	0	0	33	0	13	0	0	0	8	32	0	
Subsoil moisture - Short (Percent)	25	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	5	3	82	
- Adequate	75	90	83	100	92	100	90	100	91	90	18	
- Surplus	0	0	17	0	8	0	0	0	4	7	0	

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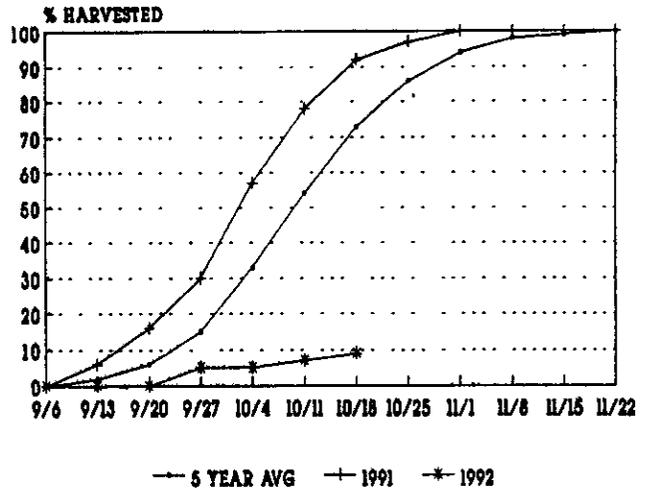
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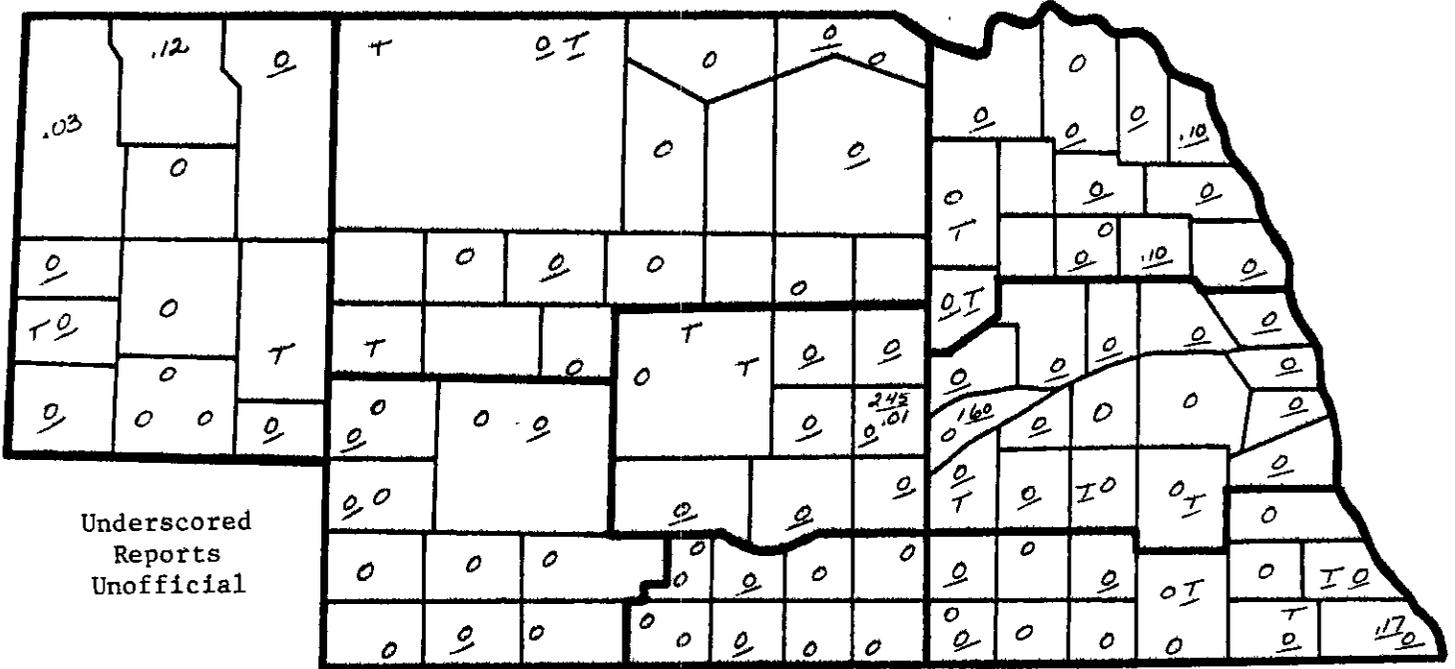
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1992



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1992

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	79	21	43	---	0
Scottsbluff	83	20	45	-6	0
Sidney	82	16	45	---	0
NC Valentine	84	16	40	-10	0
NE Norfolk	68	21	43	-10	T
Sioux City	65	22	43	-10	.03
CEN Grand Island	76	23	44	-10	0
Ord	75	21	43	---	0
EC Lincoln	75	26	46	-9	0
Omaha	69	29	45	-9	0
SW Imperial	85	19	45	---	0
North Platte	85	19	43	-8	0

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.