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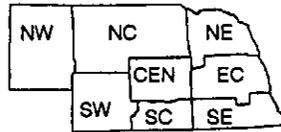
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## WEATHER

Temperatures averaged from six degrees below normals in the west to twelve degrees below normals in the east. Scattered precipitation occurred throughout the week with amounts averaging around two-tenths of an inch across the State.

## GENERAL

Harvest made limited progress last week due to wet weather conditions, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Early in the week, snow, rain and otherwise damp conditions kept harvest locally at a slow pace or at a standstill. Later, harvesting picked up where dry enough. Producers continued to wait as long as possible before harvesting to allow crops to further field dry, as artificial drying after harvest remained a necessity in most cases. Muddy field conditions are also hindering harvest efforts. Other activities included moving hay to winter feeding areas, fencing stalks for gleaning and moving cattle to stalks

## CROPS

Corn harvest made limited progress last week due to wet weather conditions. Those producers able to

## CROPS (Cont.)

combine fields last week raised the harvest completion to 46% statewide. This was four weeks behind the five-year average of 95%. Artificial drying remained a necessity for most harvested grain. Most replanted acreage in western and central fields remained unharvested with grain testing over 30% moisture.

Sorghum harvest also made slow progress due to the weather and grain moisture content. At 59% complete, the harvest remained nearly four weeks behind normal.

Winter wheat condition was rated at 28% fair, 57% good, and 15% excellent. Most western fields could use additional moisture to promote fall growth.

## LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 96% of normal and compares with 66% last year at this time. Cattle continued to be moved to stalk fields after harvest, if fields were not too muddy. More cattle were consuming hay this past week due to the wait for stalk fields, snow cover, or limited grass to graze.

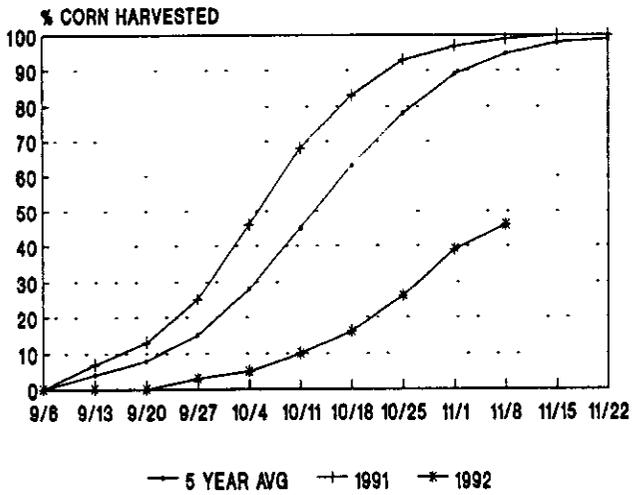
FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF NOVEMBER 8, 1992	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% corn harvested	56	49	31	58	47	28	62	54	46	39	99	95
% sorghum harvested	0	57	60	62	55	63	71	58	59	44	100	98
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF NOVEMBER 6, 1992												
Days suitable	51	34	09	35	24	36	41	20	28	60	36	
Topsoil moisture - Short	33	9	0	10	0	17	0	0	6	19	73	
(Percent) - Adequate	67	91	65	80	56	83	87	47	69	78	25	
- Surplus	0	0	35	10	44	0	13	53	25	3	2	
Subsoil moisture - Short	50	9	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	9	84	
(Percent) - Adequate	50	91	85	100	87	100	93	82	85	86	16	
- Surplus	0	0	15	0	13	0	0	18	8	5	0	

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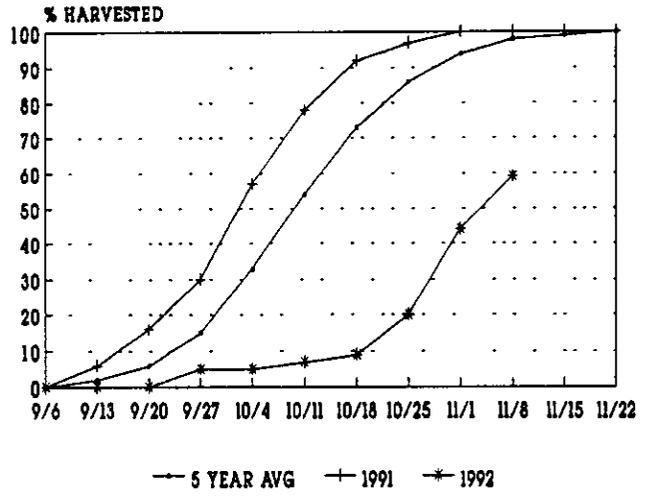
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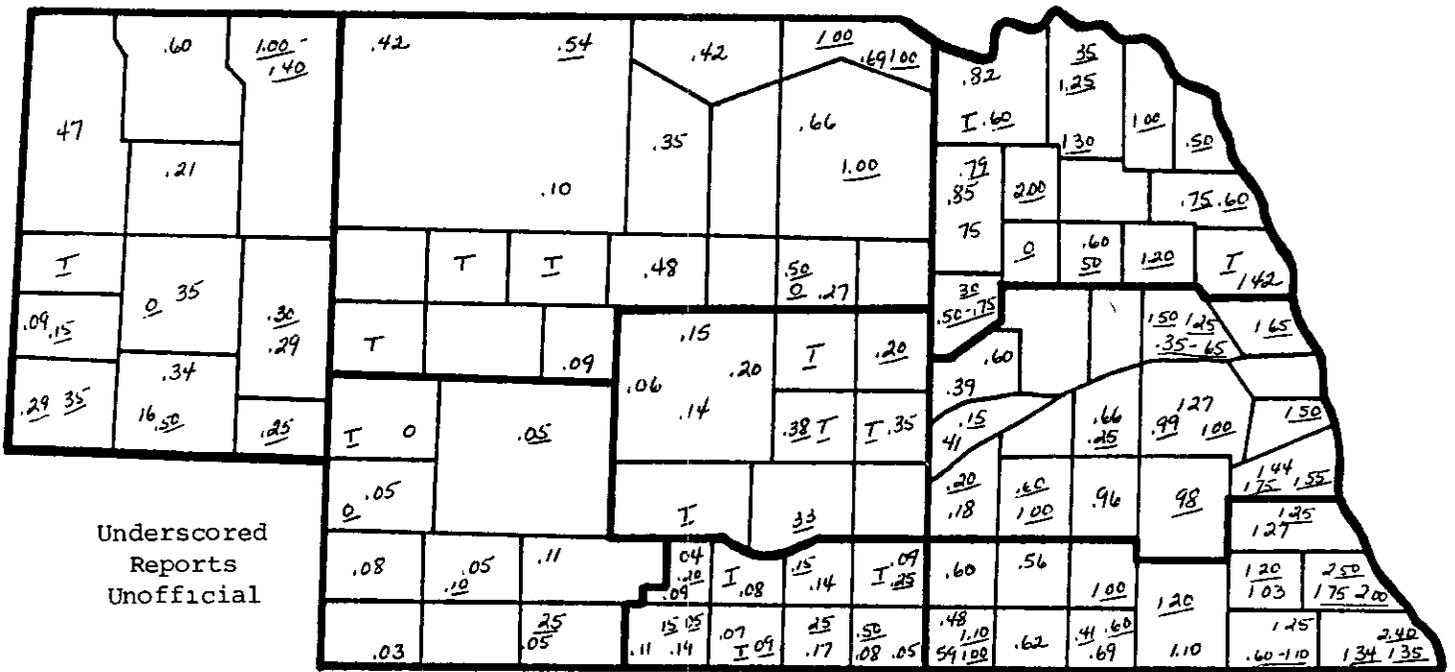
**SORGHUM HARVESTED**



PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1992



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TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1992

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	53	13	34	---	.18
Scottsbluff	56	11	34	-6	.02
Sidney	55	11	34	---	.02
NC Valentine	55	11	29	-10	.32
NE Norfolk	51	24	31	-10	.17
Sioux City	48	24	31	-11	.26
CEN Grand Island	53	17	32	-11	.13
Ord	45	23	32	---	---
EC Lincoln	57	25	32	-12	.11
Omaha	54	25	32	-11	.11
SW Imperial	55	20	35	---	---
North Platte	54	12	32	-8	.05

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.