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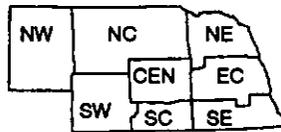
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WEATHER

Temperatures for the week averaged one to two degrees above normals. Precipitation occurred midweek with amounts varying from traces in the west up to three-fourths of an inch in the east.

GENERAL

Harvest progress was again limited last week by weather conditions and high grain moisture content, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Last week's foggy conditions and high humidity, as well as rainfall in several areas, hindered dry down of crops in the field. This slow dry down and wet surface conditions kept many producers out of fields. Most corn and sorghum harvested required artificial drying. Other activities included sunflower harvest, preparing winter feeding supplies, and moving cattle to stalk fields.

CROPS

Corn harvest made slow progress last week but did reach 69% complete by week's end, about four and a half weeks behind normal. High grain moisture content, as well

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as wet field conditions, kept the harvest pace slow and grain dryers running.

Sorghum harvest slowed last week but completion did increase to 84% as of Sunday. This slow harvesting week put the overall progress about four and a half weeks behind normal. Artificial drying of harvested grain remained a necessity in most cases.

Winter wheat condition was rated at 32% fair, 59% good, and 9% excellent. Additional moisture continued to be needed in many western fields to ensure adequate fall growth. Reports were received of wheat streak mosaic in several western fields.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 97% of normal and compares with 69% last year at this time. Where possible, cattle were gleaning stalks. Supplemental haying continued as some cattle must wait for available stalk fields.

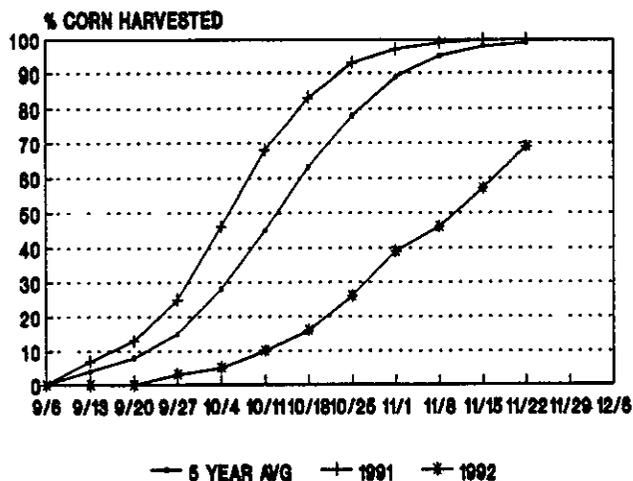
FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF NOVEMBER 22, 1992	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% corn harvested	79	69	55	73	73	49	85	80	69	57	100	99
% sorghum harvested	0	96	86	80	85	82	90	84	84	75	100	100
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF NOVEMBER 20, 1992												
Days suitable	6.2	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.0	5.3	4.9	3.9	4.5	5.5	2.1	
Topsoil moisture - Short	58	14	0	9	0	67	0	0	13	11	38	
(Percent) - Adequate	42	72	50	55	43	33	100	46	54	75	58	
- Surplus	0	14	50	36	57	0	0	54	33	14	4	
Subsoil moisture - Short	58	14	0	0	0	0	8	0	9	4	81	
(Percent) - Adequate	42	72	81	100	86	100	92	85	82	90	19	
- Surplus	0	14	19	0	14	0	0	15	9	6	0	

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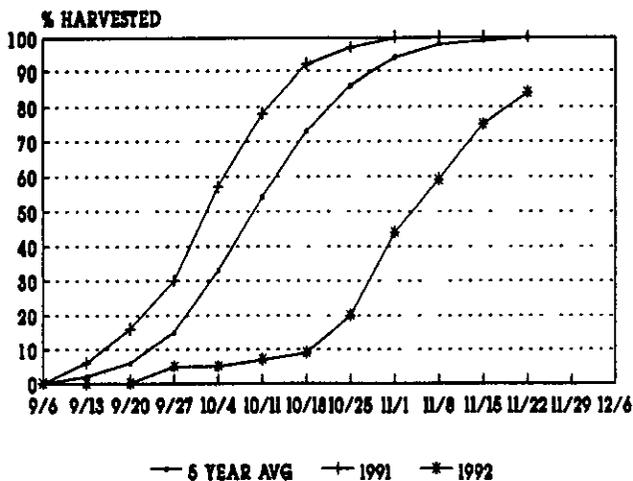
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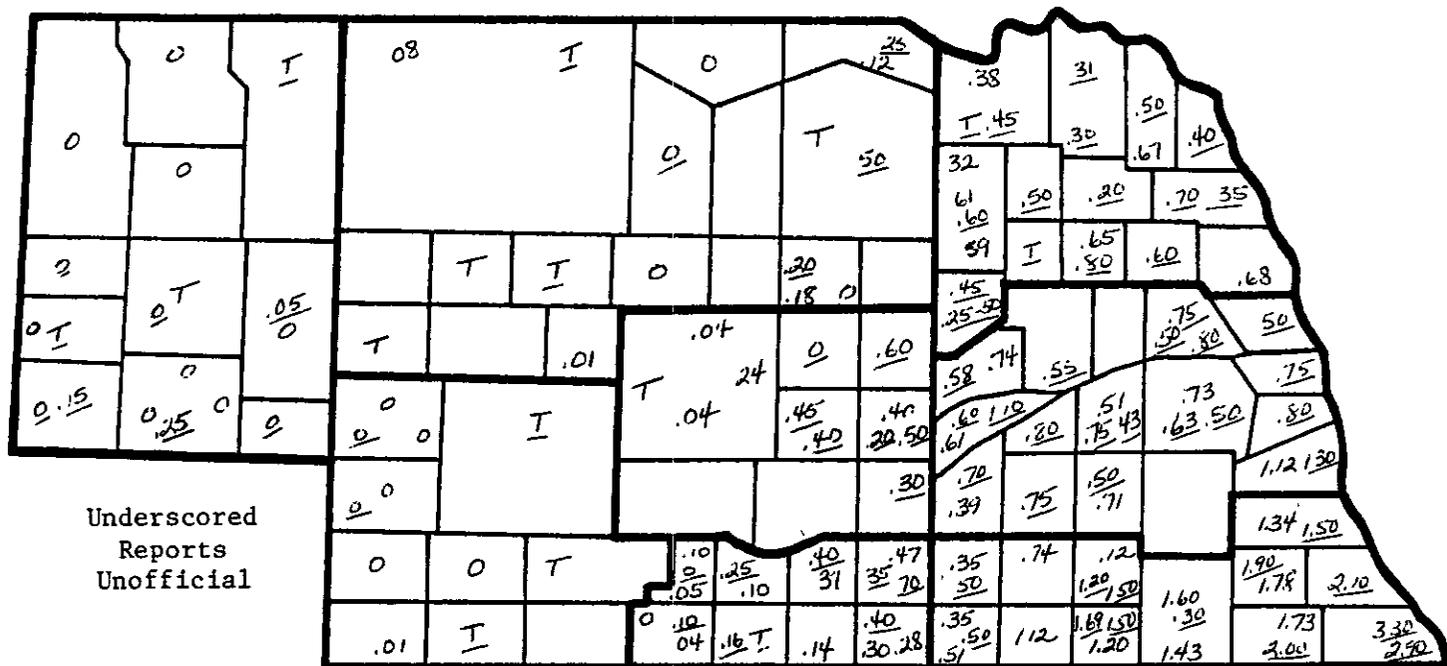
PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

SORGHUM HARVESTED



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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1992



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1992

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches ^{1/}
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	59	20	36	---	T
Scottsbluff	61	17	36	+2	0
Sidney	64	12	36	---	.01
NC Valentine	60	20	33	+1	T
NE Norfolk	64	27	36	+2	.68
Sioux City	57	28	36	+2	.40
CEN Grand Island	69	27	36	0	.59
Ord	69	23	36	---	0
EC Lincoln	63	25	37	0	.73
Omaha	61	27	37	+1	.67
SW Imperial	66	14	37	---	.02
North Platte	65	15	34	+1	.01

^{1/} Precipitation totals not included in map above.