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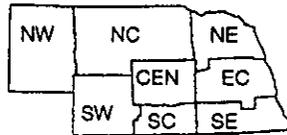
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## WEATHER

Temperatures in the northwest averaged near normals while the remainder of the State averaged three to seven degrees above normals. Precipitation occurred the first two days of the week with amounts varying from .02 inch at Sidney to nearly two inches at Loup City.

## GENERAL

Fall harvest activities were delayed last week until Wednesday due to wet field conditions, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Last week's rainfall will benefit winter wheat growth and fall pastures. Producer activities included harvesting crops, hauling grain to farm storage and elevators, some fall tillage operations, equipment repair, and livestock care.

## CROPS

Corn harvest made good progress despite rain delays last week with 56% picked to date. This compares with 24% last year and 54% for the five-year average.

Soybean harvest progressed well last week. By Friday, producers had resumed harvest activities in full

## CROPS (Cont.)

force. By week's end, 90% of the crop had been combined and compares with 88% last year and 91% for the average.

Sorghum for grain harvest moved along well with 67% combined to date. This compares with 18% last year and 56% for the five-year average.

Sugar beet harvest and sunflower harvest activities also met with rain delays. By mid-week, activities had resumed.

Winter wheat condition was rated at 1% poor, 24% fair, 68% good, and 7% excellent. Last week's rainfall will benefit growing wheat stands and has improved producers' outlook.

## LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 89% of normal and compares with 104% last year. Producers continued to move cattle to corn stalks or winter pastures or to dry lots for feeding. Some pastures in the east continue to provide grazing beyond the normal time period. Producers were working cattle, weaning calves, and moving some calves to market.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 23, 1994	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% corn harvested	49	40	43	64	52	51	81	67	56	45	24	54
% sorghum harvested	0	45	63	79	68	66	78	64	67	54	18	56
% soybeans harvested	0	95	88	93	91	98	99	89	90	82	88	91
% wheat emerged	99	99	100	100	98	100	100	93	99	97	97	97
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 21, 1994												
Days suitable	28	36	30	30	29	27	30	27	2.9	67	37	
Topsoil moisture - Short	13	6	0	0	5	0	9	6	5	29	1	
(Percent) - Adequate	74	94	80	87	48	100	91	82	79	71	67	
- Surplus	13	0	20	13	47	0	0	12	16	0	32	
Subsoil moisture - Short	38	0	7	25	10	25	27	29	19	27	1	
(Percent) - Adequate	62	100	93	75	80	75	73	71	79	73	82	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	2	0	17	

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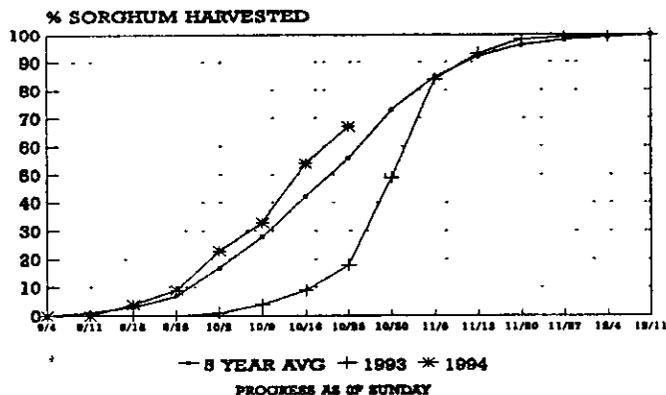
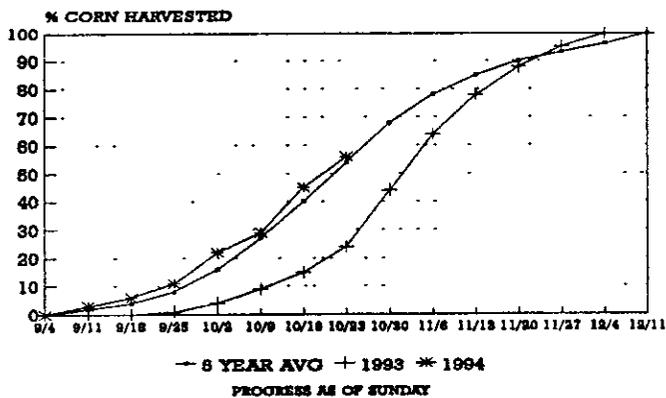
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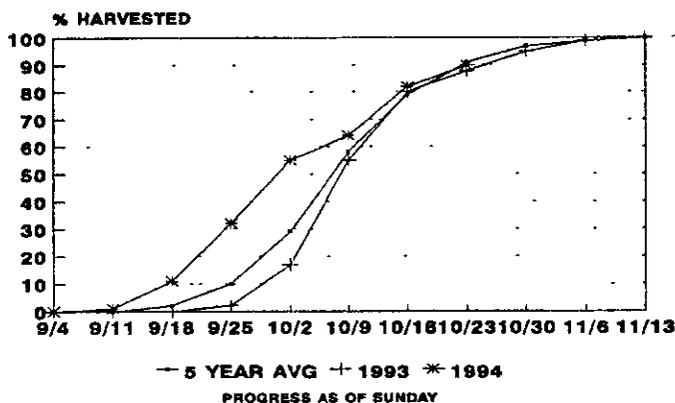
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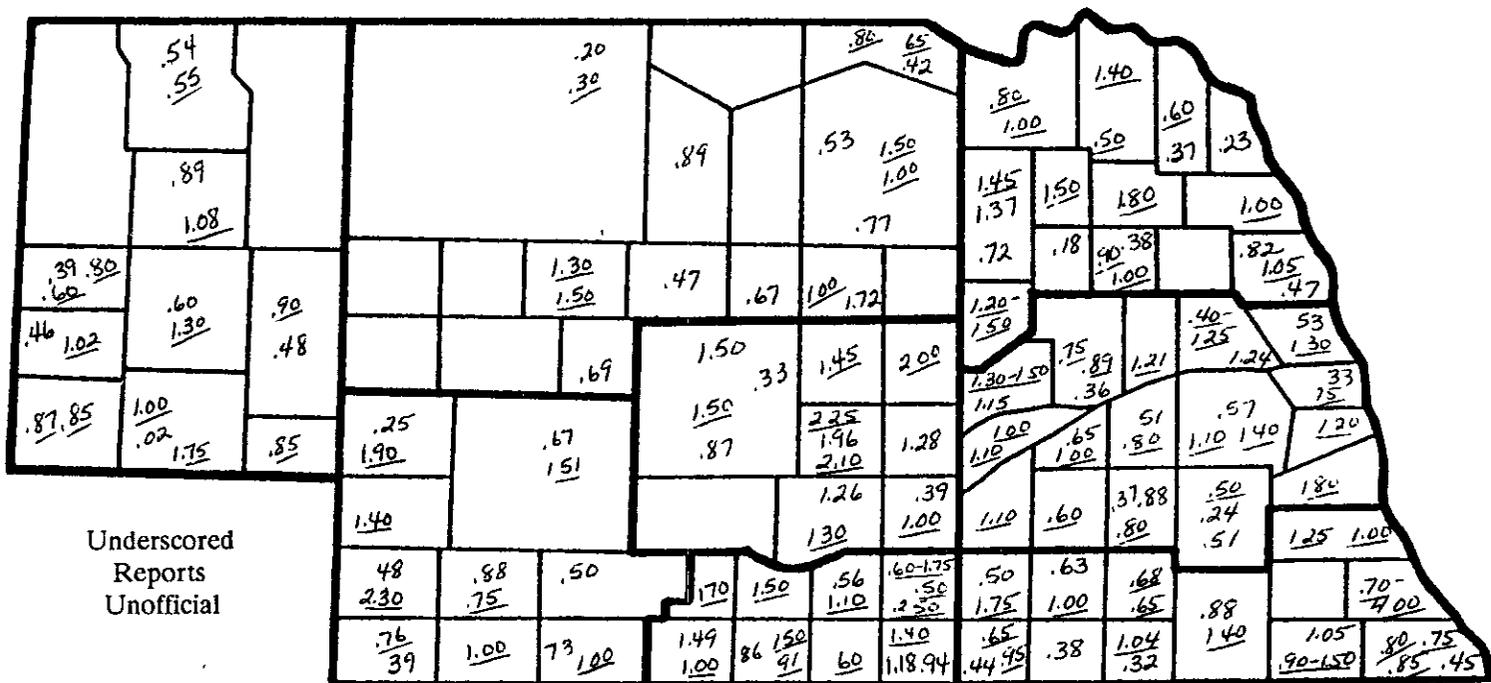
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**SOYBEANS  
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**PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1994**



**TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1994**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation Total Inches
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	70	26	48	---	.54
Scottsbluff	69	29	47	-1	.39
Sidney	68	32	47	---	.02
NC Valentine	73	28	50	+3	.20
NE Norfolk	77	34	56	+6	.18
Sioux City	75	37	57	+7	.23
CEN Grand Island	76	32	55	+4	.39
Ord	75	31	53	---	0
EC Lincoln	75	33	55	+3	.24
Omaha	77	35	57	+5	.33
SW Imperial	71	33	51	---	.48
North Platte	73	29	52	+4	.67