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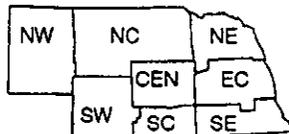
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WEATHER

Temperatures for the week averaged from two degrees below normals in the east central to four degrees above normals in the northeast. The week was relatively dry with amounts reported mostly zeros other than a few averaging less than a tenth of an inch.

GENERAL

Fall harvest activities were in full swing last week due to nearly ideal harvest conditions, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Any harvest delays were attributed to lines at grain elevators, moving grain from dryers to storage facilities, elevators filled to capacity, or equipment problems. Last week's hard freeze helped speed harvest activities. Several reports indicated grain being temporarily stored on the ground in the east and south due to a shortage of storage space. Producer activities included fall tillage, fall fertilizer applications, and livestock care.

CROPS

Corn harvest made excellent progress last week with 78% picked to date. This is a week ahead of the five-year average of 68% harvested. Field dry down continues to progress well with limited artificial drying necessary.

CROPS (Cont.)

Soybean harvest progressed well last week and is nearing completion in several areas. As of Sunday, 97% had been combined and compares with 95% last year and 97% for the average. Last week's hard freeze helped kill green stems of plants and weeds to assist in harvest progress.

Sorghum for grain harvest also made excellent progress with 87% cut by week's end, about a week and a half ahead of the five-year average at 73%.

Sugar beet harvest and sunflower harvest activities continued to move along well.

Winter wheat condition was rated at 11% fair, 80% good, and 9% excellent. The previous week's moisture and last week's warmer temperatures improved seeded wheat germination and growth.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 89% of normal and compares with 100% last year. Producers continued to move cattle to corn stalks or to winter feeding areas. Producers were working and weaning calves and culling open cows.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 30, 1994	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% corn harvested	78	65	67	78	80	80	93	83	78	56	44	68
% sorghum harvested	0	92	92	89	85	83	91	89	87	67	49	73
% soybeans harvested	0	98	97	100	98	100	100	95	97	90	95	97
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 28, 1994												
Days suitable	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.7	7.0	6.9	6.9	2.9	6.8	
Topsoil moisture - Short (Percent)	31	11	5	22	13	11	36	13	16	5	3	
- Adequate	69	89	95	78	83	89	64	87	83	79	93	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	16	4	
Subsoil moisture - Short (Percent)	31	11	5	11	13	44	21	31	18	19	1	
- Adequate	69	89	95	89	78	56	79	69	80	79	89	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	2	2	10	

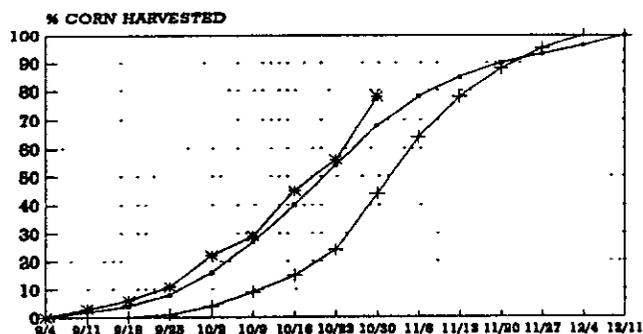
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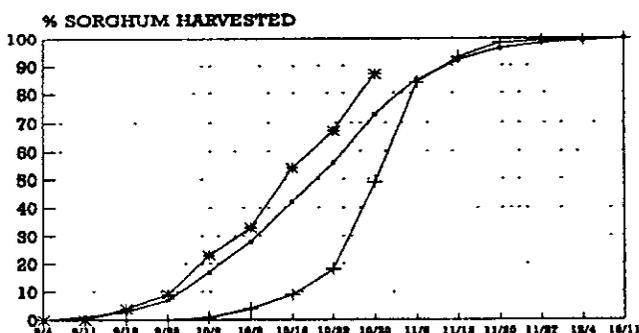
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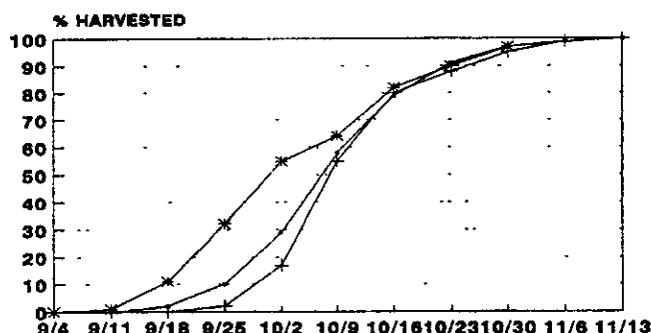
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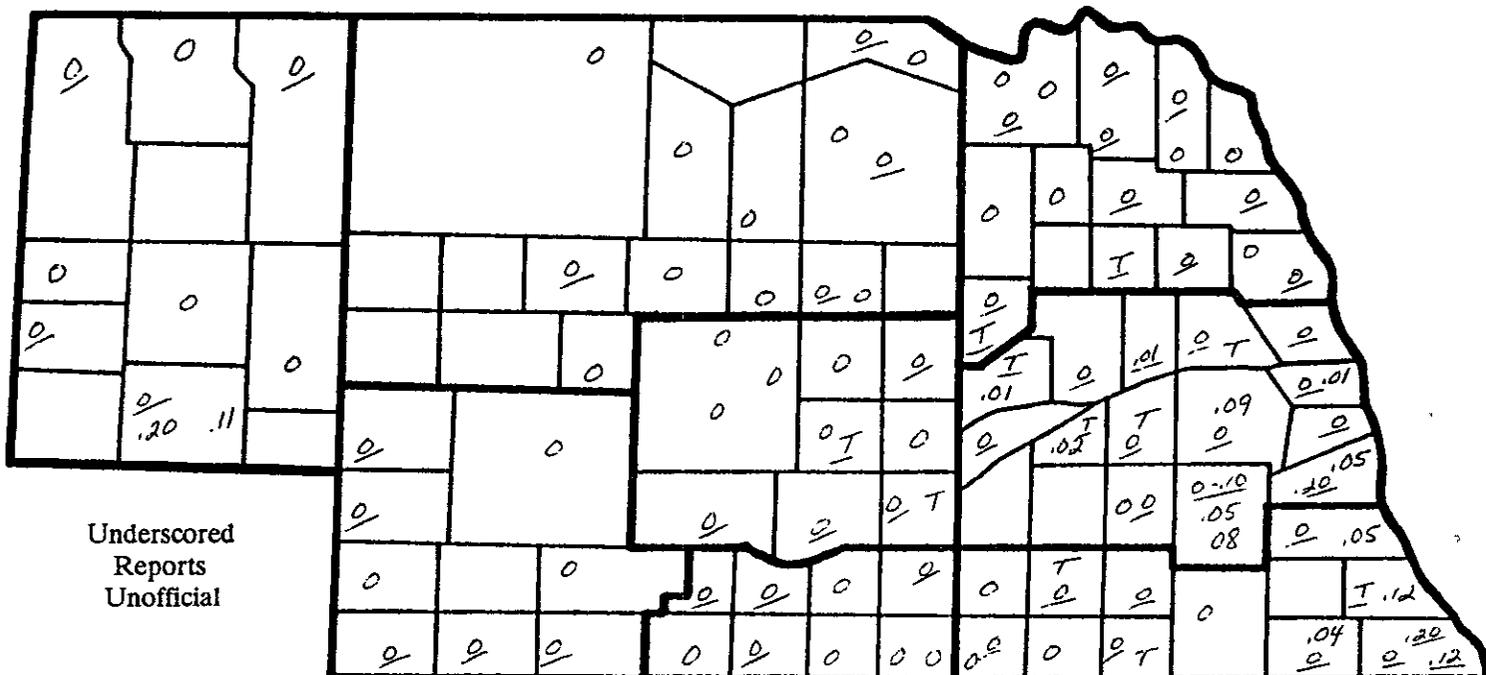
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1994



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TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1994

Station	Temperature				Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches	
	Max	Min				
NW	Chadron	76	20	45	---	0
	Scottsbluff	76	23	45	0	0
	Sidney	77	25	45	---	.20
NC	Valentine	75	17	46	+2	0
NE	Norfolk	75	26	50	+4	0
	Sioux City	75	22	50	+3	0
CEN	Grand Island	74	22	48	0	T
	Ord	77	18	48	---	0
EC	Lincoln	70	20	48	+1	.05
	Omaha	71	25	47	-2	.01
SW	Imperial	80	25	49	---	0
	North Platte	83	21	47	+2	0