

# NEBRASKA WEATHER & CROPS



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SERVICE

For Week Ending November 22, 1998

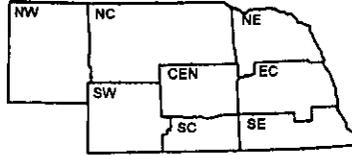
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## WEATHER

Temperatures averaged four to seven degrees above normals across the State. Little or no precipitation was reported during the week.

## GENERAL

Harvest made good progress last week due to the open and drying weather conditions over most of the State, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The drying weather improved harvest conditions, but most tillage operations require additional drying weather. Applications of anhydrous ammonia were active in many locations. Other producer activities included record keeping activities, fencing stalks, and livestock care.

## CROPS

Corn for grain harvest was 95% complete, the same as last year and average. Harvest progress was hastened by good harvest weather. Reports indicate that

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many producers will be done harvesting within a week if the weather holds. Much of the crop remaining for harvest is in the western third of the State.

Soybean harvest made some progress last week with completion at 98%, behind last year's 99% and the 100% average. More drying weather is needed, for wet fields and for seeds which picked up moisture from the previous wet conditions.

Sorghum harvest progressed to 98%, ahead of the 97% for last year and average.

Winter wheat condition was rated 1% poor, 23% fair, 67% good and 9% excellent.

## LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Livestock were gleaning stalk fields where available. A few fields were not providing adequate feed value for grazing livestock and supplemental feeding was necessary. Some supplemental feeding also occurred where cattle had not yet been turned onto winter quarters.

CROP PROGRESS AS OF NOVEMBER 22, 1998	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE	
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE					
% Corn Harvested	64	95	94	96	98	87	99	97	95	89	95	95	
% Soybeans Harvested	na	99	97	97	99	100	99	98	98	96	99	100	
% Sorghum Harvested	na	95	100	99	100	100	98	98	98	94	97	97	
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF NOVEMBER 20, 1998													
Days suitable	5	7	6	1	4	8	5	2	5	6	6	1	8
Topsoil													
- Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
(Percent)													
- Short	1	0	1	1	11	9	5	0	3	1	7	7	
- Adequate	98	99	82	96	87	85	92	89	91	77	72	72	
- Surplus	1	1	17	3	2	6	3	11	6	22	21	21	
Subsoil													
- Very Short	0	4	0	0	0	4	1	4	1	1	0	0	
(Percent)													
- Short	9	7	6	2	7	37	6	7	8	8	6	6	
- Adequate	91	87	82	96	89	59	87	69	85	82	88	88	
- Surplus	0	2	12	2	4	0	6	20	6	9	6	6	

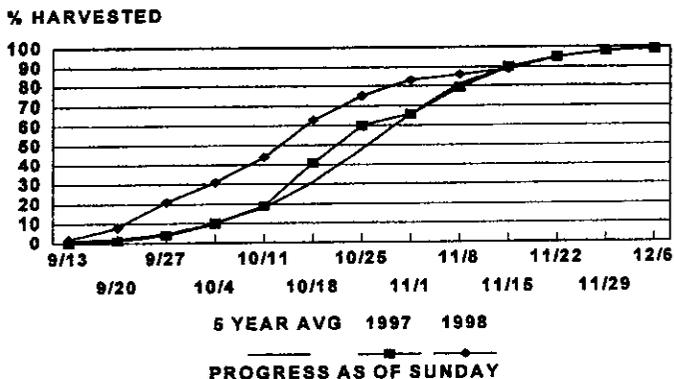
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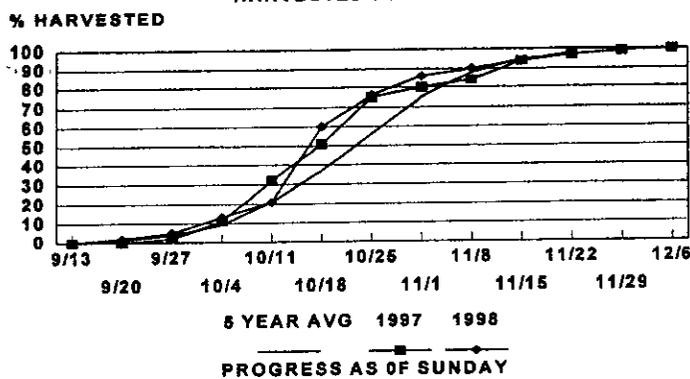
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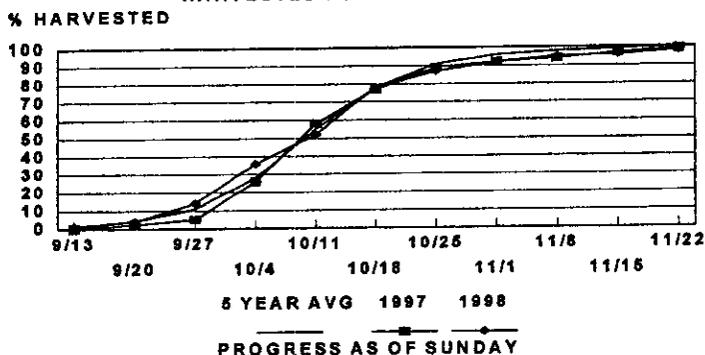
**CORN**  
HARVESTED FOR GRAIN



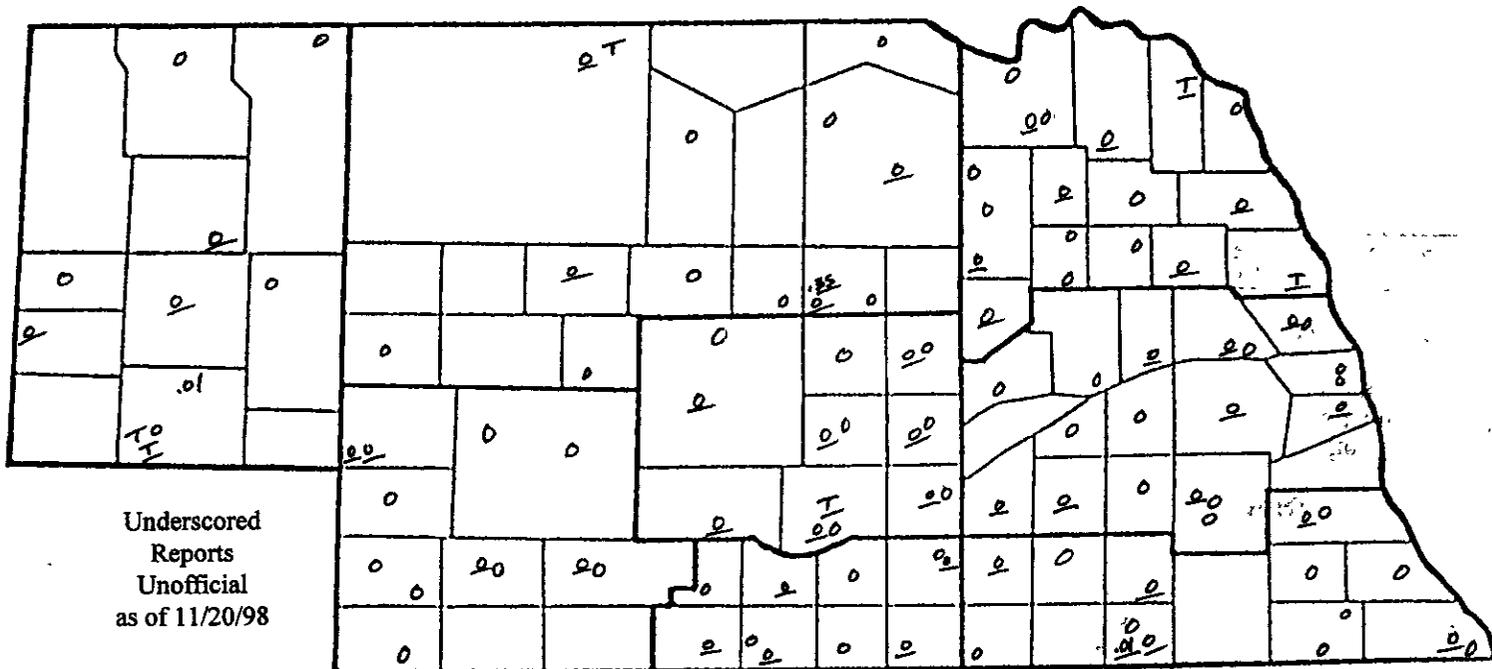
**SORGHUM**  
HARVESTED FOR GRAIN



**SOYBEANS**  
HARVESTED FOR ALL PURPOSES



**PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1998**



**TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1998**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches	
	Max	Min				
NW	Chadron	62	21	42	---	0
	Scottsbluff	71	20	41	+6	0
	Sidney	71	22	42	---	T
NC	Valentine	71	18	40	+7	T
NE	Norfolk	57	20	39	+4	0
	Sioux City	57	23	39	+4	0
CEN	Grand Island	66	22	43	+7	0
	Ord	65	25	42	---	0
EC	Lincoln	65	21	42	+5	0
	Omaha	61	24	42	+5	0
SW	Imperial	74	23	45	---	0
	North Platte	70	17	41	+7	0