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**GENERAL:** Another week of favorable fall harvest weather conditions allowed excellent harvest progress, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn harvest has gained momentum as soybean harvest neared completion. Some producers continued to wait for further field dry down before harvesting corn. Other producer activities included moving cattle to stalk fields and finishing alfalfa harvest.

This release is based on reports and data from county extension educators, FSA county directors, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center.

**WEATHER:** Temperatures last week in the western half of the State averaged near normals while the eastern half averaged one to five degrees below normals. Precipitation was mostly limited to scattered trace amounts across the State. Measurable rainfall of less than one inch was reported in a few locations in the east central area.

**CROPS: Corn** harvest progressed to 67% complete, improving to only four days behind average. This compares with 93% last year and 73 average.

**Soybean** harvest progressed to 94% combined, compared to 96 last year and 95 average.

**Sorghum** harvest continued last week with 72% cut to date, compared to 95 last year and 73 average.

**Wheat** was 98% emerged, compared with 95 last year and 97 average. Condition rated 1% poor, 28 fair, 66 good, and 5 excellent.

Fourth cutting **alfalfa** was 95% harvested, compared to 100 last year and 95 average.

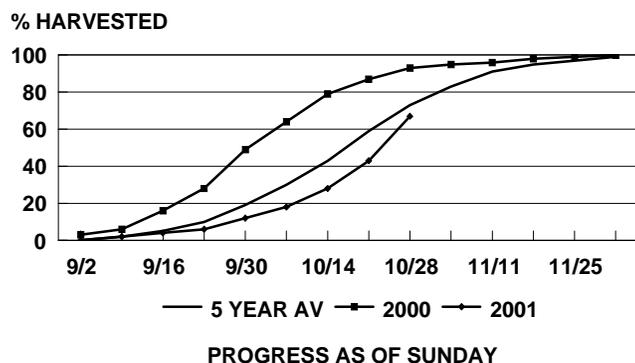
**Pasture and range** condition rated 9% very poor, 16 poor, 35 fair, 36 good, and 4 excellent.

## PROGRESS AND CONDITIONS, NEBRASKA, AS OF OCTOBER 28, 2001

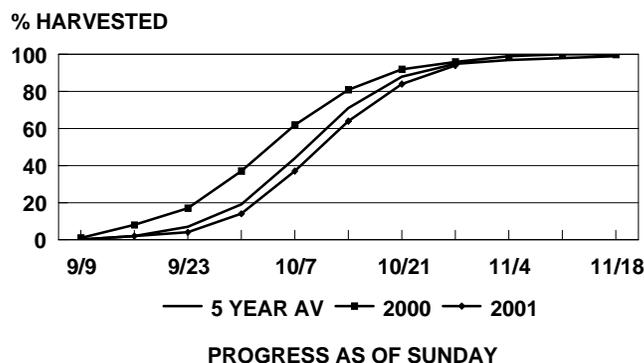
ITEM	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS									STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE					
% Corn Harvested	39	50	59	75	77	53	70	69	67	43	93	73	
% Soybeans Harvested	n/a	98	94	94	94	97	98	91	94	84	96	95	
% Sorghum Harvested	n/a	53	88	71	67	73	76	73	72	50	95	73	
% Wheat Emerged	99	100	99	99	83	100	99	92	98	94	95	97	
% Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	83	92	99	98	98	99	100	96	95	92	100	95	
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.6	6.5	6.9	7.0	6.1	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.6	6.1	4.4		
Topsoil Moisture - % Very short	8	17	1	3	7	1	4	0	7	3	33		
- % Short	38	41	38	34	41	16	12	8	32	18	34		
- % Adequate	54	41	61	63	49	80	84	92	60	78	31		
- % Surplus	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	1	1	2		
Subsoil Moisture - % Very Short	10	18	1	3	30	6	10	2	11	8	68		
- % Short	38	31	31	48	41	32	19	33	35	25	22		
- % Adequate	52	51	68	49	29	62	71	65	54	67	10		
- % Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

n/a = not available.

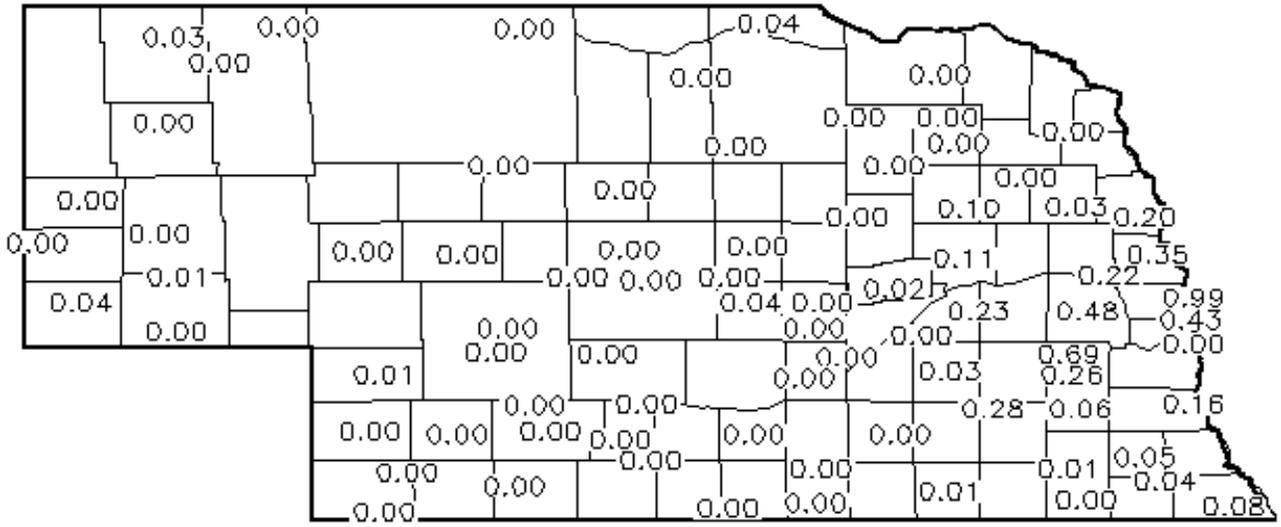
### CORN HARVESTED FOR GRAIN



### SOYBEANS HARVESTED FOR ALL PURPOSES



**PRECIPITATION IN INCHES FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 28, 2001<sup>1</sup>**



Item	Precipitation, Nebraska, April 1 - October 28, 2001 <sup>1</sup>							
	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.01	.00	.03	.00	.24	.00	.00	.06
Total since April 1	14.17	20.66	27.36	19.77	23.19	16.95	22.64	32.33
Normal since April 1	13.81	17.97	20.94	19.59	23.08	16.54	19.68	24.23
Total as % of normal	102%	114%	131%	101%	100%	102%	115%	133%

<sup>1</sup> Source: High Plains Climate Center preliminary data as of 8:00 a.m. Sunday.

**TEMPERATURE DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2001**

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	
	Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	80	20	47	---
	Scottsbluff	79	19	46	0
	Sidney	78	19	47	---
NC	Valentine	78	15	47	+1
NE	Norfolk	72	21	46	-2
	Sioux City	71	16	43	-5
CEN	Grand Island	73	25	48	-1
	Ord	74	23	45	---
EC	Lincoln	73	21	48	-2
	Omaha	70	24	47	-3
SW	Imperial	76	24	49	---
	North Platte	73	17	45	-1

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