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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending October 27, 2002, snow and rain received last week slowed harvest progress but improved soil moisture supplies, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Damp conditions and higher than desirable grain moisture content continued to delay harvest progress. Corn and soybean harvests were about one week behind average.

This release is based on reports and data from county extension educators, FSA county directors, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center. Current county specific comments plus current and historic PDF files of Weather and Crop reports can be found at: <http://www.agr.state.ne.us/agstats/cropwthr.htm>

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged in the mid-thirties for the week and ranged from eleven to sixteen degrees below normals across the state. Precipitation was statewide and fell in the form of rain and snow. Largest amounts were recorded along the southern border with an inch or more recorded in many counties.

Field Crops Report: Corn harvest for grain or seed progressed to 58 percent complete, now behind both last year at 64 and average at 75.

Soybean harvest was 86 percent complete, behind last year and average at 93.

Sorghum fields were 72 percent harvested, ahead of last year at 69 but behind average at 79.

Dry bean harvest was 98 percent complete, behind last year when harvest was finished and average at 99.

Proso millet harvest was 96 percent combined, behind last year when harvest was complete by this date.

Wheat fields were 96 percent emerged, near last year and average at 97. Condition of the fall seedings rated 10 percent very poor, 9 poor, 34 fair, 45 good, and 2 excellent. A year ago conditions rated 71 percent good and excellent.

Livestock, Pasture, and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 42 percent very poor, 36 poor, 18 fair, and 4 good, well below average. Cattle are being moved to stalks as fields become available. Some producers are bailing corn and soybean stubble for use as winter feed.

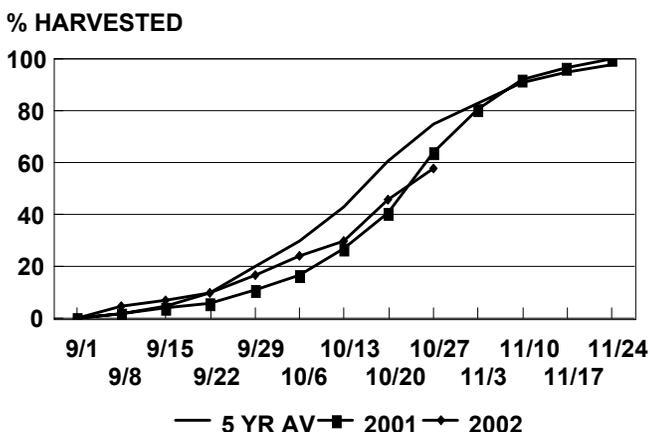
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Progress and Conditions: By District, Nebraska, as of October 27, 2002

| Item | Agricultural Statistics Districts | | | | | | | | State | Last Week | Last Year | Average | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----------|-----------|---------|----|
| | NW | NC | NE | C | EC | SW | SC | SE | | | | | |
| % Corn Harvested | 20 | 69 | 44 | 57 | 68 | 48 | 58 | 78 | 58 | 46 | 64 | 75 | |
| % Soybeans Harvested | 1 | 90 | 90 | 79 | 88 | 95 | 94 | 77 | 86 | 78 | 93 | 93 | |
| % Sorghum Harvested | 45 | 73 | 94 | 80 | 74 | 68 | 59 | 75 | 72 | 56 | 69 | 79 | |
| % Wheat Emerged | 98 | 98 | 97 | 100 | 98 | 97 | 89 | 85 | 96 | 91 | 97 | 97 | |
| Days Suitable for Fieldwork | 5.2 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 1.8 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 6.0 | |
| Topsoil Moisture | - % Very short | 37 | 5 | 7 | 19 | 3 | 25 | 5 | 4 | 16 | 28 | 6 | 17 |
| | - % Short | 36 | 27 | 22 | 50 | 18 | 21 | 21 | 20 | 28 | 36 | 30 | 28 |
| | - % Adequate | 27 | 68 | 52 | 29 | 76 | 54 | 74 | 76 | 54 | 36 | 63 | 52 |
| | - % Surplus | 0 | 0 | 19 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Subsoil Moisture | - % Very Short | 69 | 28 | 26 | 51 | 35 | 74 | 63 | 52 | 50 | 58 | 11 | 23 |
| | - % Short | 21 | 44 | 46 | 42 | 47 | 10 | 25 | 36 | 33 | 30 | 34 | 27 |
| | - % Adequate | 10 | 28 | 28 | 7 | 18 | 16 | 12 | 12 | 17 | 12 | 55 | 49 |
| | - % Surplus | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

¹ Data not available.

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