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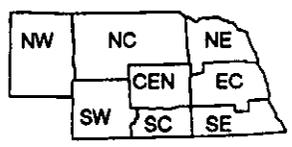
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WEATHER

Temperatures for the week averaged five to seven degrees below normals. Only trace amounts of precipitation occurred throughout the week.

GENERAL

Continued favorable fall harvest weather conditions last week permitted rapid harvesting progress, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Producer activities included harvesting fall maturing crops, artificial drying of grain, after harvest tillage, and moving cattle onto available stalk fields.

CROPS

Corn harvest made good progress last week although some producers felt "slowed down" while waiting for the crop to dry down in the field. Some producers have harvested corn at moisture levels requiring artificial drying rather than waiting for natural dry down as stalk rot and/or high winds could put the plants down. Harvest was rated at 69% complete, well ahead of last year's 45% but behind the five-year average of 85%. Harvest was most advanced in the south central and southeast districts.

CROPS (Cont.)

Soybean harvest was virtually complete.

Sorghum harvest made excellent progress last week with 86% combined to date. This compares with 70% last year and 89% for the average. Yields and test weights have varied.

Sugar beet harvest made limited progress last week and was about 90% complete at week's end. Sunflower and millet harvesting continued.

Winter wheat condition was rated at 1% poor, 8% fair, 77% good, and 14% excellent. Although the crop's condition shows good expectations, fall moisture would be beneficial.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 101% of normal and compares with 96% last year. Producer activities included weaning calves, moving cows to stalk fields or winter pastures, and moving hay for winter feeding. Some supplemental feeding has been necessary as cattle wait for available stalk fields.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF NOVEMBER 7, 1993	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% corn harvested	44	60	68	71	76	35	83	80	69	46	45	85
% sorghum harvested	0	88	84	89	86	44	83	92	86	54	70	89
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF NOVEMBER 5, 1993												
Days suitable	7.0	6.3	6.8	6.8	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	2.8	
Topsoil moisture - Short (Percent)	8	5	7	11	0	0	8	0	4	3	6	
- Adequate	92	95	93	89	90	100	84	100	93	93	69	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	10	0	8	0	3	4	25	
Subsoil moisture - Short (Percent)	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	
- Adequate	92	90	86	100	85	100	75	94	89	89	85	
- Surplus	8	5	14	0	15	0	25	6	10	10	8	

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