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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending November 3, 2002, cold, wet conditions delayed harvest activities again last week, frustrating producers who are waiting for soils to dry and grain moisture levels to drop, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn harvest is now 11 days behind normal and the least percentage harvested to date since 1993. Average statewide temperatures for October were the fifth lowest of record.

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 high twenties to low thirties for the week and ranged from eleven to nineteen degrees below normals. Precipitation was statewide but generally under 1 inch in most areas. Only traces fell in the northern Panhandle, while up to 1 inch or more was recorded in parts of the Southwest, South Central and East Central districts.

Field Crops Report: Corn harvest progressed slowly to 64 percent complete, behind last year at 81 and average at 83. Harvest was most advanced in the southeast, at 82, while Panhandle producers had just over a quarter of their acreage combined.

Soybean harvest showed little movement since last week and was 89 percent complete, behind last year at 97 and average at 96.

Sorghum was 75 percent combined, behind last year at 88 and average at 89.

Wheat condition rated 8 percent very poor, 5 poor, 37 fair, 47 good, and 3 excellent. A year ago conditions rated 73 percent good and excellent, compared to only 50 this year and average at 66.

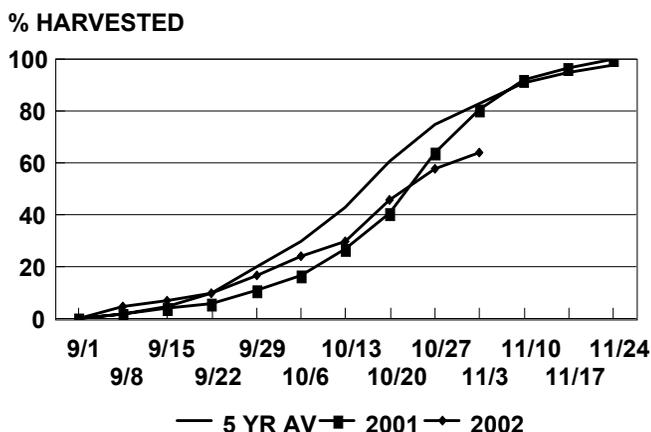
Livestock, Pasture, and Range Report: Cattle are being moved to stalks as fields become available. The cold, wet conditions have resulted in muddy feedlots that are stressing livestock.

Progress and Conditions: By District, Nebraska, as of November 3, 2002

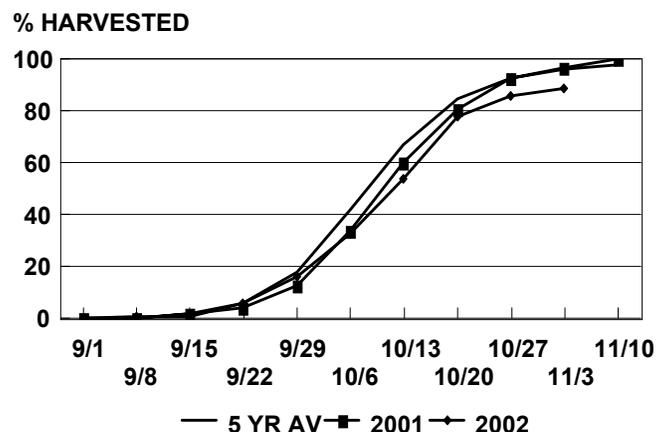
Item	Agricultural Statistics Districts								State	Last Week	Last Year	Average
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Harvested	27	74	53	62	77	52	62	82	64	58	81	83
% Soybeans Harvested	¹	92	92	83	90	96	96	80	89	86	97	96
% Sorghum Harvested	50	75	95	82	76	74	62	78	75	72	88	89
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	2.7	1.4	1.4	1.4	2.9	.7	.4	1.7	1.7	3.3	6.9	4.7
Topsoil Moisture - % Very short	41	6	5	15	11	17	5	2	15	16	10	15
- % Short	31	31	13	33	21	22	15	16	25	28	36	25
- % Adequate	28	63	71	42	65	56	74	79	56	54	54	53
- % Surplus	0	0	11	10	3	5	6	3	4	2	0	7
Subsoil Moisture - % Very Short	80	39	23	51	40	69	46	31	50	50	13	21
- % Short	13	34	36	45	37	15	33	49	30	33	35	26
- % Adequate	7	27	39	4	23	16	21	20	20	17	52	51
- % Surplus	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

¹ Data not available.

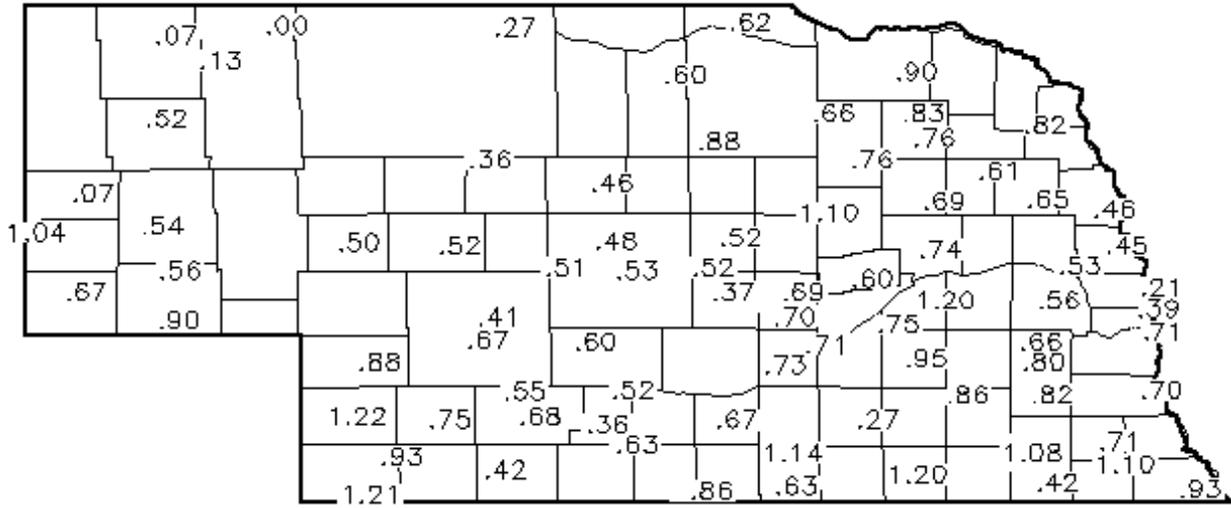
CORN



SOYBEANS



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending November 3, 2002



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 - November 3, 2002

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.57	.78	.73	.60	.66	.84	.81	.85
Total since April 1	8.67	13.68	19.18	13.71	21.89	10.10	14.91	20.82
Normal since April 1	13.94	18.18	21.23	19.81	23.41	16.72	19.89	24.59
Total as % of normal	62%	74%	90%	69%	93%	60%	74%	84%

Source: High Plains Climate Center data as of 8:00 a.m.

Temperature: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, November 3, 2002

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	59	9	25	-17
	Scottsbluff	60	8	26	-16
	Sidney	60	4	24	-19
NC	Ainsworth	43	6	26	-17
	Arthur	53	13	26	-17
	O'Neill	42	9	28	-16
NE	Concord	38	31	32	-12
	Elgin	42	11	28	-16
	West Point	47	15	32	-14
C	Grand Island	47	17	31	-14
	Lexington	47	13	30	-15
	Ord	45	9	29	-16
EC	Lincoln	48	21	35	-13
	Central City	48	16	32	-13
	Mead	47	18	34	-13
SW	Champion	57	7	27	-17
	North Platte	50	17	30	-14
	Curtis	47	16	30	-14
SC	Arapahoe	54	12	26	-17
	Minden	47	15	30	-14
	Red Cloud	48	20	34	-11
SE	Beatrice	47	22	35	-13
	Clay Center	47	18	33	-12
	Nemaha	44	22	35	-13

N/A = Not available. Source: High Plains Climate Center.

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