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**Agricultural Summary:** For the week ending November 16, 2003, above normal temperatures and little or no rainfall last week allowed good harvest progress as producers near completion for this year, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn and grain sorghum harvest continued at a normal pace. Cattle continued to be moved to stalk fields after harvest.

**Weather Summary:** Temperatures averaged from 2 to 7 degrees above normals for the week. Precipitation was virtually non-existent across the state.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska,  
Week Ending November 16, 2003**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Topsoil</b>				
Very Short	35	23	19	22
Short	36	40	31	27
Adequate	29	36	49	46
Surplus	0	1	1	5
<b>Subsoil</b>				
Very Short	46	40	53	31
Short	40	44	30	30
Adequate	14	16	17	37
Surplus	0	0	0	2
<b>Days Suitable</b>	6.3	3.9	6.1	4.8

**Field Crops Report:** Corn harvest reached 96 percent complete, ahead of last year at 86 and average at 94.

Sorghum harvest also made good progress with 96 percent completed, ahead of last year at 92 and near average at 97.

Wheat condition rated 5 percent very poor, 12 poor, 36 fair, 42 good, and 5 excellent, below last year and average.

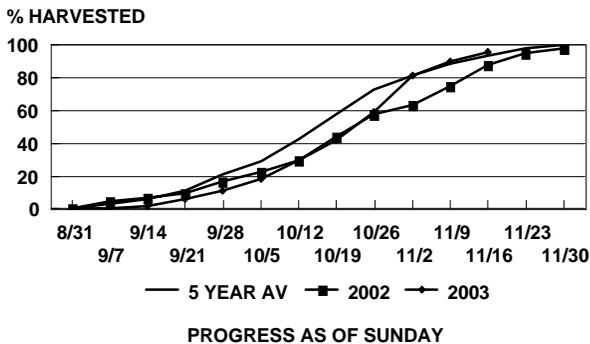
**Crop Progress: Nebraska,  
Week Ending November 16, 2003**

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Corn Harvested	96	90	86	94
Sorghum Harvested	96	93	92	97

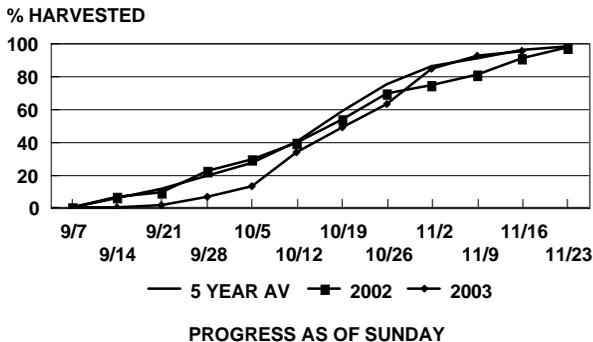
**Winter Wheat Condition: Nebraska,  
Week Ending November 16, 2003, with Comparisons**

Year	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
2003	5	12	36	42	5
2002	9	7	30	51	3
2001	1	4	25	61	9
2000	0	4	30	56	10

**CORN**



**SORGHUM**



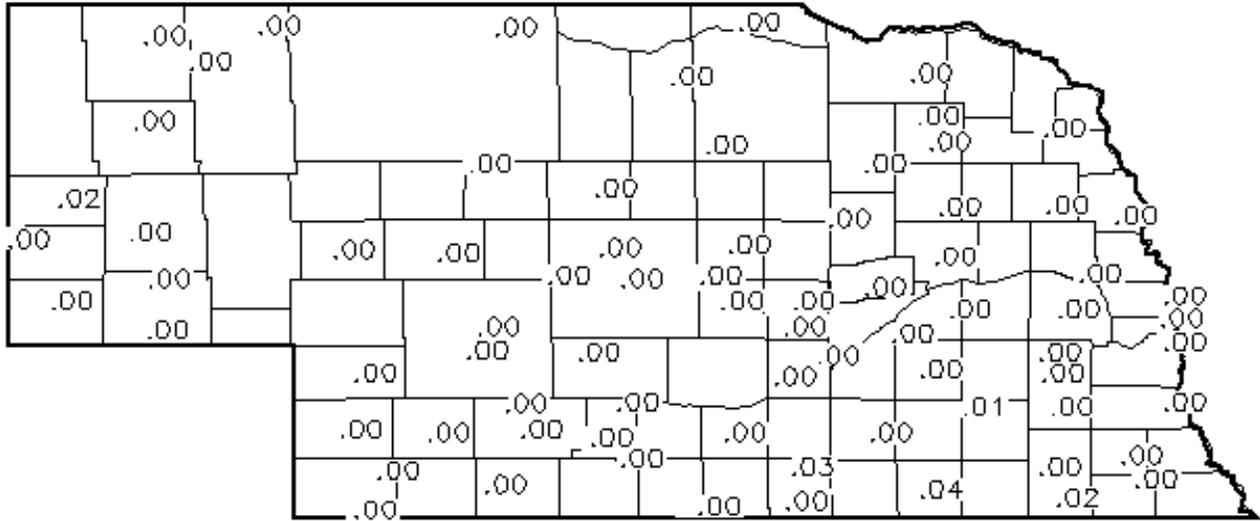
**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Open weather so far this fall has allowed cattle to fully utilize harvested stalk fields.

*This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: [http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts\\_cur.htm](http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm)*

**Last Weekly Weather & Crops**

This is the last Weekly Weather and Crops report for the growing season. A special thank you to the dedicated FSA county directors and county extension educators who supplied the necessary information for these reports. For December through March, we will issue monthly reports. Weekly reports will begin April 4<sup>th</sup> for the 2004 season.

**Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending November 16, 2003**



**Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 - November 16, 2003**

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.01
Total since April 1	12.86	14.29	22.08	17.72	22.22	15.51	17.50	25.88
Normal since April 1	14.22	18.40	21.71	20.25	23.96	17.05	20.28	25.20
Total as % of normal	90%	77%	101%	87%	92%	90%	86%	103%

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

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,  
Week Ending Sunday, November 16, 2003**

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	58	20	40	+4
	Scottsbluff	60	19	40	+4
	Sidney	63	21	41	+5
NC	Ainsworth	66	21	42	+6
	Arthur	65	21	42	+6
	O'Neill	62	15	41	+4
NE	Concord	62	18	40	+3
	Elgin	62	21	42	+4
	West Point	62	20	41	+2
C	Grand Island	66	19	42	+4
	Lexington	66	23	44	+6
	Ord	64	18	41	+4
EC	Lincoln	64	25	44	+4
	Central City	65	18	41	+3
	Mead	62	22	42	+2
SW	Champion	66	18	42	+5
	North Platte	65	20	43	+6
	Curtis	66	23	45	+7
SC	Arapahoe	66	13	41	+4
	Minden	66	22	43	+5
	Red Cloud	66	23	44	+5
SE	Beatrice	64	22	43	+3
	Clay Center	63	19	42	+3
	Nemaha	65	27	46	+4

Source: High Plains Climate Center.