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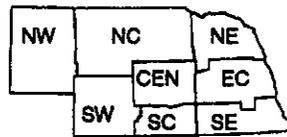
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WEATHER

Average temperatures for the week ranged from three degrees below normal in the east to seven degrees below normal in the west. Precipitation amounts ranged from little or no precipitation to over three inches.

GENERAL

Midweek rain slowed the drydown of fall harvested row crops last week, although the moisture was beneficial to pastures and newly seeded wheat, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvest activities began to pick up momentum until the midweek rains occurred. Other producer activities included silage cutting, seed corn harvest, fall harvest preparation, and moving grain to elevators.

CROPS

The all corn condition, virtually unchanged from the previous week, was rated 2% very poor, 13% poor, 42% fair, 41% good, and 2% excellent. Irrigated corn condition declined slightly with 51% rated good or excellent, while dryland corn condition showed little change with 28% good or excellent. Fields reaching maturity were at 98%, compared with 100% last year and the average of 94%. Corn for grain harvest was limited with 7% combined to date. This compares with 28% last year and the average of 26%. High winds in the east and south caused some stalk breakage and ear droppage.

CROPS Cont.

Soybean condition improved from previous week and rated 5% very poor, 27% poor, 42% fair, 25% good and 1% excellent. The crop was 100% dropping leaves by week's end, compared to 100% last year and the average of 99%. Soybean harvest advanced to 18% combined as of Sunday, compared to 63% last year and the average of 58%.

Sorghum condition improved from the previous week and rated 3% very poor, 19% poor, 49% fair, and 29% good. By week's end, 94% of the crop was mature, compared with 100% last year and average of 83%. Harvest progressed to 8% cut to date, compared to 32% last year and the average of 27%.

Winter wheat seeding was nearing completion at 95%, compared to 97% last year and 97% average. Emergence stood at 73%, compared to 82% last week and 78% average.

Dry bean condition rated 3% very poor, 13% poor, 30% fair, 45% good and 9% excellent. Nearly 79% of the acreage was harvested as of Sunday, compared with 99% last year.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range condition was rated at 1% very poor, 11% poor, 39% fair, 45% good, and 4% excellent. Some producers continued feeding hay and supplemental feed last week, waiting for stalk fields to open up for gleaning.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 8, 1995	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Mature	100	96	100	100	100	87	99	97	98	81	100	94
% Corn Harvested	5	7	7	7	9	3	5	6	7	2	28	26
% Sorghum Mature	0	76	81	91	92	68	98	100	94	54	100	83
% Sorghum Harvested	0	0	3	3	7	7	6	9	8	2	32	27
% Soybeans Dropping Leaves	0	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	91	100	99
% Soybeans Harvested	0	31	12	9	26	14	34	10	18	5	63	58
% Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	33	100	65	94	76	83	78	76	75	60	na	na
% Wheat Sown	100	100	86	97	86	93	99	85	95	85	97	97
% Wheat Emerged	100	100	63	71	35	60	50	52	73	50	82	78
% Dry Beans Harvested	77	100	56	47	0	86	0	0	79	70	99	na
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION												
AS OF OCTOBER 6, 1995												
Days suitable	2.6	4.1	2.8	4.6	4.4	4.1	5.9	4.6	4.0	6.3	2.9	
Topsoil moisture - Very Short	0	0	0	0	5	0	8	9	3	4	0	
(Percent) - Short	8	1	4	6	16	8	18	13	9	39	19	
- Adequate	68	68	63	89	68	85	74	78	72	56	68	
- Surplus	24	31	33	5	11	7	0	0	16	1	13	
Subsoil moisture - Very Short	1	0	1	0	15	6	8	0	5	7	0	
(Percent) - Short	15	1	24	39	40	25	46	78	32	47	43	
- Adequate	73	96	55	59	45	69	46	22	58	46	57	
- Surplus	11	3	20	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	

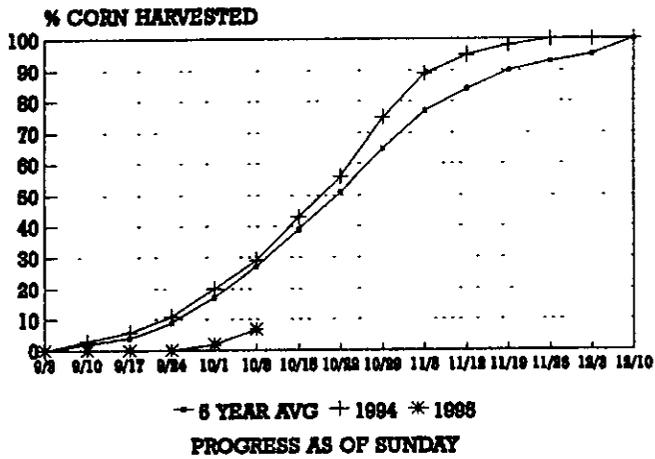
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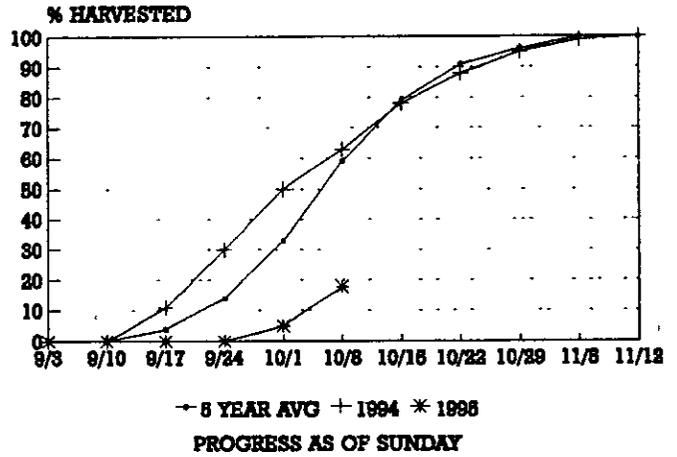
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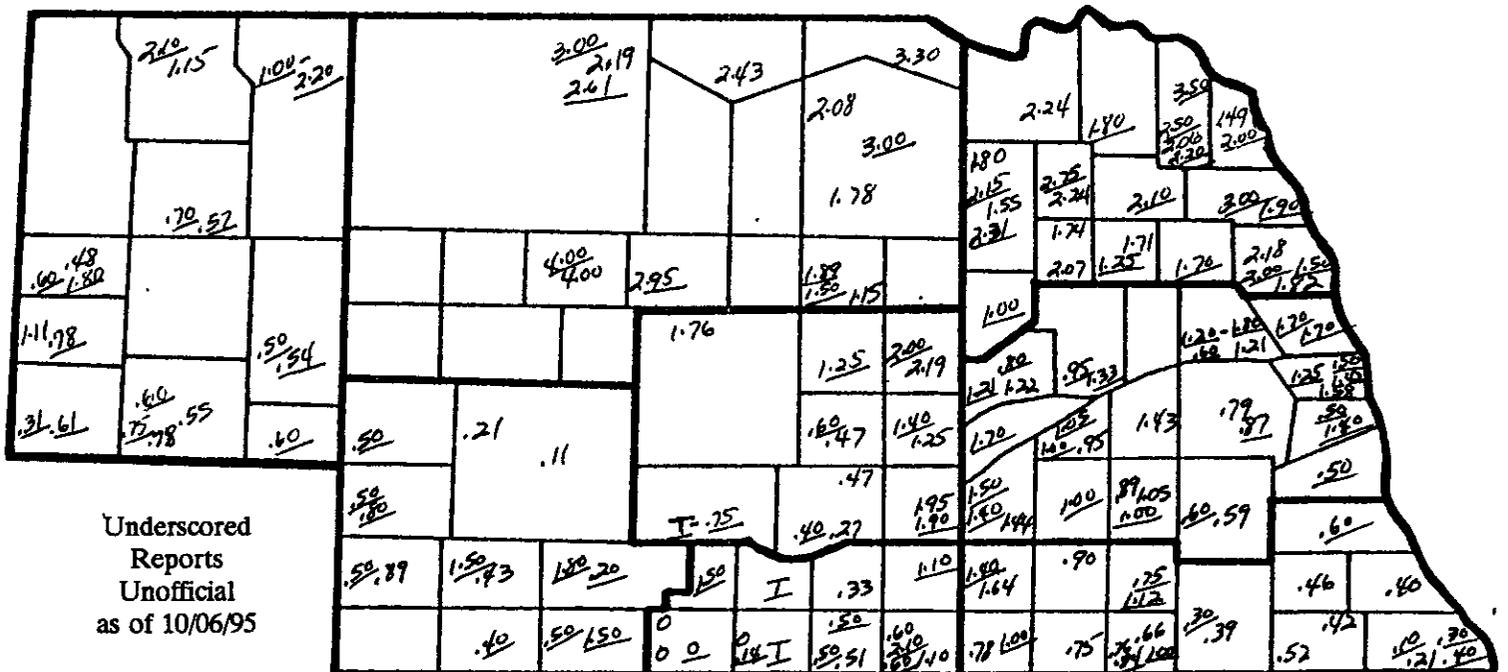
CORN HARVESTED FOR GRAIN



SOYBEANS HARVESTED FOR ALL PURPOSES



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1995



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR
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Station	Temperature				Precipitation Total Inches	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure		
	Max	Min				
NW	Chadron	71	31	48	---	1.15
	Scottsbluff	70	28	47	-7	.48
	Sidney	---	---	---	---	.55
NC	Valentine	69	28	50	-4	2.19
NE	Norfolk	71	36	53	-3	1.74
	Sioux City	75	36	53	-4	1.49
CEN	Grand Island	74	32	53	-4	1.95
	Ord	70	29	52	---	---
EC	Lincoln	73	34	55	-3	.59
	Omaha	73	40	55	-3	1.42
SW	Imperial	72	33	50	---	.89
	North Platte	72	27	50	-4	.11