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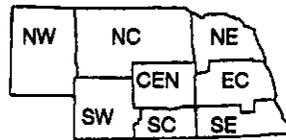
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WEATHER

CROPS Cont.

The week was warm and dry. Temperatures averaged three to seven degrees above normals across the state. Precipitation was light across the state with amounts from traces to three tenths of an inch.

Soybean harvest advanced to 47% combined as of Sunday, compared to 79% last year and the average of 81%. Although crop harvest progressed rapidly last week, the completion rate is still about twelve days behind average.

GENERAL

Excellent fall harvest conditions in most parts of the State last week moved soybean and sorghum harvest into full swing, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvest of high moisture corn was just getting underway. Other producer activities included harvesting sugar beets in the Panhandle, sunflowers in the Southwest, and moving some cattle onto available stalk fields.

Sorghum mature was rated at 98%, compared with 100% last year and the average of 93%. Harvest progressed to 26% cut to date, compared to 51% last year and the average of 40%.

Winter wheat seeding was 99% completed to date. This compared to 100% last year and average. Emergence stood at 89%, compared to 95% last year and 91% average. Grasshopper damage to field margins was noticed in some fields in the northwest part of the State. A few southwest producers were reseeding the crop due to uneven stands.

CROPS

Corn harvest was rated at 14% complete, compared with 43% last year and the five-year average of 38%. Harvest last week remained slow while producers worked to complete soybean harvest before moving onto corn. Grain moisture in excess of 20% was being reported. Many fields in the east and south were showing extensive stalk breakage from high winds and corn borer damage. Most stalk breakage appeared to be above the ear, however.

Dry bean harvest progressed to 95% complete as of Sunday, compared to 100% last year. Some freeze damaged beans remain to be harvested.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range condition was rated at 1% very poor, 11% poor, 53% fair, 30% good, and 5% excellent. Cattle continued to be held on pastures while waiting for available corn stalk fields for gleaning. Some reports from the southwest and northeast indicated that pastures were recovering due to good fall moisture.

| FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 15, 1995 | AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS | | | | | | | | STATE | LAST WEEK | LAST YEAR | AVER- AGE |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | NW | NC | NE | C | EC | SW | SC | SE | | | | |
| % Corn Harvested | 13 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 15 | 6 | 18 | 17 | 14 | 7 | 43 | 38 |
| % Sorghum Mature | 0 | 92 | 89 | 100 | 97 | 84 | 100 | 100 | 98 | 94 | 100 | 93 |
| % Sorghum Harvested | 0 | 2 | 20 | 10 | 8 | 17 | 44 | 30 | 26 | 8 | 51 | 40 |
| % Soybeans Harvested | 0 | 38 | 38 | 42 | 52 | 69 | 85 | 48 | 47 | 18 | 79 | 81 |
| % Wheat Sown | 100 | 100 | 98 | 100 | 100 | 99 | 99 | 93 | 99 | 95 | 100 | 100 |
| % Wheat Emerged | 100 | 100 | 99 | 98 | 80 | 83 | 93 | 67 | 89 | 73 | 95 | 91 |
| % Dry Beans Harvested | 95 | 100 | 76 | 66 | 0 | 99 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 79 | 100 | na |
| DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 13, 1995 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Days suitable | 6.5 | 6.4 | 5.1 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 6.2 | 4.0 | 6.7 | |
| Topsoil moisture - Very Short | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | |
| (Percent) - Short | 24 | 2 | 2 | 27 | 33 | 18 | 56 | 39 | 23 | 9 | 29 | |
| - Adequate | 75 | 98 | 79 | 73 | 61 | 79 | 36 | 61 | 71 | 72 | 71 | |
| - Surplus | 1 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 16 | 0 | |
| Subsoil moisture - Very Short | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | |
| (Percent) - Short | 22 | 1 | 13 | 22 | 48 | 33 | 43 | 67 | 31 | 32 | 27 | |
| - Adequate | 77 | 99 | 85 | 76 | 46 | 64 | 48 | 33 | 66 | 58 | 73 | |
| - Surplus | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | |

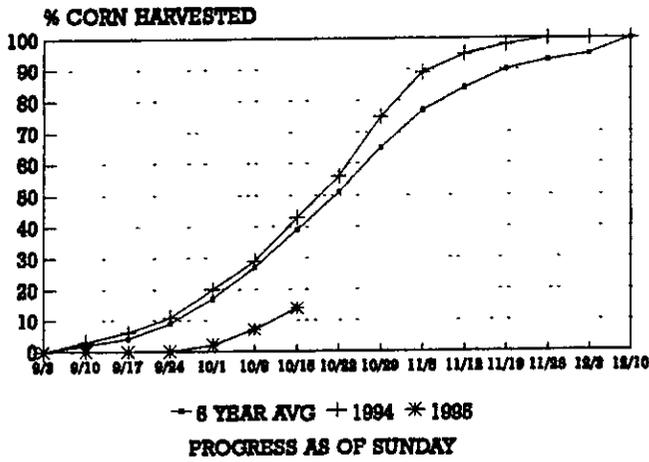
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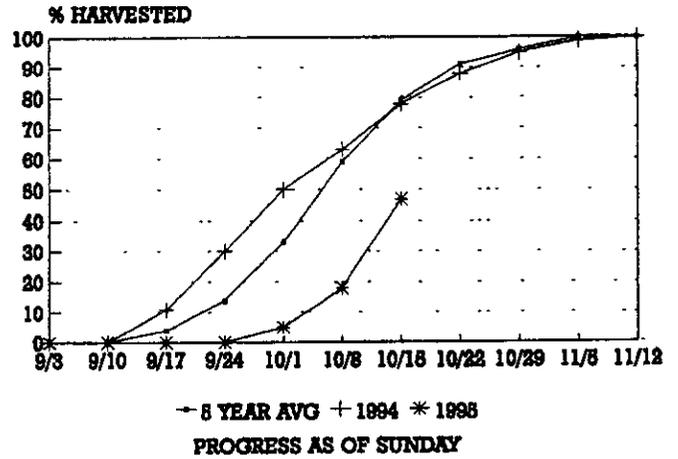
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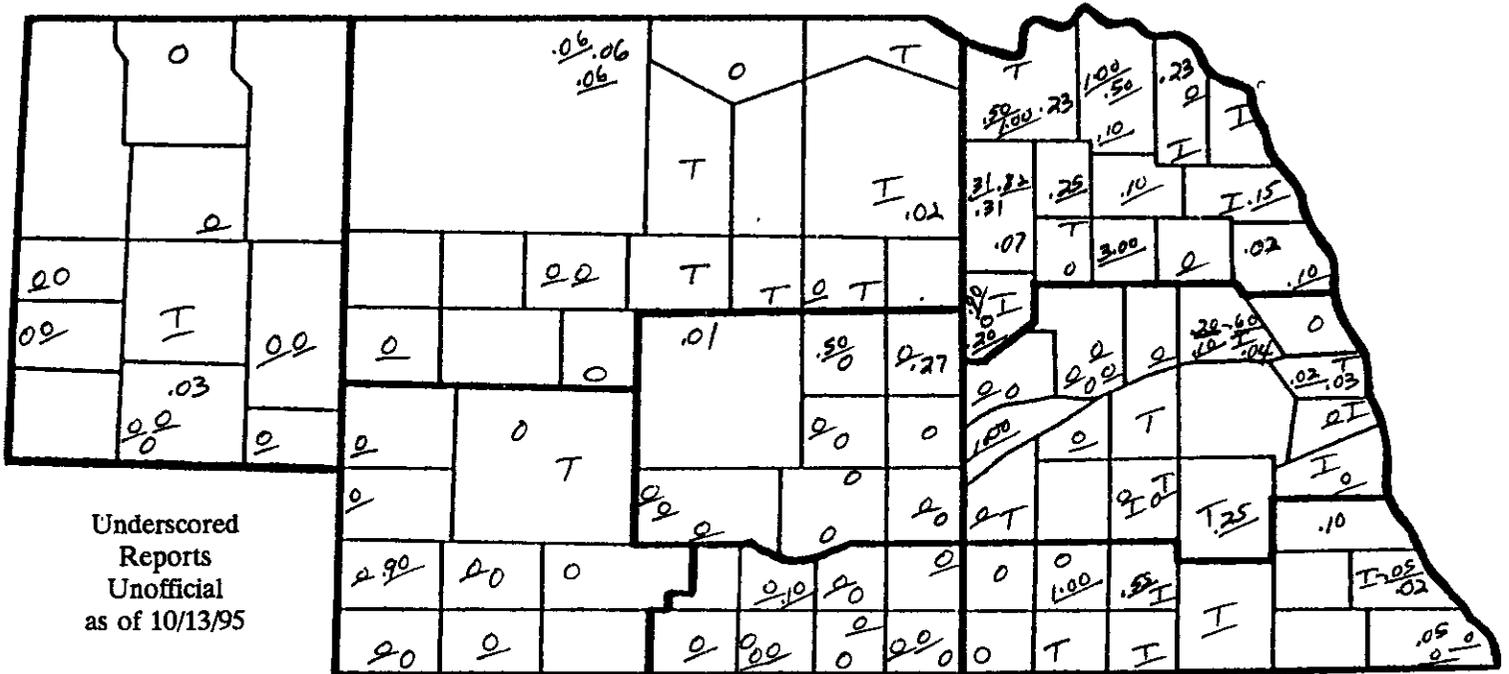
CORN HARVESTED FOR GRAIN



SOYBEANS HARVESTED FOR ALL PURPOSES



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1995



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1995

| Station | Temperature | | | | Precipitation | |
|---------|--------------|-----|------|-----------|---------------|-----|
| | Extremes | | Mean | Departure | Total Inches | |
| | Max | Min | | | | |
| NW | Chadron | 87 | 26 | 56 | --- | 0 |
| | Scottsbluff | 87 | 23 | 54 | +3 | 0 |
| | Sidney | 83 | 22 | 54 | --- | 0 |
| NC | Valentine | 91 | 29 | 55 | +4 | .06 |
| NE | Norfolk | 89 | 36 | 60 | +7 | T |
| | Sioux City | 91 | 34 | 59 | +5 | T |
| CEN | Grand Island | 88 | 36 | 60 | +6 | 0 |
| | Ord | 87 | 31 | 57 | --- | 0 |
| EC | Lincoln | 90 | 36 | 60 | +5 | T |
| | Omaha | 88 | 39 | 60 | +5 | T |
| SW | Imperial | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | North Platte | 88 | 25 | 56 | +4 | T |