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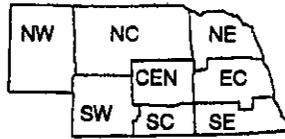
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WEATHER

Temperatures for the week averaged one to three degrees above normals. Precipitation amounts during the week ranged from a trace to nearly two inches in the north central part of the state.

GENERAL

Continued favorable fall harvest weather conditions last week permitted rapid harvesting progress, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn harvest was about one-third complete with soybean and sorghum harvests nearing completion. Other producer activities included harvesting sugar beets and millet in the Panhandle, and moving some cattle onto available stalk fields. Snow and rain received late Sunday, the 22nd, in the Panhandle may delay harvesting, but will benefit winter wheat.

CROPS

Corn harvest was rated at 34% complete, compared with 54% last year and the five-year average of 50%. Most producers were completing soybean and sorghum harvests before corn. Corn stalk breakage continued to be reported above the ear for most fields. Concern for ear droppage due to corn borer infestations and potential lodging from

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prevailing winds were reported. Harvesting in the Panhandle was least advanced.

Soybean harvest moved at a rapid pace last week with 92% combined as of Sunday. This compares to 89% last year and the five-year average of 91%

Sorghum harvest progressed to 77% cut to date, ahead of 65% last year and the five-year average of 53%. Sorghum harvest was most advanced in the south central and southwest districts and least advanced in the east central.

Winter wheat condition was rated at 2% poor, 26% fair, 67% good, and 5% excellent. The crop was nearly all emerged at week's end. Moisture received in September encouraged crop growth.

Dry bean harvest was virtually complete with only the most severely freeze-damaged acres of the Panhandle, northeast and central districts remaining to be harvested or destroyed.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range condition was rated at 2% very poor, 9% poor, 37% fair, 45% good, and 7% excellent. Cattle continued to be held on pastures while waiting for available stalk fields for gleaning.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 22, 1995	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Harvested	19	46	30	26	43	18	43	33	34	14	54	50
% Sorghum Harvested	0	51	77	62	46	92	92	84	77	26	65	53
% Soybeans Harvested	0	90	93	88	93	94	97	91	92	47	89	91
% Wheat Emerged	100	100	100	100	89	95	96	95	97	89	99	96
% Dry Beans Harvested	98	100	96	92	0	100	0	0	98	95	100	na
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 20, 1995												
Days suitable	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.2	2.9	
Topsoil moisture - Very Short (Percent)	0	0	0	0	14	0	16	8	5	2	0	
- Short	27	41	9	21	54	41	52	51	37	23	5	
- Adequate	72	59	90	79	32	59	32	41	58	71	79	
- Surplus	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	16	
Subsoil moisture - Very Short (Percent)	0	0	0	0	11	5	11	9	5	2	0	
- Short	10	8	15	36	43	26	49	62	29	31	19	
- Adequate	89	92	85	64	46	69	40	29	66	66	79	
- Surplus	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	

n/a = not available

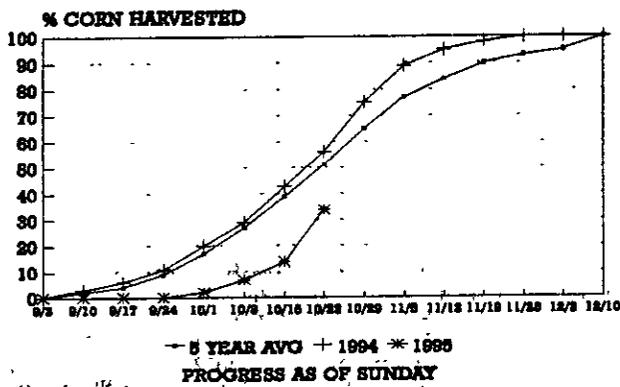
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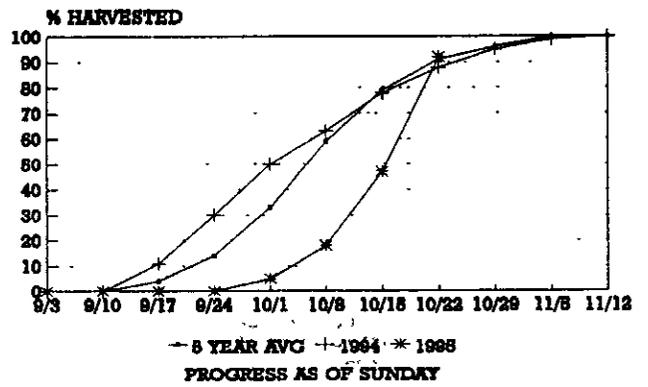
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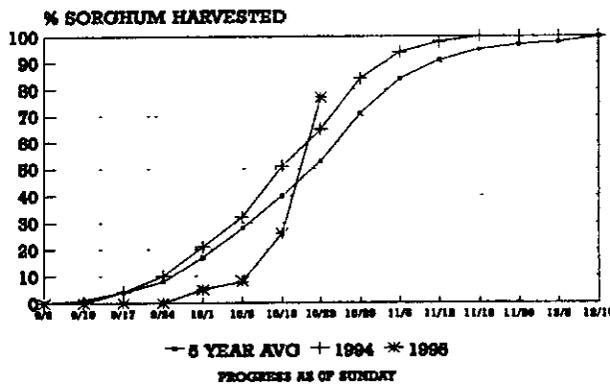
**CORN
HARVESTED FOR GRAIN**



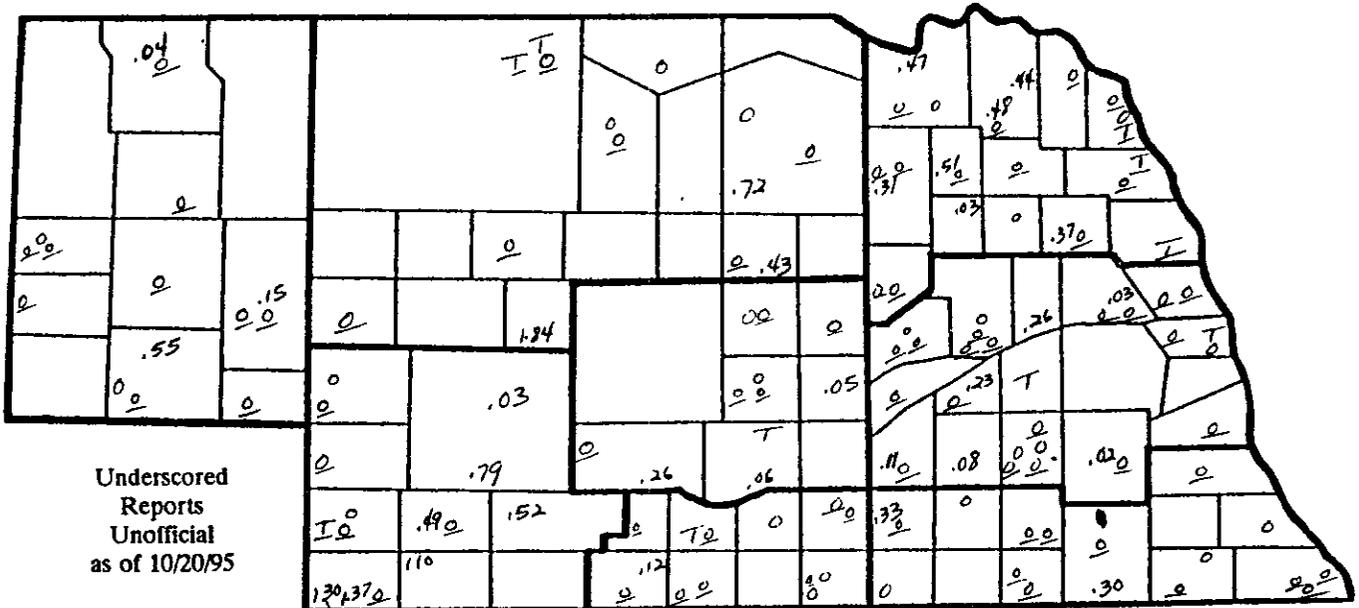
**SOYBEANS
HARVESTED FOR ALL PURPOSES**



**SORGHUM
HARVESTED FOR GRAIN**



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1995



**TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1995**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches	
	Max	Min				
NW	Chadron	85	25	51	---	.04
	Scottsbluff	82	22	51	+3	0
	Sidney	83	24	53	---	0
NC	Valentine	83	20	51	+3	T
NE	Norfolk	77	27	52	+2	.03
	Sioux City	73	27	51	---	0
CEN	Grand Island	83	24	52	+1	.03
	Ord	84	23	53	---	0
EC	Lincoln	80	27	53	+1	.02
	Omaha	78	29	52	---	T
SW	Imperial	88	29	56	---	0
	North Platte	88	22	51	+2	.03