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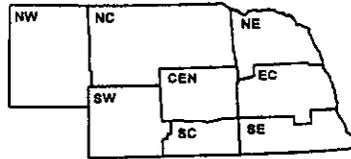
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WEATHER

Temperatures in the west were near normals while the east averaged four to eight degrees below normals. Precipitation across the State was light averaging from a trace to a tenth of an inch.

GENERAL

Dryer soil conditions last week allowed producers to get back into the field and work on remaining unharvested crops, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Although corn harvest advanced last week, the late October snow storm and high winds has caused the remaining crop harvest to be difficult for many producers due to stalk lodging and breakage. Elevators continued to pile grain outside in emergency storage. Other farm activities included marketing grain, livestock care and equipment repair.

CROPS

Corn for grain harvest progressed to 81% complete. This is behind 84% last year but ahead of 76% average.

CROPS (Cont.)

Additional high winds across the State last week caused lodging in remaining unharvested fields.

Soybean harvest progressed only 2% above the previous week with 94% combined as of Sunday. This is behind 100% last year and average. Crop harvest was slow due to producers continued focus on corn and high soybean moisture content

Sorghum grain harvest advanced to 85% complete, ahead of 77% last year but behind 87% average.

Winter wheat condition improved from the previous week due to adequate moisture and rated 4% poor, 20% fair, 66% good and 10% excellent.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Producer activities included weaning calves, and moving cows to stalk fields. Feedlots were drying but still muddy in many counties.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF NOVEMBER 9, 1997	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Harvested	60	67	78	82	85	76	85	87	81	66	84	76
% Soybeans Harvested	n/a	95	95	95	93	99	97	94	94	92	100	100
% Sorghum Harvested	n/a	94	100	86	91	70	81	86	85	80	77	87
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF NOVEMBER 7, 1997												
Days suitable	4.1	5.8	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.5	5.2	4.9	5.2	1.4	6.6	
Topsoil moisture - Very Short (Percent)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	26
- Short	12	5	17	1	2	7	0	0	6	3	69	
- Adequate	68	91	78	77	74	78	91	78	80	70	2	2
- Surplus	19	4	5	22	24	15	9	22	14	27	0	0
Subsoil moisture - Very Short (Percent)	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	17
- Short	9	8	21	6	7	15	12	38	14	14	80	
- Adequate	91	87	76	91	90	73	76	55	81	77	3	3
- Surplus	0	4	2	3	3	11	12	7	5	7		

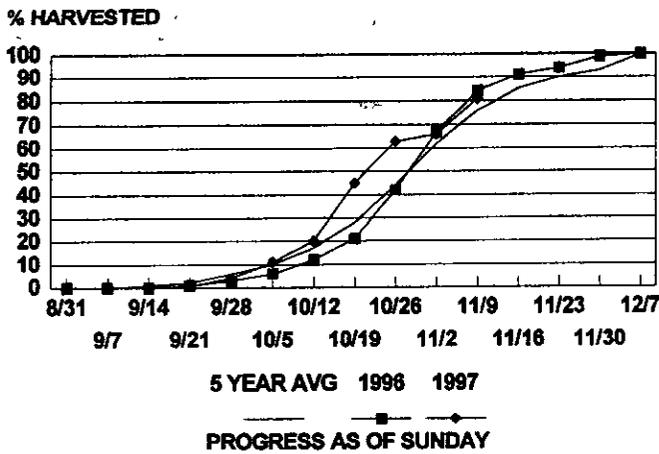
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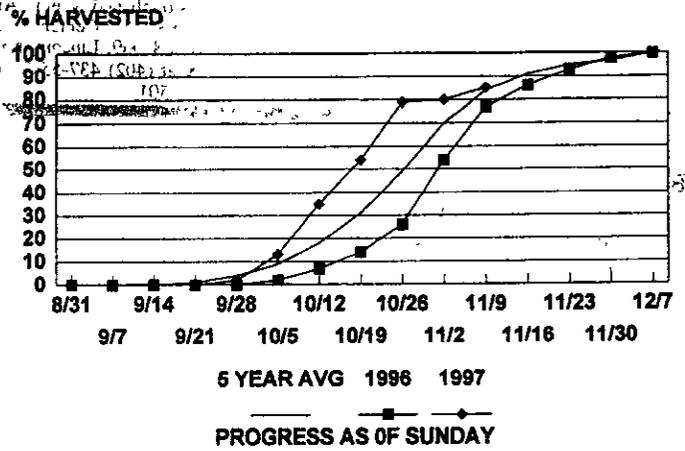
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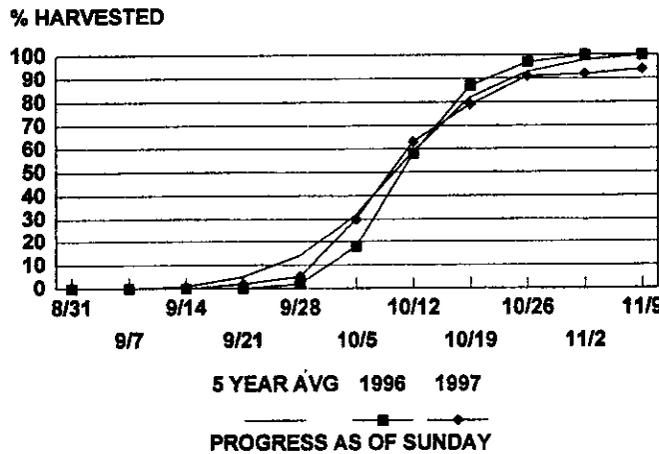
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HARVESTED FOR GRAIN



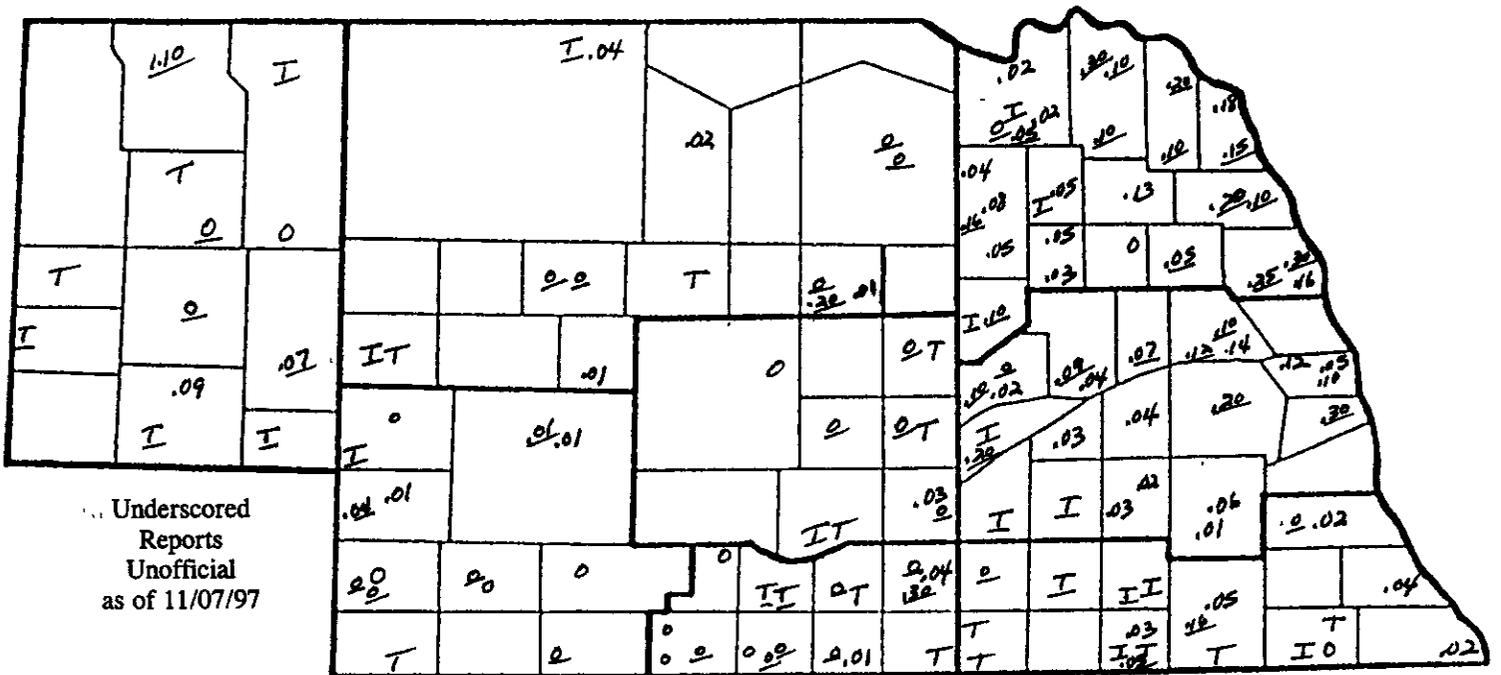
SORGHUM
HARVESTED FOR GRAIN



SOYBEANS
HARVESTED FOR ALL PURPOSES



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1997



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1997

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	70	25	43	---	---
Scottsbluff	66	24	42	+1	T
Sidney	67	24	43	---	---
NC Valentine	67	21	39	0	.04
NE Norfolk	46	22	36	-6	.05
Sioux City	46	20	35	-7	.18
CEN Grand Island	51	27	39	-4	.03
Ord	52	30	39	---	---
EC Lincoln	51	24	37	-7	.06
Omaha	46	24	36	-8	.05
SW Imperial	66	24	43	---	---
North Platte	66	16	40	0	.01