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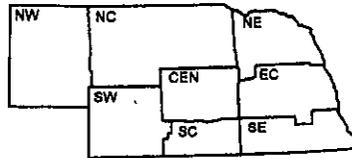
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged one to three degrees below normals, except for the east central with normal readings. Precipitation was widespread averaging .2 of an inch west to over 1.5 inches northeast.

GENERAL

Harvest made very limited progress last week as rains, snows, and muddy field conditions made combining difficult, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvest delays will continue until drying weather or a ground solidifying freeze occurs, allowing producers to again enter fields. The State's wheat crop continues to benefit from the improved moisture supplies. Other producer activities included record keeping activities, fencing stalks, and livestock care.

CROPS

Corn for grain harvest was 89% complete, a day behind the 90% for both last year and average. Harvest

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progress continued slow across the State due to snow, rain, and continued wet field conditions.

Soybean harvest made limited progress again last week with completion at 96%, behind last year's 97% and the 99% average. Snows early in the week damaged unharvested fields in portions of the Northeast.

Sorghum harvest progressed to 94%, the same as last year, but behind the 95% average.

Winter wheat condition continued to improve last week due to moisture received. The crop was rated 2% poor, 17% fair, 68% good and 13% excellent.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Producers continued turning livestock onto stalk fields. Calves were being worked and weaned, and fall health programs continued. Some supplemental feeding was occurring where cattle had not been turned onto winter feeding grounds.

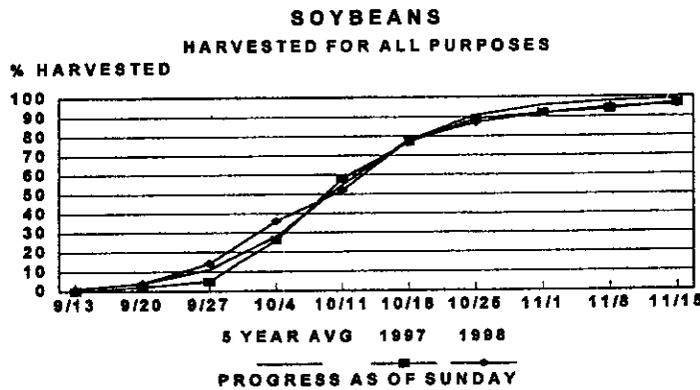
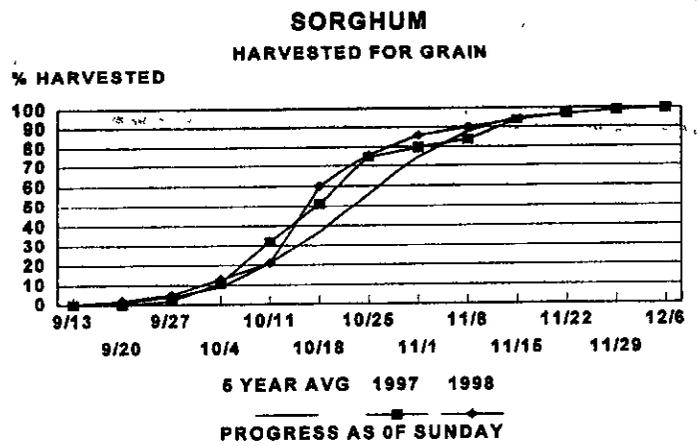
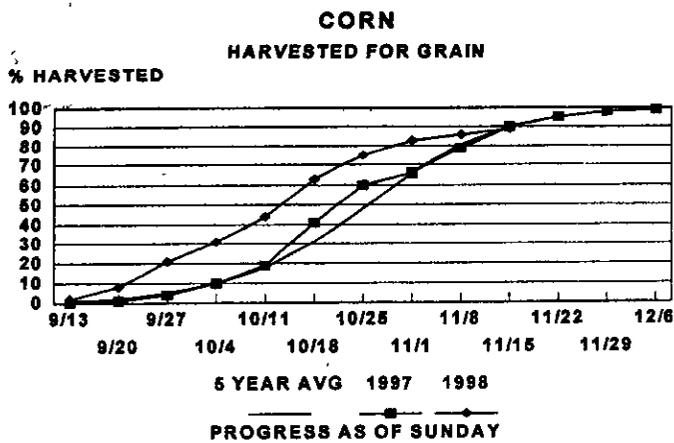
CROP PROGRESS AS OF NOVEMBER 15, 1998	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Harvested	55	89	88	89	97	77	98	96	89	86	90	90
% Soybeans Harvested	na	96	93	92	98	100	99	98	96	95	97	99
% Sorghum Harvested	na	94	96	94	88	95	95	95	94	90	94	95
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF NOVEMBER 13, 1998												
Days suitable	1.9	1.8	1.4	0.6	1.4	2.3	0.9	1.4	1.5	2.3	5.9	
Topsoil												
(Percent)												
- Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Short	0	0	0	0	6	8	0	0	1	3	10	
- Adequate	87	100	70	91	67	76	63	54	77	80	84	
- Surplus	13	0	30	9	27	16	37	46	22	17	6	
Subsoil												
(Percent)												
- Very Short	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	3	1	3	1	
- Short	3	10	4	2	6	33	4	5	8	12	15	
- Adequate	97	82	83	96	90	60	67	78	82	78	82	
- Surplus	0	6	13	2	4	2	29	14	9	7	2	

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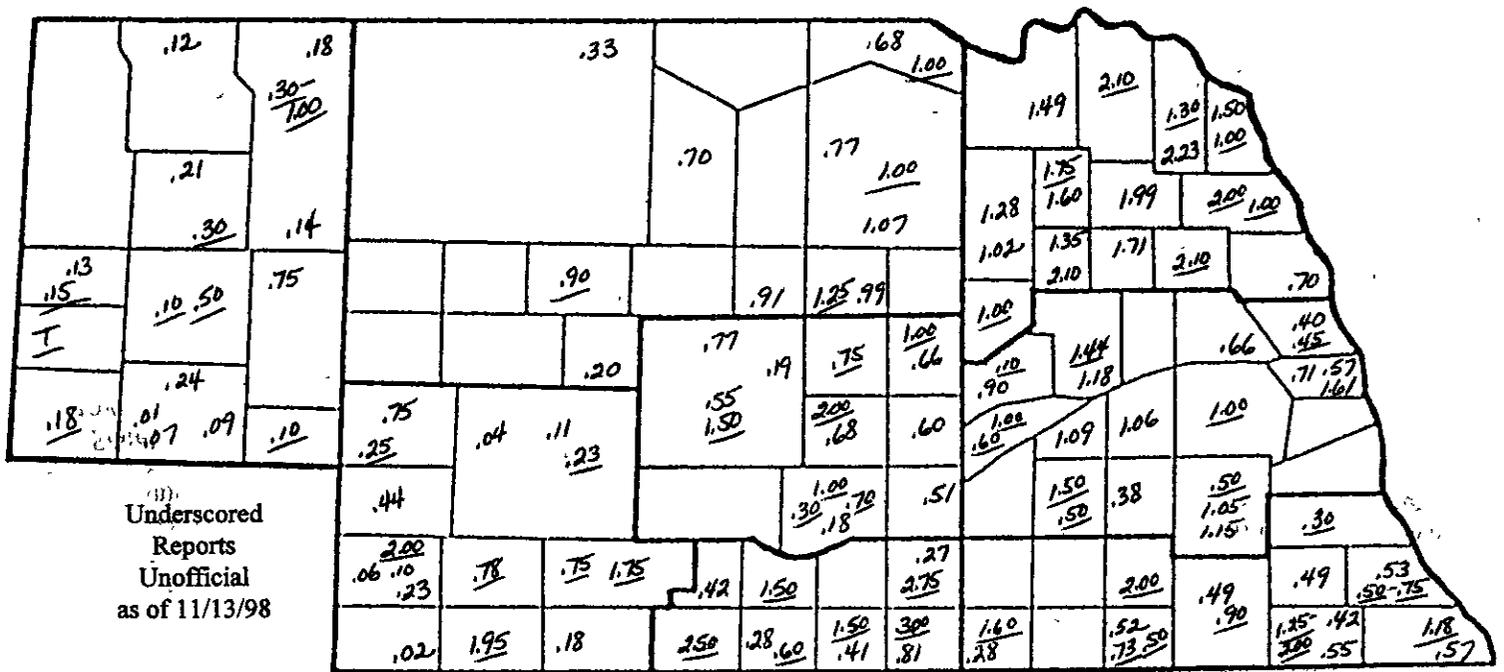
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1998



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1998

Station	Temperature				Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches	
	Max	Min				
NW	Chadron	60	14	35	---	.12
	Scottsbluff	61	16	35	-3	.13
	Sidney	62	16	35	---	.01
NC	Valentine	53	15	33	-3	.33
NE	Norfolk	54	24	37	-2	1.35
	Sioux City	51	24	37	-2	1.50
CEN	Grand Island	61	25	39	-1	.51
	Ord	62	19	37	---	---
EC	Lincoln	63	24	42	+1	1.05
	Omaha	59	29	42	+1	.57
SW	Imperial	62	19	37	---	.06
	North Platte	60	14	36	-1	.11