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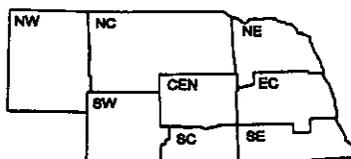
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### WEATHER

Temperatures averaged from near normals to three degrees below normals. Minimal precipitation was received across the State.

### GENERAL

Fall harvest activities made good progress last week, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Producer activities included moving grain to market, fencing stalk fields for gleaning, and livestock care

### CROPS

Corn had virtually all matured, with corn for grain harvest at 52% complete. Harvest continued about three weeks ahead of average at 11% complete. Some producers were delaying harvest to allow additional field drying to save on costs of artificially drying the crop.

Soybeans condition rated 19% very poor, 24% poor, 34% fair, 19% good, and 4% excellent. Virtually all of the acres had shed their leaves by week's end. Harvest was 40% complete and compares with 22% last year and 16% average.

### CROPS Cont.

Sorghum was 95% mature by week's end, well ahead of last year at 69% and average at 70%. Harvest made good progress last week with 64% combined to date. Harvest progress compares with 6% last year and 5% average.

Wheat seeding progressed to 81% planted to date and compares with 89% last year and 81% average. Last week's rain provided an incentive for some producers to drill wheat rather than operate combines for harvest of fall crops. Emergence of the seeded crop rated 42%, behind last year at 55% and the average at 52%.

Dry bean harvest was 80% complete, as of Sunday. Proso millet harvest was nearing completion.

Alfalfa fourth cutting is nearing completion in many areas.

### LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range condition rated 59% very poor, 28% poor, 10% fair, and 3% good. Producers continued to provide supplemental feed to cattle as needed. Producers are moving cattle to stalk fields as fields become available.

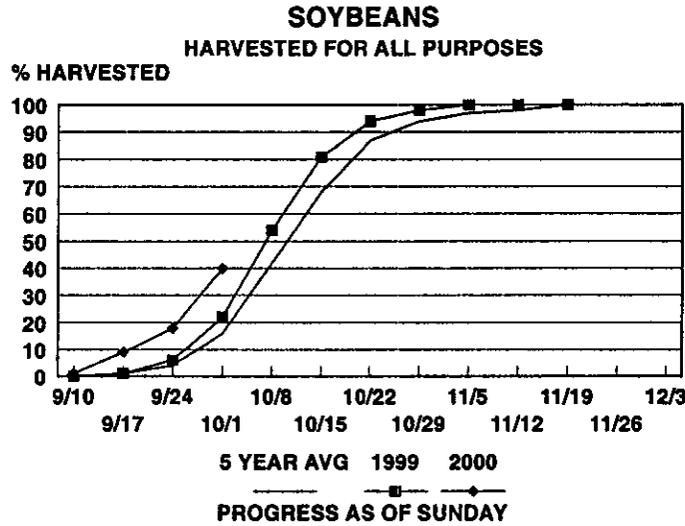
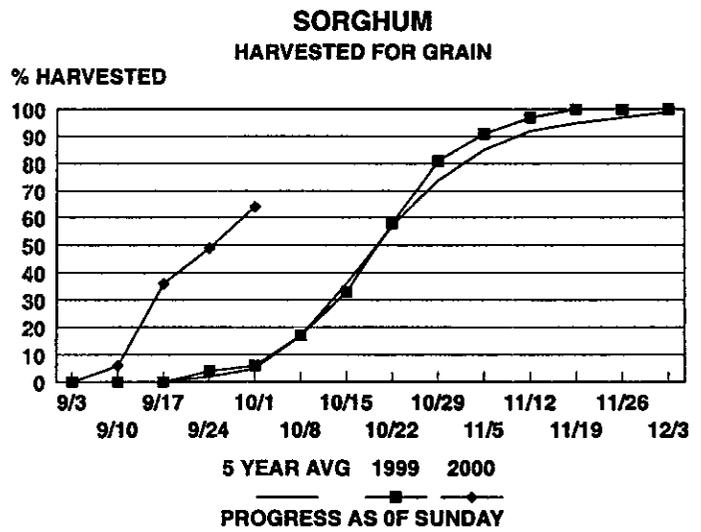
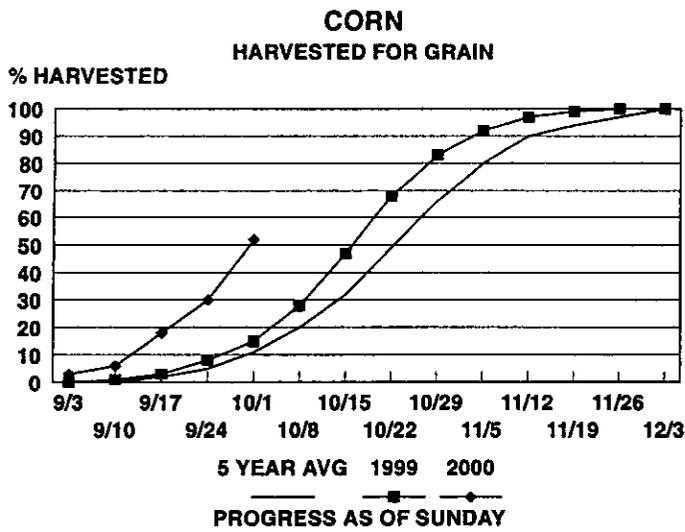
FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2000	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
	PERCENT											
% Corn Mature	92	98	100	100	100	98	100	100	99	93	89	81
% Corn Harvested	15	29	51	47	54	25	56	88	52	30	15	11
% Soybeans Dropping Leaves	n/a	100	100	100	100	98	100	100	99	96	90	87
% Soybeans Harvested	n/a	45	26	38	54	25	60	39	40	18	22	16
% Sorghum Harvested	n/a	20	47	35	32	22	49	78	64	49	6	5
% Wheat Seeded	92	90	85	77	55	80	78	48	81	65	89	81
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2000												
Days Suitable	4.8	7.0	7.0	6.5	6.2	5.7	6.0	6.5	6.3	5.8	6.3	
Topsoil Moisture - Very short	20	50	67	73	58	51	57	73	59	46	12	
- Short	36	50	18	21	36	27	31	27	29	34	42	
- Adequate	44	0	15	6	6	22	12	0	12	20	44	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Subsoil Moisture- Very Short	56	72	86	75	77	84	80	96	81	76	10	
- Short	24	28	14	19	22	15	20	4	16	18	35	
- Adequate	20	0	0	6	1	1	0	0	3	6	54	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	

n/a = not available.

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**PRECIPITATION, APRIL 1 - OCTOBER 1, 2000**

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week .....	.10	.31	.05	.21	.13	.28	.32	.18
Total since April 1 .....	12.56	13.65	16.73	16.74	17.43	9.72	15.85	16.16
Normal since April 1 .....	13.19	16.71	19.14	18.60	21.31	15.30	18.71	22.04
Total as % of normal .....	95%	82%	87%	90%	82%	64%	85%	73%

**TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2000**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches	
	Max	Min				
NW	Chadron	85	27	54	---	Trace
	Scottsbluff	85	27	54	-3	.35
	Sidney	82	27	54	---	.01
NC	Valentine	87	26	56	0	0
NE	Norfolk	91	32	60	1	.10
	Sioux City	89	31	58	-1	.02
CEN	Grand Island	91	32	60	0	.37
	Ord	93	29	56	---	.25
EC	Lincoln	86	37	60	-1	.10
	Omaha	83	36	60	-1	.14
SW	Imperial	86	32	57	---	.24
	North Platte	85	25	54	-3	.27