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**Agricultural Summary:** For the week ending October 13, 2002, freezing temperatures ended the growing season and fall harvest activities were strongest in soybean fields, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Many corn producers are waiting for further field dry down before harvesting. Sorghum harvest was active but at a slower pace than last week.

This release is based on reports and data from county extension educators, FSA county directors, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center. Weather and Crop reports back to 1947 and current county specific comments can be found at: <http://www.agr.state.ne.us/agstats/cropwthr.htm>

**Weather Summary:** Temperatures averaged below normal during the week and ranged from near normals to three degrees below normals across the State. Precipitation was very light and limited to parts of central and northeastern Nebraska with amounts less than 40 hundredths of an inch.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn was virtually all mature, near last year at 95 and average at 98. Harvest for grain or seed progressed to 30 percent complete, ahead of last year at 27 but behind average at 43.

Soybean harvest was 54 percent complete, behind last year at 60 and average at 67.

Sorghum fields were 96 percent mature, ahead of last year at 94 and average at 95. Forty-two percent had been harvested, ahead of last year at 33 but behind average at 43.

Dry bean harvest was 90 percent complete, behind last year and average at 94.

Proso millet harvest was 82 percent combined, behind 95 percent last year.

Wheat seeding progressed to 96 percent sown to date, slightly behind last year and average at 97 percent. Eighty-two percent had emerged, ahead of last year at 81 but the same as average.

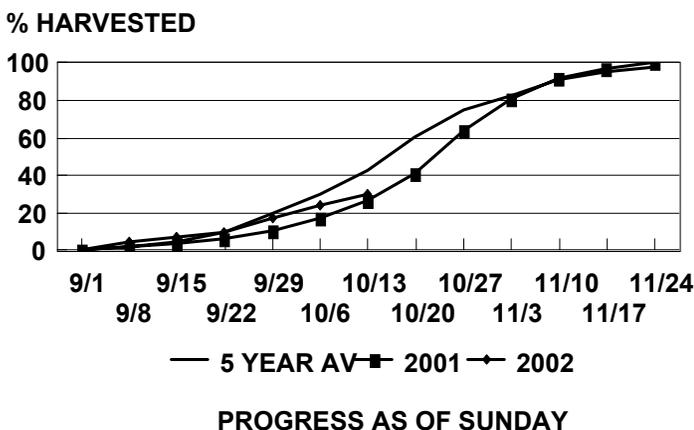
**Livestock, Pasture, and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 49 percent very poor, 32 poor, 15 fair, and 4 good, well below average. Cattle continue to receive supplemental feed and are being moved to stalks as fields become available.

**Progress and Conditions: By District, Nebraska, as of October 13, 2002**

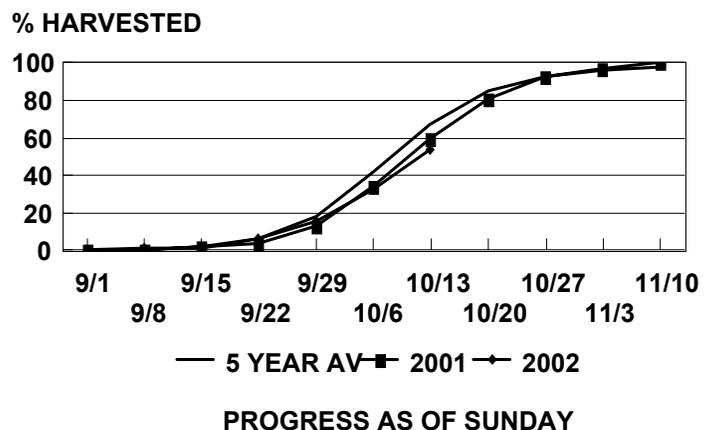
Item	Agricultural Statistics Districts								State	Last Week	Last Year	Average
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Mature	79	99	100	95	100	90	100	100	97	92	95	98
% Corn Harvested	7	19	19	27	41	19	32	51	30	24	27	43
% Soybeans Harvested	<sup>1</sup>	36	61	46	56	67	71	36	54	33	60	67
% Sorghum Mature	80	95	96	98	96	94	92	98	96	90	94	95
% Sorghum Harvested	10	14	19	28	36	31	37	47	42	31	33	43
% Wheat Seeded	98	99	95	100	92	98	94	82	96	91	97	97
% Wheat Emerged	93	76	76	76	59	80	65	48	82	72	81	82
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.8	5.3	5.2	5.7	6.4	6.8	6.1	6.7	6.1	4.2	5.3	5.9
Topsoil Moisture												
- % Very short	33	10	6	16	13	53	23	12	22	17	6	17
- % Short	38	30	31	63	19	29	29	16	33	35	19	29
- % Adequate	29	60	63	21	66	18	48	72	45	47	73	53
- % Surplus	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	1
Subsoil Moisture												
- % Very Short	72	28	32	50	44	81	88	60	55	55	11	23
- % Short	18	44	41	48	43	10	11	28	30	33	30	28
- % Adequate	10	28	27	2	13	9	1	12	15	12	58	49
- % Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

<sup>1</sup> Data not available.

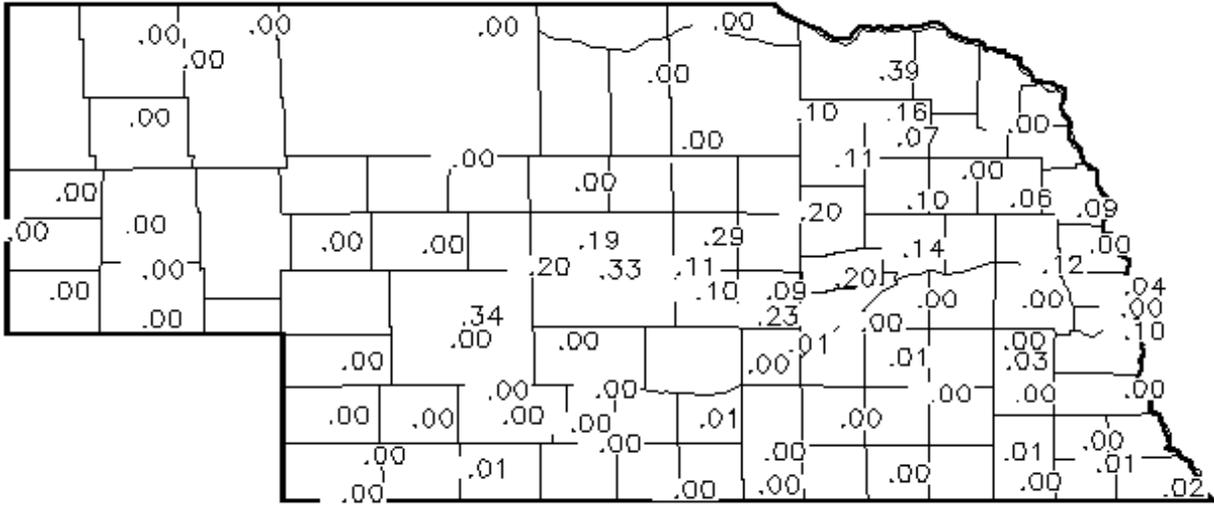
## CORN HARVESTED



## SOYBEANS HARVESTED



**Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending October 13, 2002**



**Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 - October 13, 2002**

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.00	.05	.11	.16	.04	.03	.00	.01
Total since April 1	7.87	12.92	17.91	12.43	20.48	8.60	12.68	18.53
Normal since April 1	13.42	17.35	20.11	18.96	22.06	16.07	19.02	23.14
Total as % of normal	58%	74%	88%	65%	92%	53%	66%	79%

Source: High Plains Climate Center data as of 8:00 a.m.

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, October 13, 2002**

Station	Temperature			
	Extremes		Average	Departure
	High	Low		
NW Alliance	78	22	51	0
Scottsbluff	80	20	51	0
Sidney	83	25	52	+1
NC Ainsworth	75	28	51	-2
Arthur	79	27	52	0
O'Neill	73	29	51	-3
NE Concord	75	26	52	-1
Elgin	73	31	52	-2
West Point	74	24	52	-3
C Grand Island	73	27	54	-1
Lexington	72	28	53	-1
Ord	72	25	51	-3
EC Lincoln	74	31	56	-1
Central City	74	27	54	-1
Mead	76	25	55	-2
SW Champion	82	22	54	+1
North Platte	77	25	53	-1
Curtis	78	25	54	0
SC Arapahoe	80	15	50	-2
Minden	75	27	54	-1
Red Cloud	72	29	54	-1
SE Beatrice	74	29	55	-2
Clay Center	72	26	53	-2
Nemaha	76	32	57	-1

N/A = Not available. Source: High Plains Climate Center.

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