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Agricultural Summary

The vast majority of farmers have completed harvest with a few days to spare before the Christmas holiday. The colder weather has led to frosted fields, so that combines are better able to move about the field without getting stuck. Moisture is still testing high and elevators are still having difficulty keeping up with drying grain. There were 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork reported. Topsoil moisture was rated 55 percent adequate and 45 percent surplus. Ninety-five percent of the corn crop was reported as harvested.

Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
December 20				
CORN:				
Harvested	95	90	100	100
WINTER WHEAT:				
Emerged	95	87	100	100

Progress by Districts

District	Corn Harvested
December 20	
Northwest	93
Northeast	79
West	95
Central	98
East	97
W Southwest	97
E Southeast	98
Southwest	99
Southeast	99

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
December 14 - 20		December 20			
Northwest	3.6	-	-	74	26
Northeast	4.4	-	-	99	1
West	3.9	-	-	43	57
Central	4.3	-	-	36	64
East	4.1	-	-	61	39
W Southwest	3.4	-	-	55	45
E Southeast	2.9	-	-	34	66
Southwest	1.7	-	-	19	81
Southeast	1.1	-	-	28	72
State	3.7	-	-	55	45