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GENERAL: Rainfall this past week slowed harvest progress according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvest of soybeans and sorghum continued at a faster pace than corn, with all three continuing at a slower than normal pace. Storms with localized hail damaged some fields. Other producer activities included artificial drying of corn, alfalfa harvest, and seeding wheat.

This release is based on reports and data from county extension educators, FSA county directors, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center.

WEATHER: Temperatures last week averaged one to three degrees above normals in the eastern half of the State while the western half averaged at or slightly below normals. Freezing temperatures were limited to the western half of the State. Precipitation was statewide with the eastern third reporting over one inch of rainfall in several locations.

CROPS: Corn condition rated 3% very poor, 7 poor, 21 fair, 43 good, and 26 excellent. Irrigated corn was 82% good to excellent while dryland corn rated 49% good to excellent. The crop rated mature on 96% of the acreage, compared to 100 last year and 98 average. Harvest

progressed to 28% combined to date, behind 79 last year and 43 average.

Soybean harvest progressed to 64% combined, behind 81 last year and 71 average.

Sorghum condition rated 2% very poor, 7 poor, 38 fair, 38 good, and 15 excellent. Ninety-five percent was mature, compared with 100 last year and 94 average. Harvest continued last week with 35% cut to date, behind 84 last year and 40 average.

The **dry bean** harvest was complete on 95% of the acreage, compared to 92 last year and 96 average. **Millet** harvest progressed to 95% combined, compared with 100 last year. **Wheat** seeding was 98% complete, compared with 97 last year and average. Eighty-three percent had emerged, compared with 80 last year and 83 average.

Fourth cutting **alfalfa** was 87% harvested, compared to 94 last year and 87 average. Condition rated 4% very poor, 14 poor, 31 fair, 41 good, and 10 excellent.

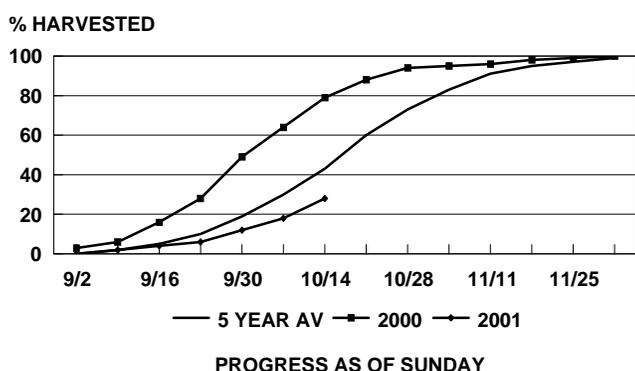
Pasture and range condition rated 7% very poor, 16 poor, 37 fair, 35 good, and 5 excellent.

PROGRESS AND CONDITIONS, NEBRASKA, AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2001

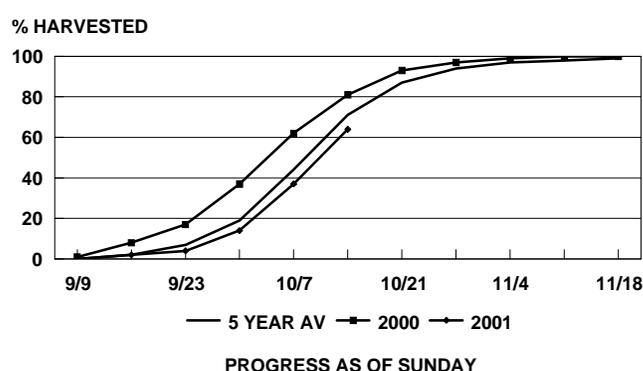
| ITEM | AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS | | | | | | | | | STATE | LAST WEEK | LAST YEAR | AVERAGE |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | NW | NC | NE | C | EC | SW | SC | SE | | | | | |
| % Corn Mature | 83 | 97 | 95 | 99 | 99 | 90 | 99 | 97 | 96 | 90 | 100 | 98 | |
| % Corn Harvested | 16 | 21 | 15 | 33 | 40 | 27 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 18 | 79 | 43 | |
| % Soybeans Harvested | n/a | 84 | 57 | 71 | 68 | 84 | 82 | 56 | 64 | 37 | 81 | 71 | |
| % Sorghum Mature | n/a | 98 | 99 | 100 | 95 | 84 | 97 | 96 | 95 | 91 | 100 | 94 | |
| % Sorghum Harvested | n/a | 31 | 39 | 25 | 37 | 30 | 39 | 34 | 35 | 18 | 84 | 40 | |
| % Wheat seeded | 99 | 100 | 98 | 100 | 96 | 99 | 96 | 90 | 98 | 93 | 97 | 97 | |
| % Wheat Emerged | 89 | 90 | 81 | 59 | 45 | 84 | 77 | 60 | 83 | 68 | 80 | 83 | |
| % Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting | 67 | 82 | 87 | 95 | 92 | 93 | 95 | 85 | 87 | 80 | 94 | 87 | |
| Days Suitable for Fieldwork | 5.6 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 6.9 | | |
| Topsoil Moisture - % Very short | 9 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 52 | | |
| - % Short | 31 | 18 | 11 | 20 | 25 | 8 | 11 | 2 | 18 | 25 | 36 | | |
| - % Adequate | 60 | 69 | 88 | 79 | 68 | 82 | 88 | 98 | 75 | 64 | 12 | | |
| - % Surplus | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Subsoil Moisture - % Very Short | 11 | 13 | 0 | 5 | 23 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 77 | | |
| - % Short | 34 | 20 | 27 | 38 | 35 | 36 | 25 | 26 | 29 | 35 | 19 | | |
| - % Adequate | 55 | 66 | 73 | 56 | 41 | 56 | 74 | 68 | 60 | 51 | 4 | | |
| - % Surplus | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |

n/a = not available.

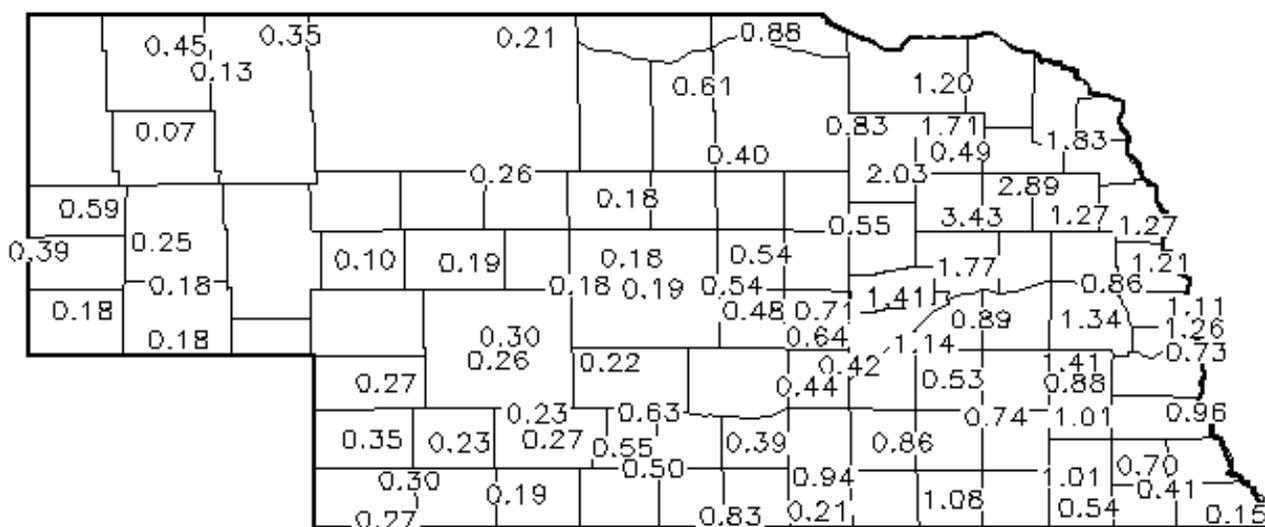
CORN HARVESTED FOR GRAIN



SOYBEANS HARVESTED FOR ALL PURPOSES



PRECIPITATION IN INCHES FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 14, 2001¹



| Item | Precipitation, Nebraska, April 1 - October 14, 2001 ¹ | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| | NW | NC | NE | CEN | EC | SW | SC | SE | |
| Total past week | .29 | .49 | 1.59 | .43 | 1.11 | .28 | .60 | .81 | |
| Total since April 1 | 13.82 | 20.75 | 27.40 | 19.90 | 23.08 | 16.25 | 21.68 | 31.65 | |
| Normal since April 1 | 13.45 | 17.40 | 20.16 | 19.00 | 22.13 | 16.10 | 19.07 | 23.21 | |
| Total as % of normal | 102% | 119% | 136% | 105% | 104% | 100% | 114% | 135% | |

¹ Source: High Plains Climate Center preliminary data as of 8:00 a.m. Sunday.

TEMPERATURE DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2001

| Station | Temperature | | | | |
|---------|--------------|-----|------|-----------|-----|
| | Extremes | | Mean | Departure | |
| | Max | Min | | | |
| NW | Chadron | 83 | 31 | 50 | --- |
| | Scottsbluff | 80 | 35 | 52 | 0 |
| | Sidney | 80 | 26 | 50 | --- |
| NC | Valentine | 81 | 30 | 52 | 0 |
| NE | Norfolk | 76 | 35 | 57 | +3 |
| | Sioux City | 74 | 34 | 55 | +1 |
| CEN | Grand Island | 77 | 35 | 56 | +1 |
| | Ord | 79 | 28 | 53 | --- |
| EC | Lincoln | 74 | 39 | 57 | +1 |
| | Omaha | 73 | 41 | 57 | +1 |
| SW | Imperial | 83 | 30 | 53 | --- |
| | North Platte | 78 | 23 | 50 | -2 |

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