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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending November 9, 2003, snow and rain in portions of Nebraska slowed harvest progress although the overall completion rate was good, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn and sorghum grain harvest progressed at a normal rate as soybean harvest neared completion.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged from 8 to 14 degrees below normals for the week. Precipitation was scattered across the state with largest amounts in areas of the east central and southeast.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska,
Week Ending November 9, 2003**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	23	30	17	19
Short	40	44	24	28
Adequate	36	26	57	48
Surplus	1	0	2	5
Subsoil				
Very Short	40	45	47	30
Short	44	43	33	31
Adequate	16	12	20	37
Surplus	0	0	0	2
Days Suitable	3.9	6.3	4.4	4.8

Field Crops Report: Corn harvest continued to make good progress in spite of wet, damp weather conditions. Harvest reached 90 percent complete, ahead of last year at 73 and average at 88.

Soybean harvest was virtually complete with 99 percent of the acreage combined, ahead of last year at 92 and average at 97.

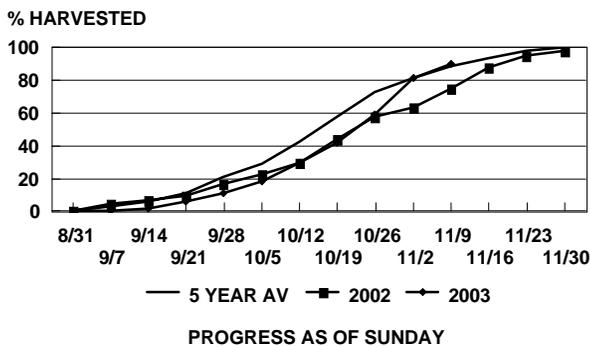
Sorghum harvest also made good progress with 93 percent completed, ahead of last year at 82 and average at 92.

Wheat condition improved last week and rated 4 percent very poor, 12 poor, 33 fair, 44 good, and 7 excellent, better than last year but below average.

**Crop Progress: Nebraska,
Week Ending November 9, 2003**

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Corn Harvested	90	82	73	88
Soybeans Harvested	99	98	92	97
Sorghum Harvested	93	85	82	92

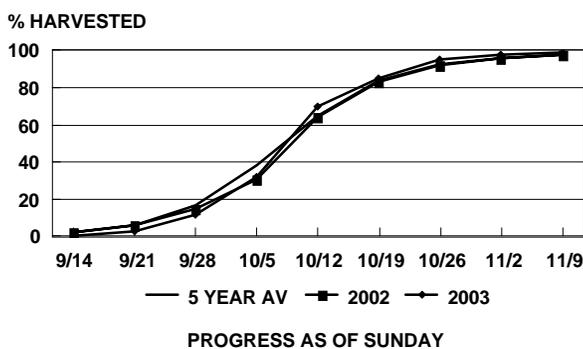
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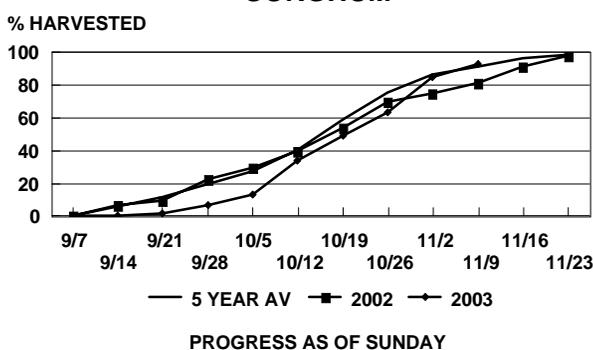
**Winter Wheat Condition: Nebraska,
Week Ending November 9, 2003, with Comparisons**

Year	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
2003	4	12	33	44	7
2002	11	6	38	40	5
2001	1	5	31	57	6
2000	0	4	37	52	7

SOYBEANS

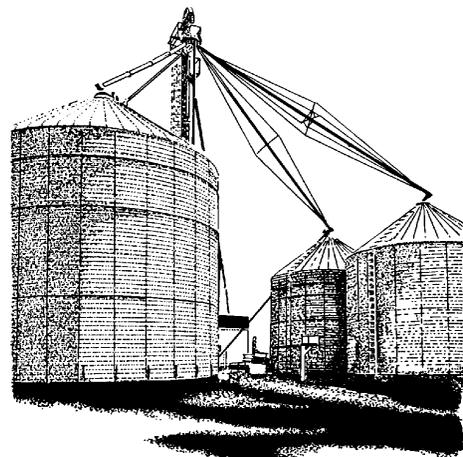


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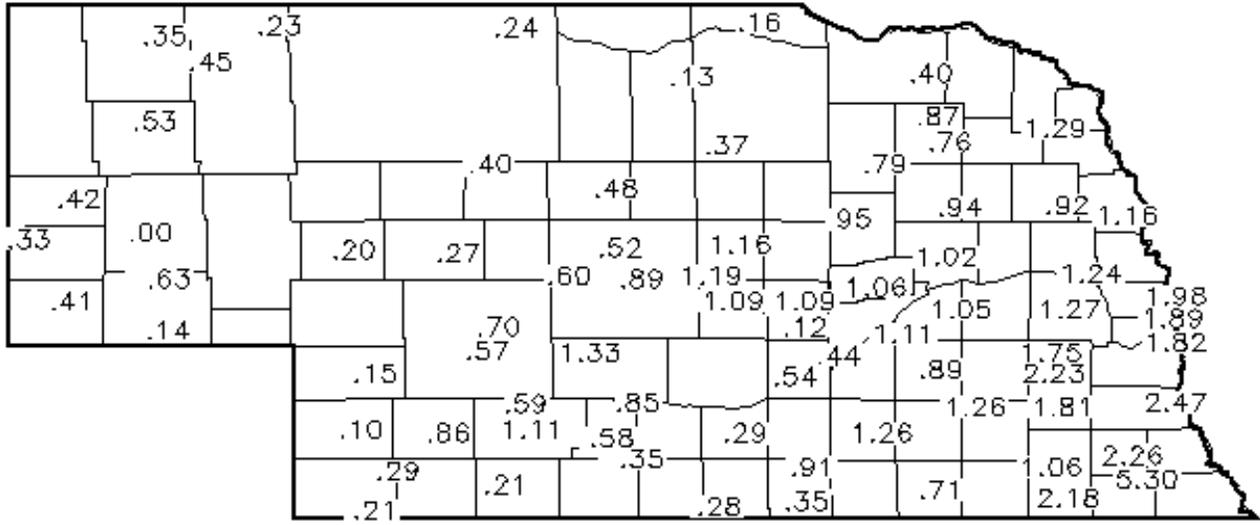


Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Cattle continued to be moved to stalk fields for gleaning after corn harvest.

This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending November 9, 2003



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 - November 9, 2003

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.42	.41	.92	.73	1.38	.38	.47	2.00
Total since April 1	12.87	14.29	22.09	17.74	22.27	15.55	17.49	25.86
Normal since April 1	14.07	18.20	21.47	20.02	23.66	16.88	20.08	24.88
Total as % of normal	91%	78%	103%	88%	94%	91%	87%	104%

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

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, November 9, 2003**

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	43	3	25	-14
	Scottsbluff	51	17	31	-8
	Sidney	52	17	31	-9
NC	Ainsworth	50	14	27	-12
	Arthur	48	16	30	-10
	O'Neill	46	10	27	-14
NE	Concord	45	11	27	-14
	Elgin	47	15	28	-13
	West Point	45	14	30	-13
C	Grand Island	46	21	31	-11
	Lexington	50	21	33	-8
	Ord	49	17	30	-11
EC	Lincoln	47	19	33	-11
	Central City	45	18	31	-11
	Mead	47	16	32	-12
SW	Champion	50	18	32	-8
	North Platte	52	16	32	-8
	Curtis	50	21	33	-8
SC	Arapahoe	49	17	30	-9
	Minden	47	22	32	-9
	Red Cloud	47	21	33	-9
SE	Beatrice	48	18	33	-11
	Clay Center	45	19	30	-11
	Nemaha	50	22	35	-10

Source: High Plains Climate Center.