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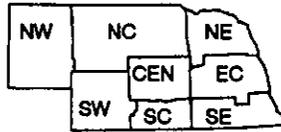
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WEATHER

Average temperatures varied from around two degrees below normals in the east to twelve degrees below normals in the northwest. Scattered precipitation in the form of rain and snow occurred throughout the week with amounts averaging around two-tenths of an inch across the State.

GENERAL

Harvest of corn and sorghum grain made good progress in several areas of the State last week, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Although producers were able to get grain out of fields last week, harvest delays in the form of tough corn stalks, wet field conditions, high moisture grain, and slow receiving lines at local elevators continued. Other activities included moving cattle to stalk fields and general farm chores.

CROPS

Corn harvest progressed to 84% complete by week's end, over five weeks behind normal. Harvest pace continued slow but steady. Artificial drying of harvested grain remained a necessity in most cases. Areas with

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replanted fields continued to have harvest delayed due to high grain moisture content. Many grain producers are giving special care to corn put in storage at slightly above the preferred moisture levels.

Sorghum grain harvest progressed to 93% complete as of Sunday, about five weeks behind normal. Weather conditions last week allowed producers some harvest time but most combined grain continued to need artificial drying before storage.

Winter wheat condition was rated at 34% fair, 58% good, and 8% excellent. Rain and snow last week brought additional moisture to many wheat fields across the State.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 96% of normal. Cattle continued to graze stalk fields with little bother by recent snowfall. Cattle waiting for available stalk fields or on pastures have been receiving supplemental feed. Winter supplies of hay and forage were rated at 4% short, 73% adequate, and 23% surplus. Feedlots were muddy and stressing cattle. Freezing temperatures over the weekend will firm up feedlots.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF DECEMBER 6, 1992	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% corn harvested	88	72	82	82	84	76	94	89	84	74	100	100
% sorghum harvested	0	97	97	98	93	90	98	94	93	89	100	100
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF DECEMBER 4, 1992												
Days suitable	1.7	5.8	6.1	6.0	6.2	5.7	5.5	4.0	5.4	2.7	2.1	
Topsoil moisture - Short (Percent)	10	12	5	17	0	50	0	0	8	7	24	
- Adequate	90	88	70	83	60	50	100	50	72	66	71	
- Surplus	0	0	25	0	40	0	0	50	20	27	5	
Subsoil moisture - Short (Percent)	40	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	68	
- Adequate	60	88	85	100	90	100	100	79	86	84	32	
- Surplus	0	0	15	0	10	0	0	21	8	10	0	

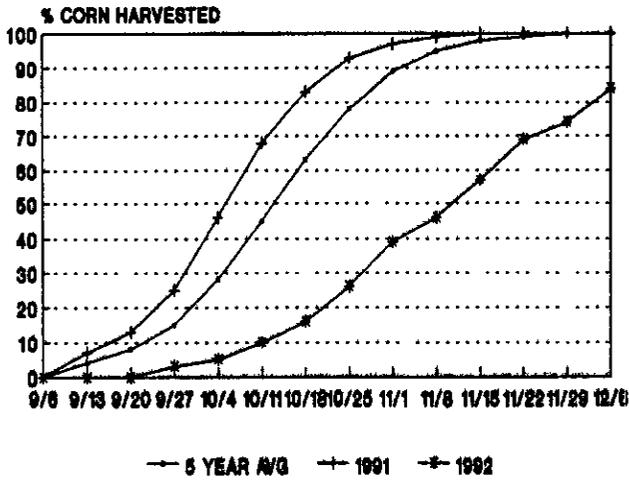
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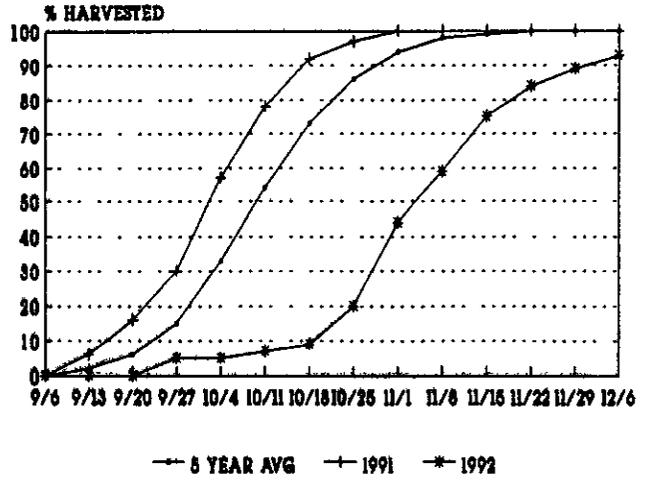
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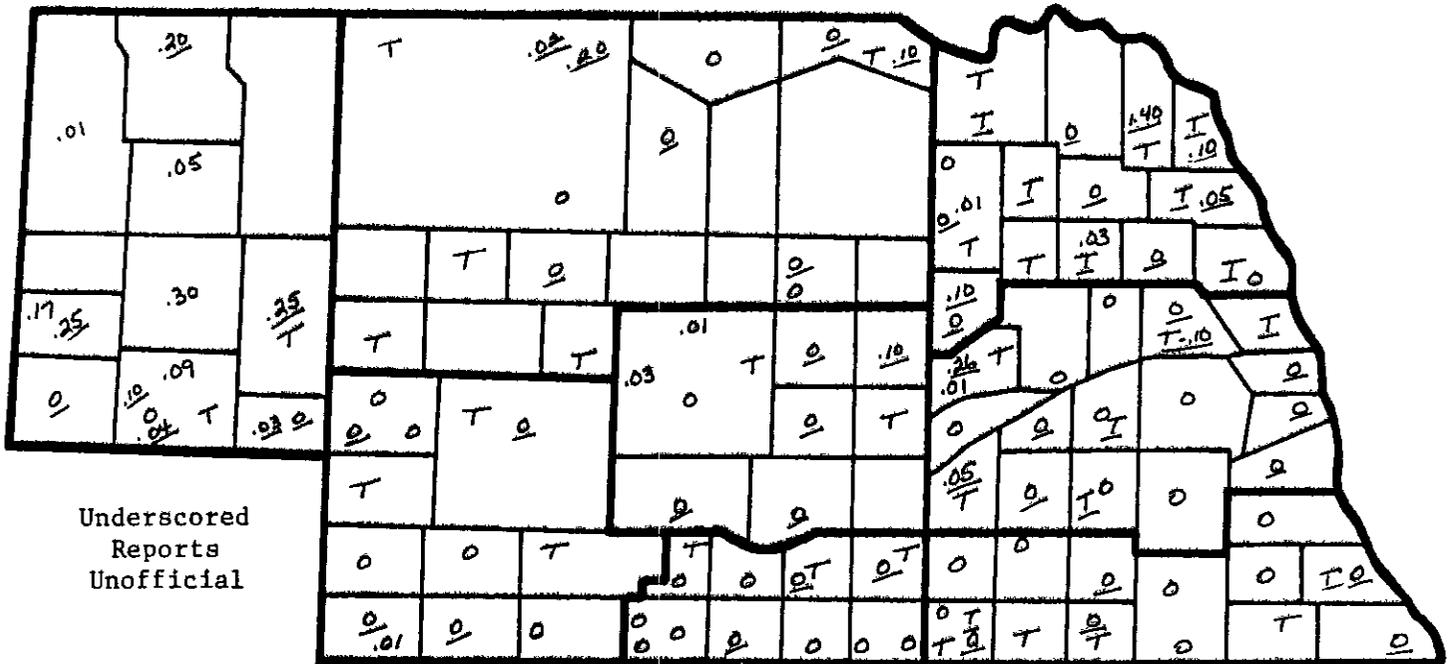
PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

SORGHUM HARVESTED



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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1992



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1992

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches ^{1/}
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	40	-8	21	---	.03
Scottsbluff	37	-13	18	-12	.37
Sidney	38	-6	20	---	T
NC Valentine	41	-1	22	-6	.02
NE Norfolk	46	8	27	-1	.39
Sioux City	47	4	28	0	T
CEN Grand Island	44	9	27	-4	.22
Ord	44	5	27	---	0
EC Lincoln	46	8	27	-4	.09
Omaha	45	9	29	-1	.21
SW Imperial	43	10	24	---	0
North Platte	45	1	23	-6	.08

^{1/} Precipitation totals not included in map above.