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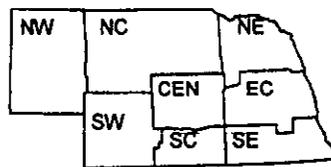
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WEATHER

The week was dry with temperatures near normals across the State. Temperatures for the entire State averaged three degrees or less above the normals. Little or no precipitation was reported during the week.

GENERAL

A week of light precipitation and near normal temperatures pushed spring planted crops toward maturity and dropped the green flag on the fall harvest season, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. By week's end, harvest activities were in full swing for soybeans, while corn and sorghum harvest were limited due to high grain moisture level. Wheat seeding and dry bean harvest were nearing completion in the west. Other fieldwork activities included harvesting corn silage, millet and potatoes, and general harvest preparations.

CROPS

The all corn condition rated 1% very poor, 2% poor, 11% fair, 57% good, and 29% excellent. Irrigated corn rated 88% good or excellent and dryland corn rated 85% good or excellent. Dry weather last week assisted crop dry down, although most corn remained too wet for harvest. Fields reaching maturity were at 91%, same as last year and 89% average. Corn grain harvest was 7% complete, equal to last year but behind 20% average.

Soybean condition rated 1% poor, 15% fair, 52% good, and 32% excellent. Statewide, 94% of the acreage was

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dropping leaves by week's end, compared to 95% last year and 96% average. Soybean harvest was 22% complete to date, compared with 18% last year, and 45% average.

Sorghum condition rated 1% very poor, 19% fair, 52% good, and 28% excellent. Fields reaching maturity were at 75%, compared with 82% last year and 77% average. Grain harvest was 2% complete, compared with 9% last year and 22% average.

Dry beans harvest advanced to 90% as of Sunday. This compares with 76% last year.

Alfalfa condition rated 1% very poor, 4% poor, 30% fair, 56% good, and 9% excellent. Fourth cutting advanced to 61% harvested to date. This compares to 71% last year.

Winter wheat seeding progressed to 88% statewide, compared with 90% last year and 94% average. Emergence of the crop was 49%, compared to 65% last year and 72% average. Producers in parts of the south and southwest were finally able to enter the fields last week after wet weather delayed planting. Producers were concerned about later plantings developing sufficient growth before entering dormancy.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range condition rated 5% poor, 16% fair, 53% good and 26% excellent. Cattle were doing well on pastures, with a few being moved to stalks. Producers were weaning and working with calves.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 6, 1996	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS									STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE					
% Corn Mature	87	97	90	85	94	91	90	92	91	67	91	89	
% Corn Harvested	1	10	7	8	6	5	8	10	7	3	7	20	
% Soybeans Dropping Leaves	n/a	62	92	98	94	94	95	96	94	64	95	96	
% Soybeans Harvested	n/a	13	17	25	27	15	36	21	22	2	18	45	
% Sorghum Mature	n/a	93	94	73	84	64	52	80	75	48	82	77	
% Sorghum Harvested	n/a	13	13	0	0	1	5	2	2	n/a	9	22	
% Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	76	73	50	60	75	55	60	55	61	37	71	n/a	
% Dry Beans Harvested	89	98	98	70	n/a	95	n/a	n/a	90	74	76	n/a	
% Wheat Sown	94	90	85	96	92	79	89	87	88	56	90	94	
% Wheat Emerged	73	50	44	56	34	25	27	41	49	36	65	72	
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 4, 1996													
Days suitable	6.5	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.4	6.2	6.6	6.7	6.6	3.3	4.0		
Topsail moisture - Very Short (Percent)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
- Short	2	0	0	14	15	0	0	0	4	1	9		
- Adequate	89	100	99	83	82	91	94	100	93	85	72		
- Surplus	9	0	1	3	3	9	6	0	3	14	16		
Subsoil moisture - Very Short (Percent)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	
- Short	2	0	3	12	7	0	4	9	5	4	32		
- Adequate	97	99	96	83	88	85	92	91	92	91	58		
- Surplus	1	1	1	5	5	15	4	0	3	5	5		

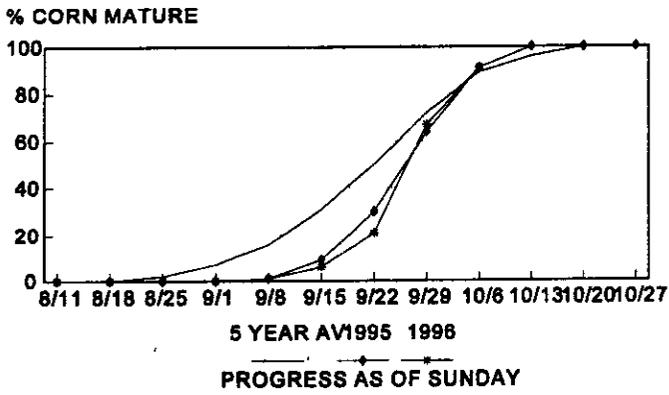
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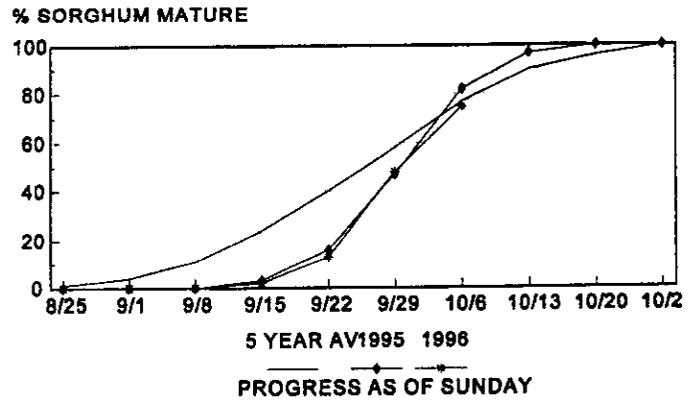
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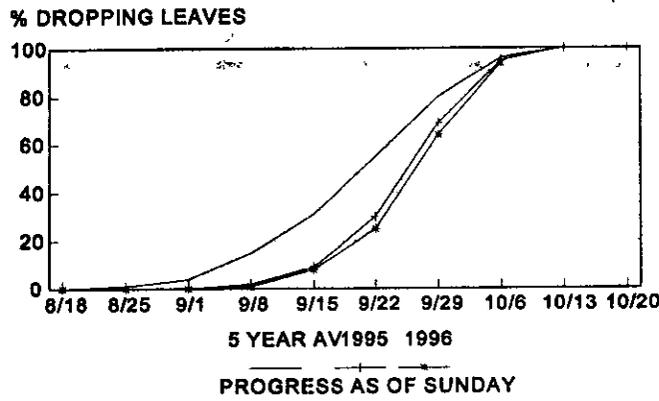
CORN MATURE



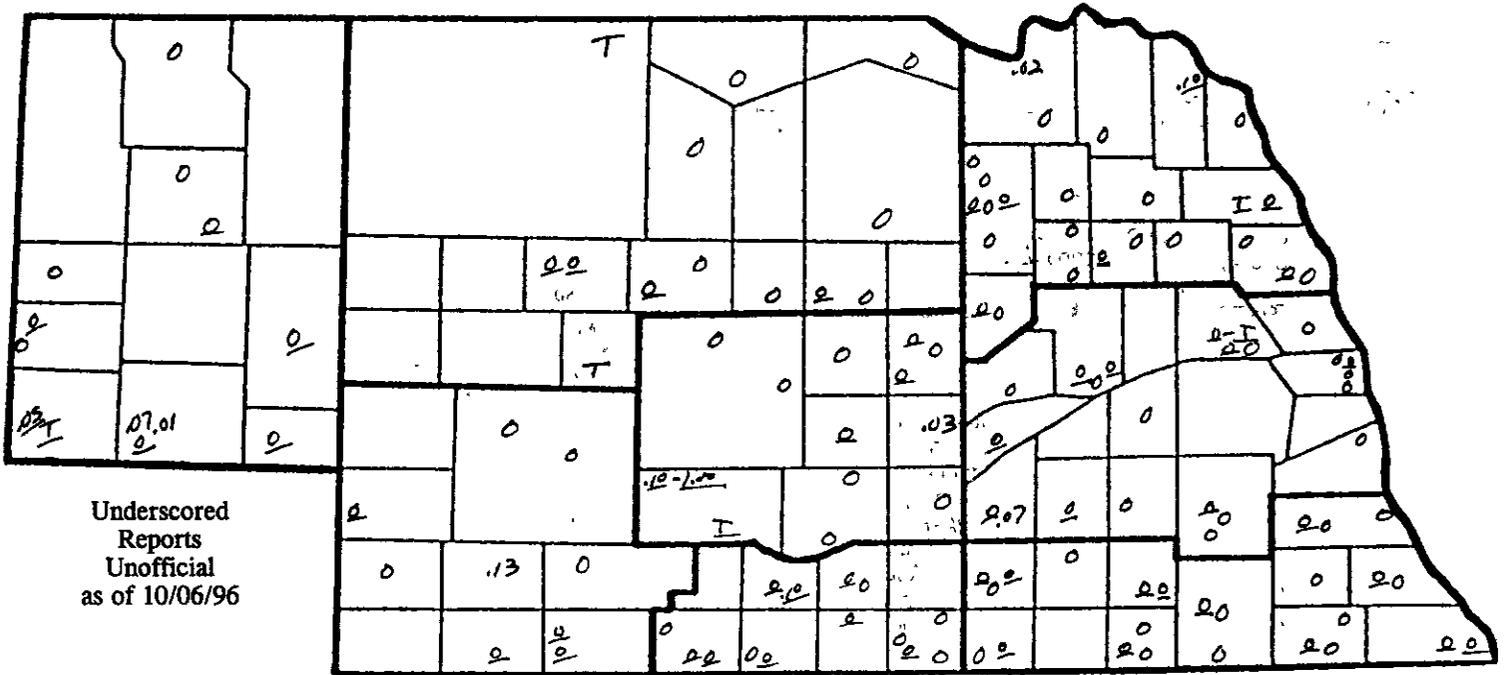
SORGHUM MATURE



SOYBEANS DROPPING LEAVES



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1996



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1996

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	89	37	59	---	0
Scottsbluff	88	37	58	+3	0
Sidney	87	36	58	---	.01
NC Valentine	88	33	58	+3	T
NE Norfolk	83	33	59	+2	0
Sioux City	83	30	58	0	0
CEN Grand Island	83	37	60	+2	0
Ord	82	30	56	---	0
EC Lincoln	80	35	59	0	0
Omaha	82	38	59	0	0
SW Imperial	88	33	57	---	0
North Platte	85	30	57	+2	0