

NEBRASKA WEATHER & CROPS



For Week Ending October 20, 1996

Issue: 32-96

Phone: (402) 437-5541

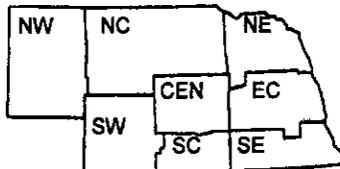
P.O. Box 81069

Released: 10/21/96 - 3:00 p.m.

Location: 273 Federal Bldg.

Lincoln, NE 68501

National Agricultural Statistics Service
U S Department of Agriculture
and U S Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admn.
National Weather Service



Nebraska Department of Agriculture
Division of Agr'l. Statistics
Cooperative Extension Service
Institute of Agriculture
and Natural Resources--UN-L

WEATHER

Temperatures across the State varied from one degree below normals in the northwest to nine degrees above in the east central. Precipitation ranged from traces to nearly two and one-half inches.

GENERAL

Soybean harvest continued in full swing last week and was near completion by week's end, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn and sorghum harvest continued to be limited due to high grain moisture levels and producers' focus on soybeans. Other fieldwork activities included harvesting millet, sugar beets and potatoes, and working cattle.

CROPS

Corn grain harvest ended the week at 22% complete, compared to 31% last year and 42% average. Dry weather last week continued to aid crop dry down, although most corn

CROPS (Cont.)

remained too wet for harvest. As producers waited for grain dry down, windy conditions resulted in stalk lodging and some limited ear droppage due to stalk rot and corn borer damage.

Soybean harvest rated 91% combined by week's end, ahead of last year's 76%, and the average of 85%.

The sorghum for grain crop rated 93% at the mature or later stage, compared with 100% last year and 97% average. Grain harvest was 15% complete, compared with 62% last year and 49% average. High moisture content in grain continued to delay some sorghum harvest.

Winter wheat condition rated 2% poor, 27% fair, 62% good, and 9% excellent. Emergence of the crop was 91%, compared to 93% last year and 94% average.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range condition rated 4% poor, 25% fair, 58% good, and 13% excellent. Cattle continued to do well on pastures, with a few being moved to stalks. Producers were weaning and working calves. Feeder calf runs at sale barns began picking up last week.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 20, 1996	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Harvested	22	25	21	19	23	20	22	27	22	13	31	42
% Soybeans Harvested	n/a	79	92	90	90	89	95	95	91	64	76	85
% Sorghum Mature	n/a	100	100	95	94	99	90	90	93	84	100	97
% Sorghum Harvested	n/a	36	33	18	16	8	18	13	15	8	62	49
% Wheat Emerged	97	87	81	96	85	85	93	74	91	73	93	94
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 18, 1996												
Days suitable	6.1	5.2	5.8	6.7	7.0	6.5	7.0	6.9	6.3	6.5	7.0	
Topsoil moisture - Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	
(Percent) - Short	3	3	19	28	45	2	5	4	15	16	37	
- Adequate	97	97	76	71	55	89	93	96	83	79	58	
- Surplus	0	0	5	1	0	9	2	0	2	2	0	
Subsoil moisture - Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	
(Percent) - Short	3	0	4	19	30	1	3	9	9	8	29	
- Adequate	97	100	95	80	69	87	95	81	89	88	66	
- Surplus	0	0	1	1	1	12	2	10	2	4	0	

n/a = not available.

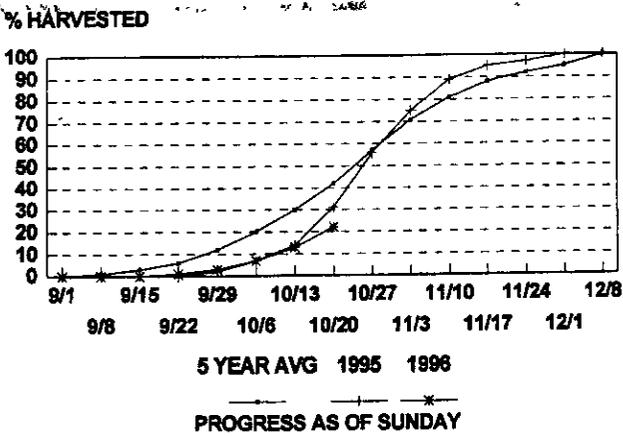
Second Class Postage
Paid at
Lincoln, Nebraska

NEBRASKA WEATHER & CROPS
P.O. Box 81069
Lincoln, NE 68501

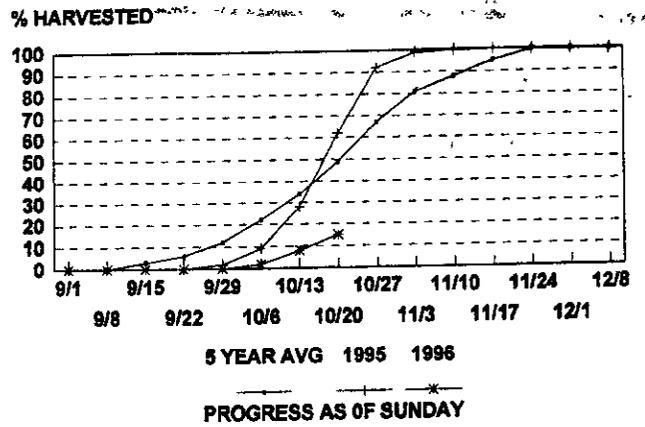
NEBRASKA WEATHER & CROPS (ISSN 0745-0117) is published weekly April-November and monthly December-March by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), 100 Centennial Mall North, Room 273 Federal Building, Lincoln, NE 68508. Subscription is free to survey respondents upon request to NASS, P.O. Box 81069, Lincoln, NE 68501, or by calling (402) 437-5541 and available for \$15.00 per year to non-reporters. It is also available free by polling our FAX at (402) 437-5541 and available for \$15.00 per year to non-reporters. Send address changes to NEBRASKA WEATHER & CROPS, P.O. Box 81069, Lincoln, NE 68501.

Run 100 10-21-96

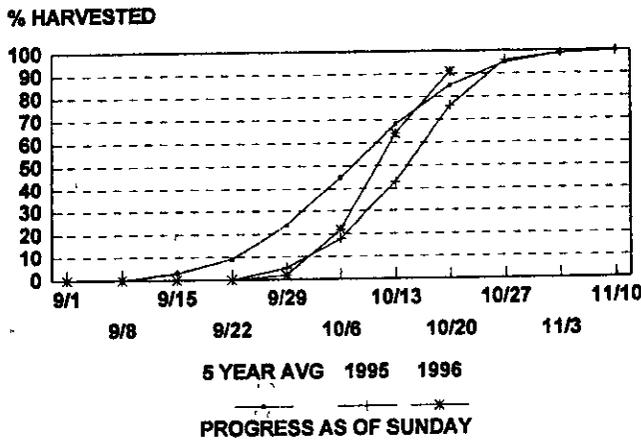
CORN
HARVESTED FOR GRAIN



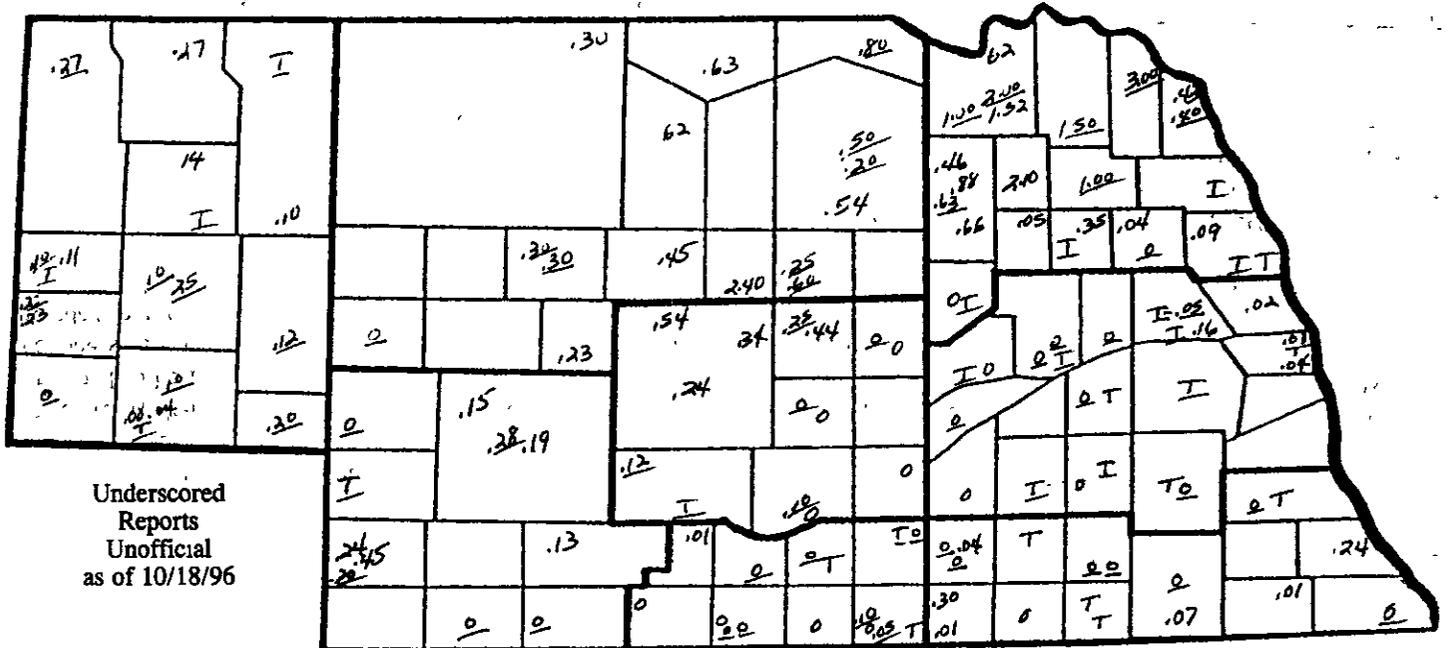
SORGHUM
HARVESTED FOR GRAIN



SOYBEANS
HARVESTED FOR ALL PURPOSES



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1996



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1996

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	84	20	50	---	.27
Scottsbluff	84	16	49	-1	.11
Sidney	82	19	50	---	.04
NC Valentine	84	22	51	+2	.30
NE Norfolk	85	30	57	+5	.05
Sioux City	82	34	58	+6	.43
CEN Grand Island	85	28	58	+5	0
Ord	83	27	53	---	.44
EC Lincoln	84	36	61	+7	T
Omaha	83	36	62	+9	T
SW Imperial	87	21	53	---	.45
North Platte	84	21	51	+1	.19