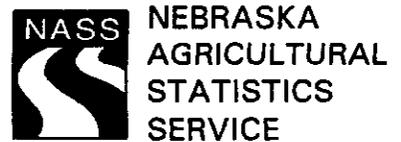


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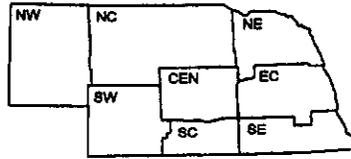
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WEATHER

Temperatures were near normal across the State. Precipitation was widespread with amounts ranging from a trace to over two and a half inches in the Northeast and Southeast.

GENERAL

Cool, wet conditions arrived during the week slowing harvest but giving much needed moisture to winter wheat and pastures, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Although patches of frost were noted in a few low lying portions of northern Nebraska, a killing frost has yet to occur Statewide. Green stems and weeds in soybeans were again making progress slow with a killing frost welcome to make harvest easier. Some producers in Southern counties had finished harvest. In other areas producers were allowing additional time for crops to field dry. Wheat seeding was complete in most portions of the West, while producers in the Southeast, who had been waiting to complete seeding, now have adequate moisture for germination. Soil moisture levels improved, but nearly half of the reporting counties in South Central and Southwestern areas continued to report short or very short supplies. Other producer activities included millet, sugar beet, dry bean and hay harvests, equipment repair, calf weaning and livestock care, and LDP requests at local FSA offices.

CROPS

Corn condition rated 1% very poor, 2% poor, 16% fair, 62% good, and 19% excellent. Dryland corn rated 84% in good or excellent condition and 79% of the irrigated corn rated in those categories. Corn mature was virtually complete, at 97%, well ahead of 83% a year earlier and 84% average.

CROPS (cont.)

Corn harvested for grain moved to 31% complete, 2 weeks ahead of 10% last year and average.

Soybean condition rated 1% poor, 24% fair, 59% good, and 16% excellent. Virtually all the crop, 98%, was dropping leaves, ahead of 97% last year and 92% average. Harvest, at 36% complete, compared to 26% last year and 28% average. Green stems continued to make harvest slow.

Sorghum condition rated 1% poor, 18% fair, 66% good, and 15% excellent. Acreage considered mature was at 94%, well ahead of 85% last year and 73% average. Acreage harvested for grain moved slowly to 13%, near 11% last year and ahead of 9% average.

Dry bean harvest at 82%, was near completion, compared with 85% last year and 82% average.

Alfalfa condition rated 1% very poor, 8% poor, 33% fair, 50% good and 8% excellent. Fourth cutting was 68% complete, compared with 56% last year and 60% average. The recent moisture was expected to increase the chances of winter survival.

Winter Wheat seeding advanced to 91%, just ahead of 90% last year and 88% average. Emergence was at 67%, compared to 65%, last year and 60% average. Emergence was expected to improve with the recent rains, however stands were spotty in parts of the West, with some re-seeding reported.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range conditions showed some improvement with the cooler, moist conditions, and rated 3% very poor, 13% poor, 36% fair, 45% good, and 3% excellent. The rains of the past week, improved dusty conditions in lots.

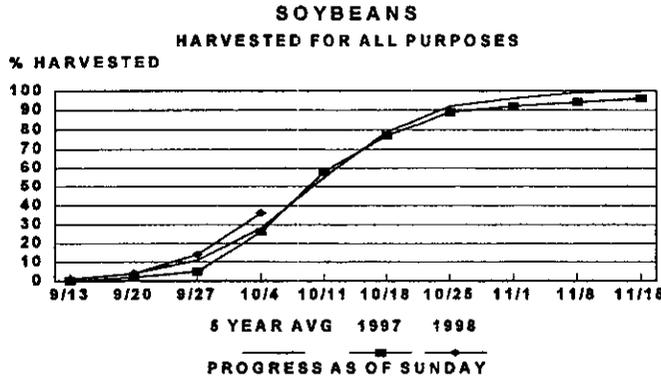
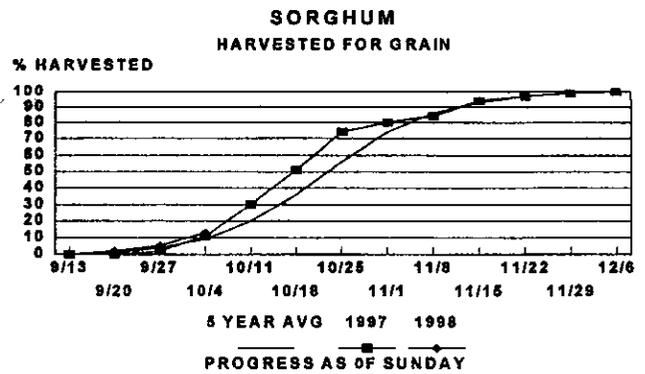
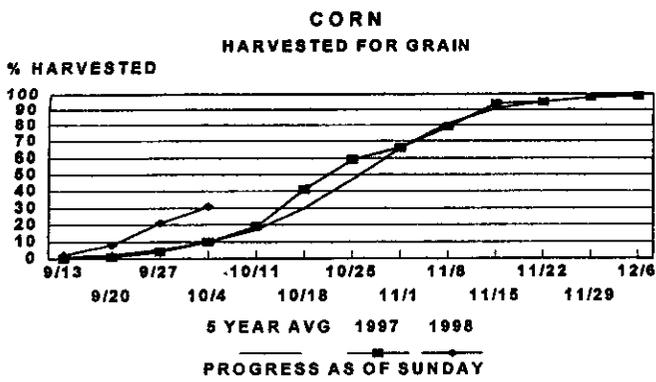
CROP PROGRESS AS OF October 4, 1998	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS									STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE					
% Corn Mature	63	95	98	99	99	93	100	99	97	92	83	84	
% Corn Harvested	7	13	28	32	38	21	37	39	31	21	10	10	
% Soybeans Dropping Leaves	na	100	100	100	94	97	99	99	98	92	97	92	
% Soybeans Harvested	na	14	30	24	47	25	49	34	36	14	26	28	
% Sorghum Mature	na	99	100	97	100	96	83	96	94	89	85	73	
% Sorghum Harvested	na	9	20	12	36	20	6	8	13	5	11	9	
% Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	20	55	57	94	70	74	81	66	68	41	56	60	
% Dry Beans Harvested	78	88	100	na	na	86	na	na	82	73	85	82	
% Wheat Planted	98	100	100	96	76	94	85	33	91	80	90	88	
% Wheat Emerged	87	96	75	36	14	60	30	12	67	46	65	60	
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF October 2, 1998													
Days suitable	5.6	6.0	6.2	5.8	6.0	5.4	5.2	4.4	5.6	5.8	6.7		
Topsoil moisture - Very Short	0	0	6	0	0	20	6	0	5	10	4		
(Percent) - Short	32	7	53	23	31	40	38	6	33	40	27		
- Adequate	68	93	40	70	68	40	56	94	61	50	69		
- Surplus	0	0	1	7	1	0	0	0	1	0	0		
Subsoil moisture - Very Short	0	0	5	0	7	33	11	0	8	8	6		
(Percent) - Short	25	47	45	43	43	33	51	29	39	35	34		
- Adequate	75	53	49	56	50	34	38	72	53	57	60		
- Surplus	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

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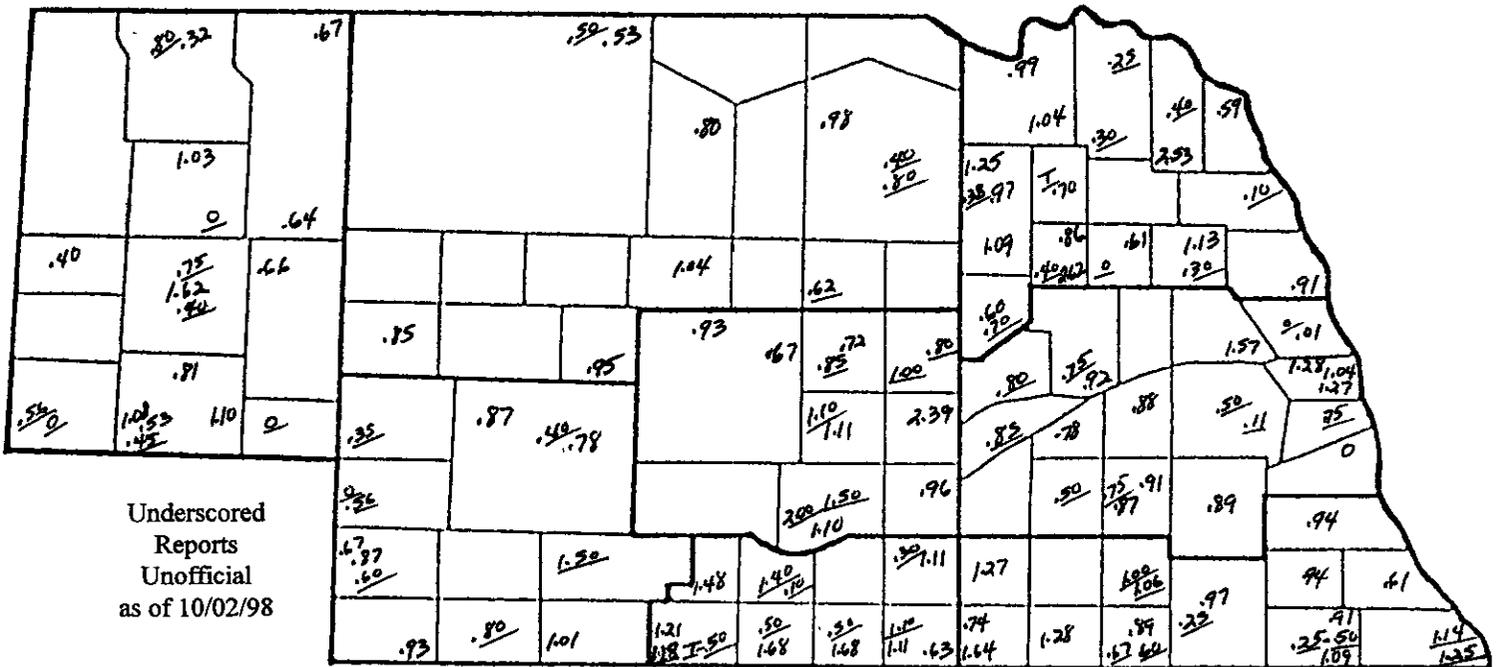
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1998



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1998

Station	Temperature				Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches	
	Max	Min				
NW	Chadron	87	40	55	---	.32
	Scottsbluff	87	38	54	-2	.40
	Sidney	88	37	54	---	.53
NC	Valentine	88	40	55	0	.53
NE	Norfolk	86	33	58	0	.86
	Sioux City	87	33	59	+1	.59
CEN	Grand Island	89	42	59	+1	.96
	Ord	86	39	56	---	.72
EC	Lincoln	86	41	61	+1	.89
	Omaha	91	40	61	+1	1.04
SW	Imperial	91	36	57	---	.87
	North Platte	88	39	55	-1	.78