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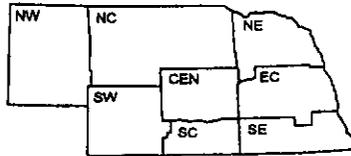
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## WEATHER

Temperatures for the week averaged near normals to one to three degrees above. Precipitation was light across the State, with amounts ranging from traces to less than a half inch in the West.

## GENERAL

Corn harvest activities were showing signs of completion in the South by weeks end, and as of Sunday, soybean harvest was nearing completion Statewide, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. A hard killing frost had not yet occurred in many areas. Sorghum harvest was over three-fourths complete in the Southeast, and sugar beet harvest was winding down in the West. Producers, with harvest complete, were giving attention to fall tillage and fertilizer operations and fencing stalk fields in preparation for livestock. Long lines were reported at elevators. Other producer activities included calf weaning and fall health programs for livestock, moving hay, LDP requests, and livestock care.

## CROPS

Corn for grain harvest was 75% complete, ten days ahead of 60% last year and 48% average. Progress was 90%

## CROPS (cont.)

complete in South Central counties, while over 50% was harvested in all but the Panhandle.

Soybean harvest was nearing completion at 87%, behind both 89% last year and 91% average. Producers with acreage remaining for harvest were looking for a killing frost to aid combining

Sorghum harvest moved to 76%, just ahead of 75% last year but full week ahead of 56% average.

Alfalfa condition improved and rated 3% poor, 26% fair, 67% good and 4% excellent.

Winter Wheat condition showed improvement as well, and rated 1% very poor, 1% poor, 26% fair, 63% good and 9% excellent. Emergence was at 96%, behind 98% last year and average

## LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range conditions continued to improve and rated 4% very poor, 10% poor, 28% fair, 55% good, and 3% excellent. The mild fall conditions have been excellent for livestock. Cattle movement was occurring with some feedlots near capacity. Livestock were being turned into stalk fields, calves were being weaned and fall health programs were underway.

CROP PROGRESS AS OF October 25, 1998	AGRICULTURAL ST.					DISTRICTS			STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVE R- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Harvested	45	59	66	77	83	58	90	86	75	63	60	48
% Soybeans Harvested	na	85	83	82	90	93	97	87	87	78	89	91
% Sorghum Harvested	na	67	65	67	72	73	67	80	76	60	75	56
% Wheat Emerged	99	97	na	91	86	99	88	76	96	91	98	98

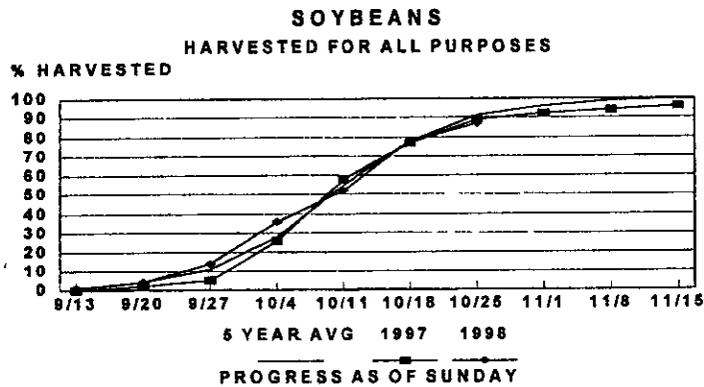
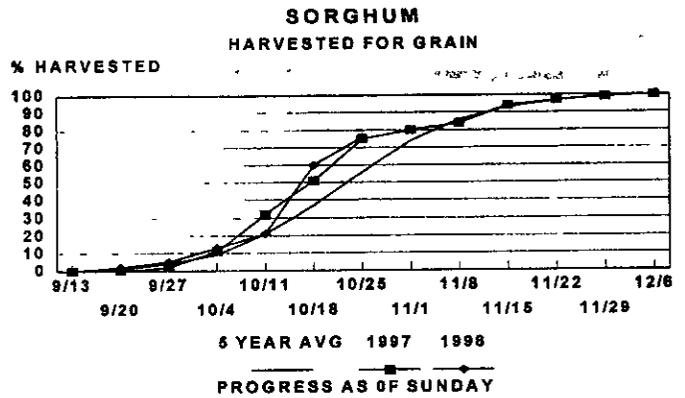
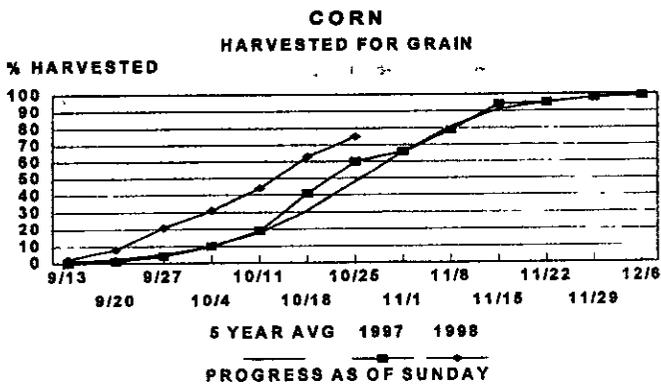
## DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF October 23, 1998

	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days suitable	6.3	5.8	5.8	6.3	6.5	6.9	6.8	5.7	6.2	6.3	6.2
Topsoil - Very Short	0	2	0	0	0	17	0	0	2	2	2
(Percent) - Short	6	25	11	20	20	40	44	24	22	17	18
- Adequate	94	73	88	79	80	43	56	76	76	80	72
- Surplus	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
Subsoil - Very Short	0	13	0	0	0	23	3	8	5	5	7
(Percent) - Short	8	36	11	19	20	39	44	18	23	22	26
- Adequate	92	51	88	80	80	38	53	74	72	72	65
- Surplus	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2

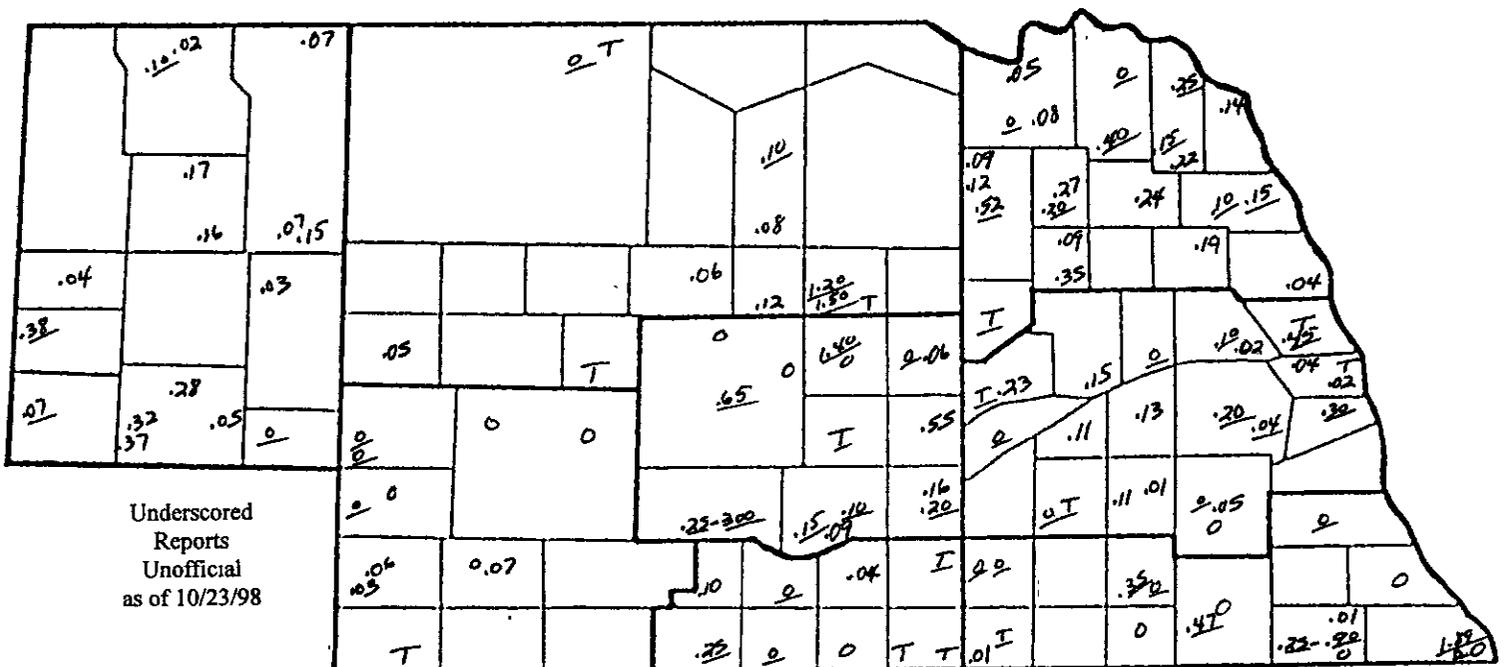
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**PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1998**



**TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1998**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches	
	Max	Min				
NW	Chadron	73	28	50	---	.02
	Scottsbluff	72	26	49	+1	.04
	Sidney	71	25	48	---	.32
NC	Valentine	76	28	50	+3	T
NE	Norfolk	72	32	52	+3	.09
	Sioux City	71	33	50	0	.14
CEN	Grand Island	70	32	52	+2	.16
	Ord	72	28	52	---	0
EC	Lincoln	68	32	52	0	.05
	Omaha	68	35	52	+1	T
SW	Imperial	73	27	52	---	.06
	North Platte	69	24	48	-0	0