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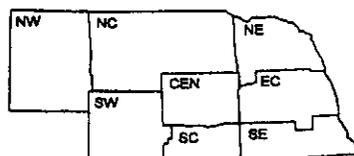
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WEATHER

Temperatures across Nebraska averaged three to six degrees above normals for the week. Precipitation was light across the State with amounts ranging from traces to twenty-one hundredths of an inch at Taylor

GENERAL

Dry conditions continued across most of the State bringing fall harvest near completion, but concerns to producers, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Wheat fields were under extreme stress due to the lack of moisture with germination being spotty. Fall fertilizing was being delayed because of dry soil conditions. Ponds were drying up and concerns of water for cattle was increasing. Dust was a health problem for weaned calves as well as the spread in the high and low temperatures. Fire hazards was an issue to producers in many counties because of recent losses of combines and pickups, along with grass and stubble fires. Other activities included moving and marketing grain, fall tilling, preparing for the winter, building fences, and weaning calves.

CROPS

Corn harvest reached 87%, ahead of 82% last year and 70% average. Corn was being stored in alternative sites due to a shortage of space in some local elevators.

Soybean harvest was virtually complete at 99%, above 91% last year and 95% average.

Sorghum harvest rated 87% complete, just ahead of 85% last year and 78% average.

Wheat acreage emerged rated 98%, slightly below 99% last year and average. Wheat conditions rated 5% very poor, 10% poor, 26% fair, 50% good, 9% excellent.

Proso Millet harvest was near completion at 98%.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range conditions rated 14% very poor, 19% poor, 38% fair, 26% good, and 3% excellent. Cattle continued to graze corn stalks. Many cow-calf pairs were being moved off grass for weaning. Preconditioning of calves was also occurring.

CROP PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1999	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Soybeans Harvested	n/a	100	100	98	99	99	99	100	99	96	91	95
% Corn Harvested	63	95	91	95	92	60	92	94	87	74	82	70
% Sorghum Harvested	n/a	76	100	85	94	64	80	90	87	66	85	78
% Proso Millet Harvested	96	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	100	n/a	n/a	98	96	n/a	n/a
% Wheat Emerged	99	100	97	95	88	100	98	60	98	96	99	99

DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 29, 1999

	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
Days suitable	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	4.5	
Topsoil moisture - Very (Percent)	1	23	62	21	51	7	40	76	39	30	3	
- Short	47	42	36	67	42	48	56	24	43	39	14	
- Adequate	52	35	2	12	7	45	4	0	18	31	81	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Subsoil moisture - Very (Percent)	1	20	33	18	26	4	21	74	27	19	3	
- Short	9	26	50	50	57	31	53	26	38	37	17	
- Adequate	90	54	17	32	17	65	26	0	35	44	79	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	

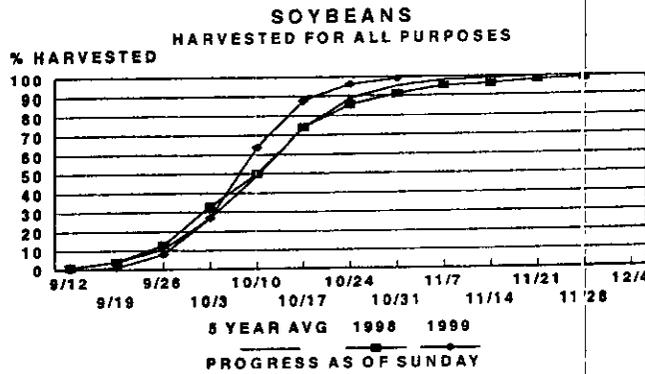
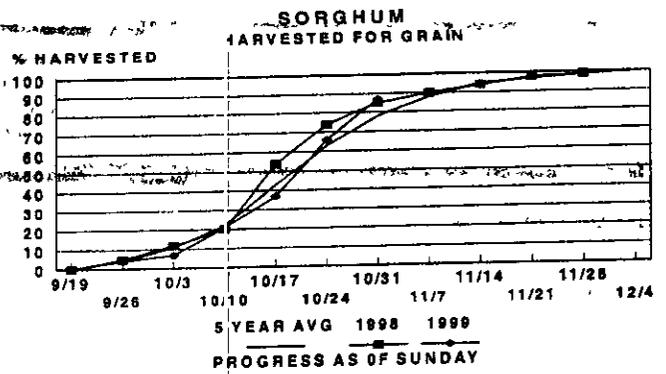
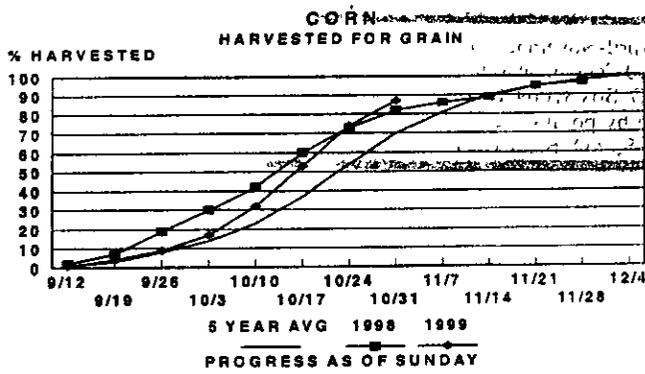
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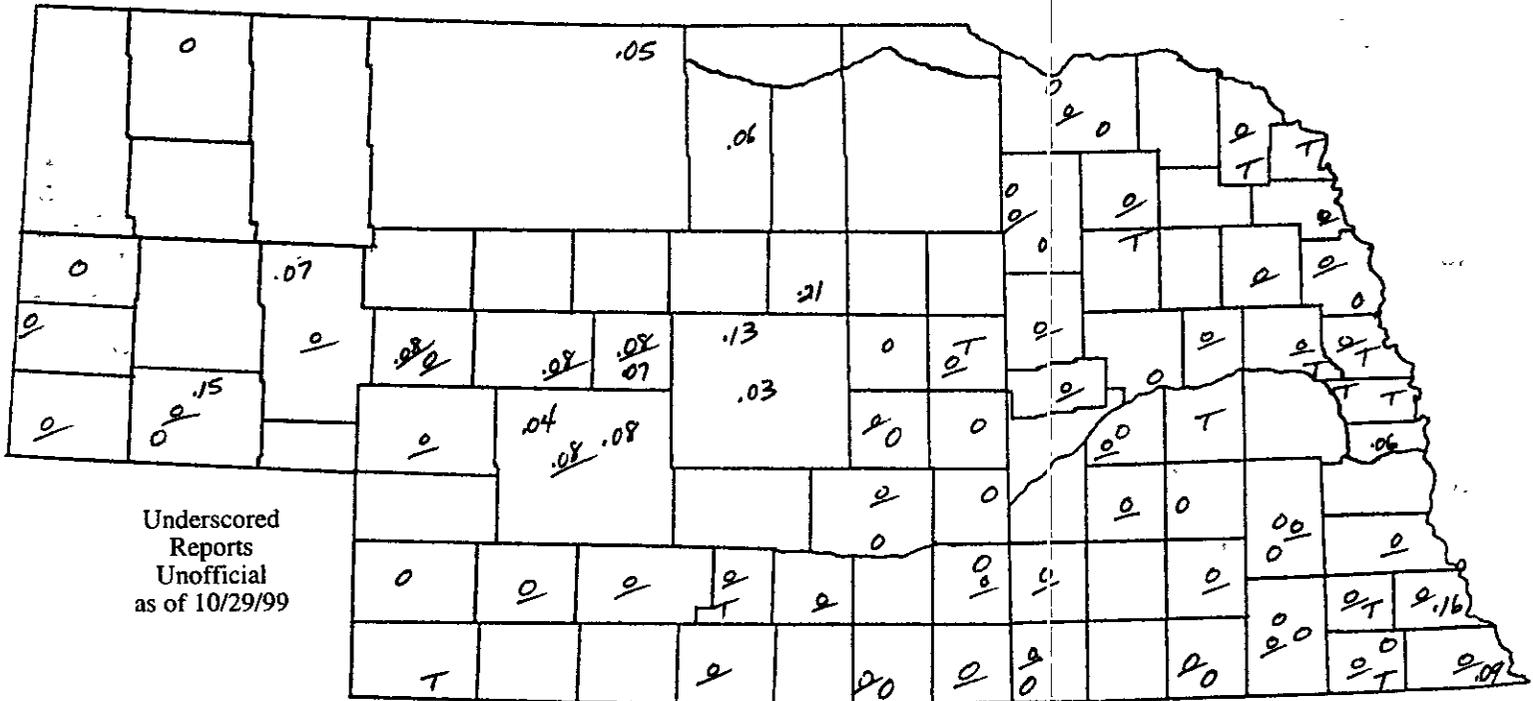
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1999



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1999

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	81	20	51	---	0
Scottsbluff	79	22	49	+4	0
Sidney	80	20	49	---	0
NC Valentine	80	18	50	+6	.05
NE Norfolk	86	23	50	+4	T
Sioux City	86	18	50	+3	T
CEN Grand Island	84	28	52	+4	0
Ord	82	30	51	---	0
EC Lincoln	86	20	52	+3	0
Omaha	84	23	53	+5	T
SW Imperial	82	25	52	---	0
North Platte	82	22	49	+4	.08