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**Agricultural Summary:** For the week ending October 24, 2004, soybean harvest continued to make normal progress although corn and grain sorghum remain behind normal, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn harvest has been slowed in many areas as producers wait for additional field dry down. Producer activities this past week centered around fall harvest.

**Weather Summary:** Temperatures for the week ranged from 2 to 6 degrees above normals. Precipitation was statewide but scattered and light, with larger amounts limited to the western half of the state.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:  
Nebraska, Week Ending October 24, 2004**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Topsoil</b>				
Very Short	12	11	34	28
Short	26	29	39	33
Adequate	61	59	27	38
Surplus	1	1	0	1
<b>Subsoil</b>				
Very Short	30	31	49	42
Short	32	35	39	31
Adequate	38	34	12	27
Surplus	0	0	0	0
<b>Days Suitable</b>	5.2	5.5	6.6	6.1

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 14 fair, 47 good, and 33 excellent. Irrigated fields rated 87 percent good and excellent while dryland fields rated 71. Harvest was 45 percent complete, a few days behind last year at 54 and a week and a half behind average at 65.

Soybean harvest was 91 percent complete, near last year at 92 and the same as average.

Sorghum condition rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 33 fair, 40 good, and 14 excellent. Ninety-five percent of the acreage was mature, behind last year and average at 99. Harvest was 43 percent complete, a week behind last year at 60 and a week and a half behind average at 69.

Dry bean harvest was 81 percent harvested, well behind last year at 100 and average at 98.

Wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 36 fair, 53 good, and 9 excellent, above last year and average. Ninety-two percent had emerged, behind last year at 95 and average at 94.

Alfalfa conditions rated 9 percent very poor, 19 poor, 28 fair, 35 good, and 9 excellent, above last year and average. Fourth cutting activities were 93 percent harvested, behind last year at 99 and average at 97.

**Crop Progress:  
Nebraska, Week Ending October 24, 2004**

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Alfalfa 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	93	89	99	97
Corn Harvested	45	31	54	65
Sorghum Mature	95	89	99	99
Sorghum Harvested	43	30	60	69
Soybeans Harvested	91	80	92	91
Wheat Emerged	92	85	95	94

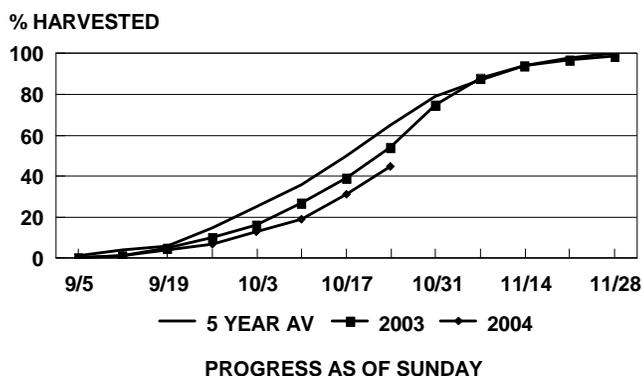
**Crop Condition:  
Nebraska, Week Ending October 24, 2004**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Alfalfa	9	19	28	35	9
Corn	2	4	14	47	33
Sorghum	3	10	33	40	14
Wheat	0	2	36	53	9

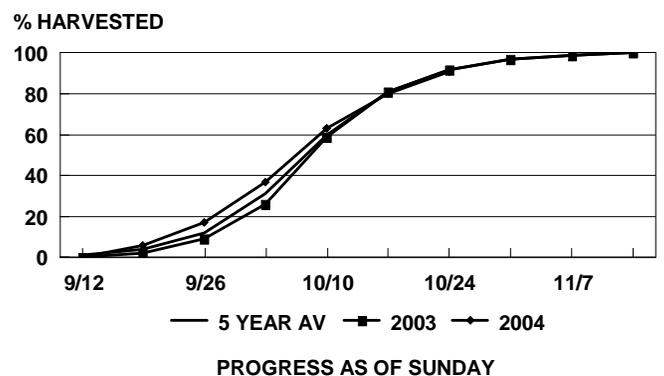
**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range condition rated 15 percent very poor, 22 poor, 36 fair, 26 good, and 1 excellent, above a year ago and average. Cattle were being moved to stalk fields as they became available.

*This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: [http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts\\_cur.htm](http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm). For those receiving an e-mail text version of this publication, a complete version including crop progress charts and precipitation maps can be found at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/2004.htm>.*

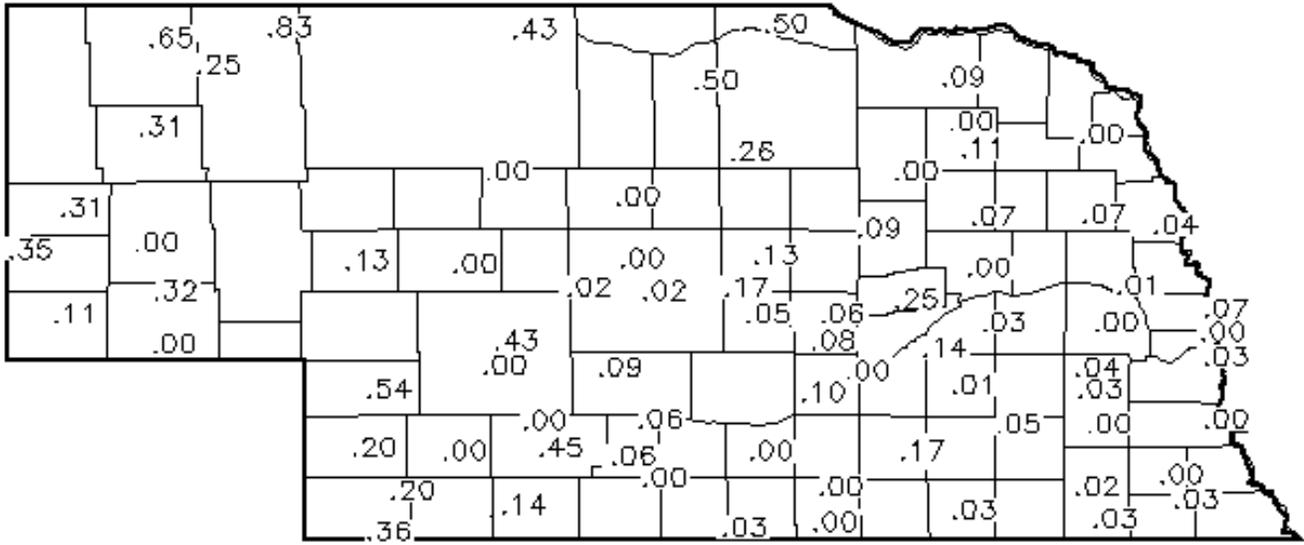
**CORN**



**SOYBEANS**



**Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending October 24, 2004**



**Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 - October 24, 2004**

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week 1	.34	.30	.06	.06	.08	.25	.02	.04
Total since April 1	14.87	18.82	20.94	19.32	18.31	19.87	19.84	19.33
Normal since April 1	13.72	17.65	20.73	19.43	22.79	16.43	19.23	23.94
Total as % of normal	107%	106%	101%	99%	80%	121%	103%	81%

Source: High Plains Climate Center data as of 8:00 a.m.

**Temperature, By Location, Nebraska,  
Week Ending Sunday, October 24, 2004**

Station	Temperature				
	Extremes		Average	Departure	
	High	Low			
NW	Alliance	68	32	49	+3
	Scottsbluff	69	34	51	+5
	Sidney	68	33	50	+3
NC	Ainsworth	68	34	51	+2
	Arthur	65	36	50	+2
	O'Neill	76	39	52	+3
NE	Concord	77	37	53	+3
	Elgin	75	40	53	+3
	West Point	76	35	54	+3
C	Grand Island	75	42	54	+5
	Lexington	76	38	55	+6
	Ord	76	32	53	+3
EC	Lincoln	81	38	57	+5
	Central City	76	36	53	+3
	Mead	80	34	55	+4
SW	Champion	72	32	53	+4
	North Platte	73	33	53	+5
	Curtis	78	37	54	+5
SC	Smithfield	76	38	54	+5
	Minden	75	39	55	+6
	Red Cloud	76	39	55	+5
SE	Beatrice	81	39	57	+5
	Clay Center	76	35	54	+4
	Nemaha	80	45	58	+5

Source: High Plains Climate Center.