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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending November 21, 2004, corn and grain sorghum harvest moved ahead but was slowed due to damp conditions, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Another week with precipitation continued to benefit soil moisture profiles. Other producer activities included preparations for winter, putting cattle out on crop residue, and LDP paperwork.

Weather Summary: Temperatures for the week ranged from 3 degrees to 13 degrees above normals. Precipitation was statewide. Amounts received were generally largest in the central portion of the state with a few reports nearing two inches.

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending November 21, 2004**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year ¹	Average ¹
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	3	16		
Short	30	30		
Adequate	63	54		
Surplus	4	0		
Subsoil				
Very Short	28	34		
Short	43	35		
Adequate	29	31		
Surplus	0	0		
Days Suitable	3.9	5.9		

¹ Historic data not available this late in the season.

Field Crops Report: Corn harvest was 90 percent complete, about ten days behind last year and average at 97. Much of the unharvested acreage is located in the Panhandle and southwest counties.

Sorghum harvest was 93 percent complete, also about ten days behind last year at 98 and average at 99.

Wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 30 fair, 54 good, and 14 excellent, above last year and average.

**Crop Progress:
Nebraska, Week Ending November 21, 2004**

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Corn Harvested	90	82	97	97
Sorghum Harvested	93	85	98	99

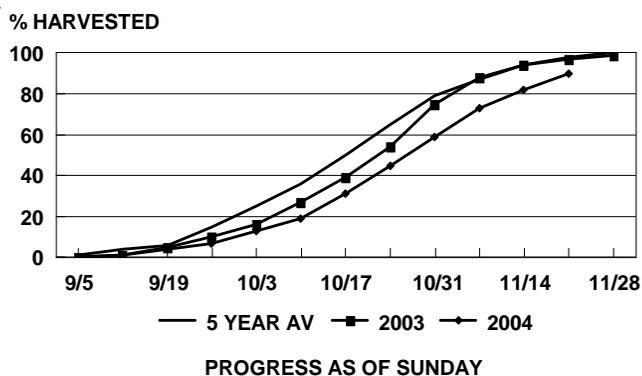
**Crop Condition:
Nebraska, Week Ending November 21, 2004**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat	0	2	30	54	14

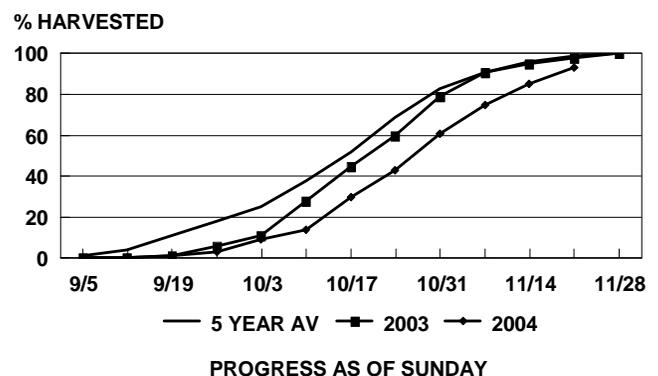
Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Cattle are being turned out to or are on stalk fields gleaning crop residue.

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. 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>.

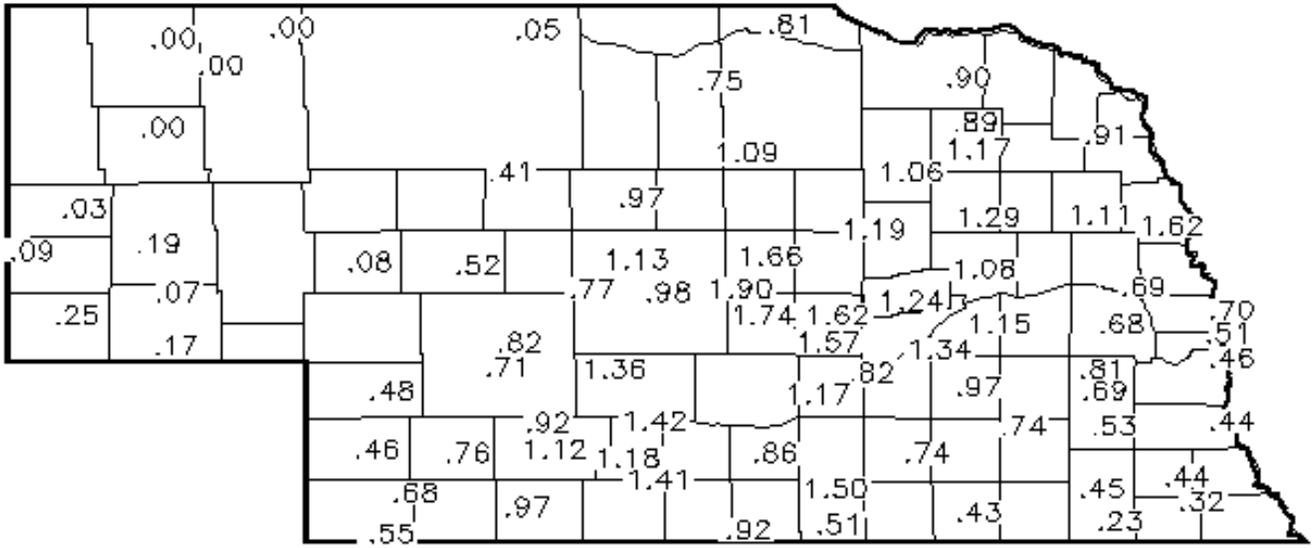
CORN



GRAIN SORGHUM



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending November 21, 2004



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 - November 21, 2004

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week 1	.08	.63	1.12	1.29	.89	.73	1.17	.43
Total since April 1	15.29	19.44	22.57	21.12	20.33	20.89	21.58	20.22
Normal since April 1	14.31	18.53	21.88	20.40	24.16	17.17	20.14	25.42
Total as % of normal	106%	104%	103%	103%	84%	121%	107%	79%

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

**Temperature, By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, November 21, 2004**

Station	Temperature			
	Extremes		Average	Departure
	High	Low		
NW Alliance	65	18	36	+3
NW Scottsbluff	66	17	37	+3
NW Sidney	65	21	37	+3
NC Ainsworth	65	24	41	+6
NC Arthur	65	21	38	+4
NC O'Neill	66	25	42	+7
NE Concord	63	26	42	+7
NE Elgin	61	26	42	+6
NE West Point	65	26	44	+7
C Grand Island	63	30	44	+8
C Lexington	62	28	43	+8
C Ord	60	28	43	+7
EC Lincoln	66	34	50	+12
EC Central City	63	30	44	+9
EC Mead	66	31	48	+10
SW Champion	64	20	39	+4
SW North Platte	64	26	41	+6
SW Curtis	63	28	42	+7
SC Smithfield	61	29	42	+7
SC Minden	63	29	43	+8
SC Red Cloud	67	30	48	+12
SE Beatrice	68	33	49	+11
SE Clay Center	64	28	45	+10
SE Nemaha	70	33	51	+13

Source: High Plains Climate Center.

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