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WEATHER

Temperatures were slightly below normal east and slightly above normal west. Precipitation was scattered and sparse except for some localities in the southeast portion where from one to two inch rainfalls were reported.

CROPS

Nebraska farmers and ranchers main activities this past week were harvesting fall crops and moving cattle to corn and stubble fields. The recent frosts and dry weather have been beneficial to the field drying process of the fall crops. This has therefore hastened the harvesting of corn, milo and soybeans.

Nearly the entire week was suitable for fieldwork during our survey period (October 5-11). Topsoil moisture supplies declined and are short in 99% of the counties reporting as of last Friday. Subsoil moisture supplies are short in all counties reporting. Most county agents report the need for moisture to aid winter wheat and pastures.

Corn harvest is underway throughout the State. Some higher than normal field losses are reported due to fallen stalks caused by stalk rot or early frosts. Yields for corn vary widely between counties and within counties. Nearly 30% has been harvested to date; normal is only 15% by this time. Corn harvested for silage is nearly complete.

Sorghum has been rapidly approaching maturity with present weather conditions. Over 90% is now ripe, compared to the normal of 100%. Over 40% has been harvested to date compared to 30% normal. Some milo hit by early frost has many empty hulls.

Soybeans are also approaching maturity with over 95% mature; normal is 100%. Harvest is in full swing throughout the State. Over 60% has been harvested to date, about 10% above normal.

Wheat seeding is very near completion over the State; normal for this date is 100%. Most counties report the need for moisture. Some counties report spotty stands due to the dryness; others report no sprouting from lack of moisture.

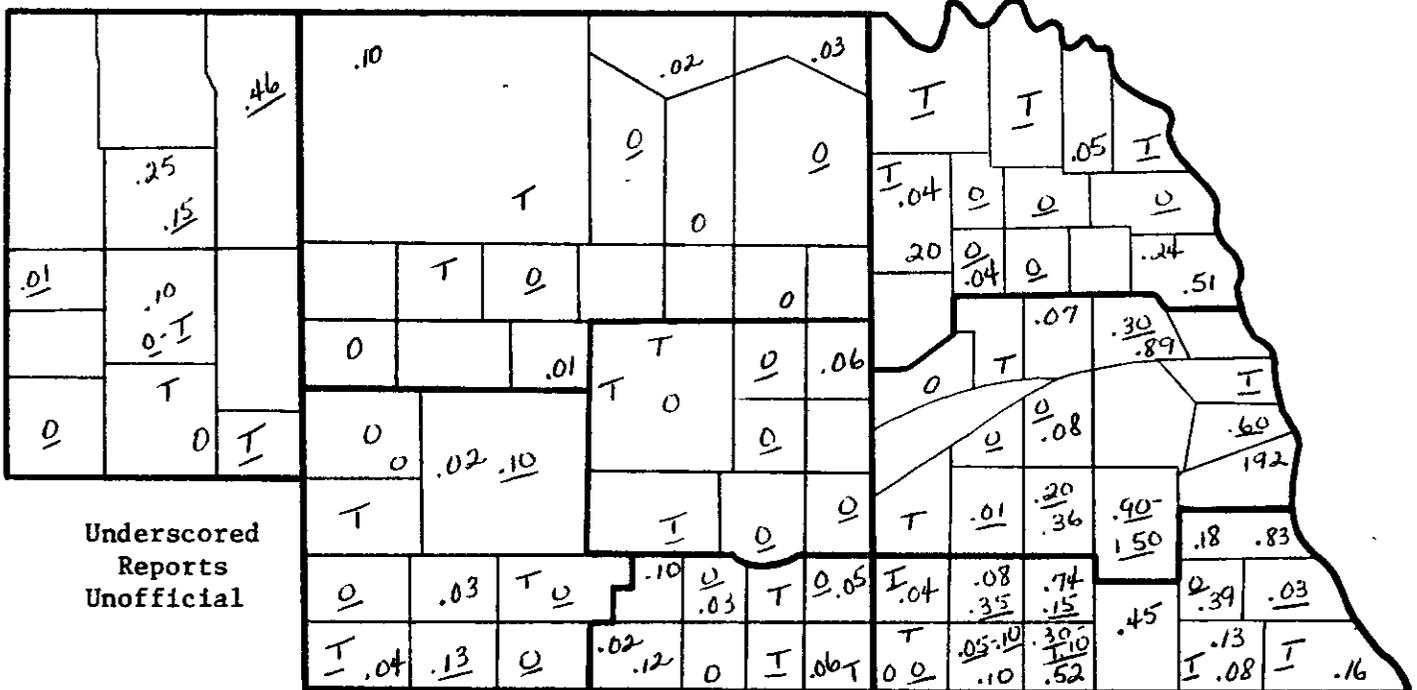
Dry edible bean harvest is nearly completed at this time in western Nebraska. Sugar beet harvest is in full swing. Yields and sugar content appear to be good.

Alfalfa harvest has slowed somewhat with about 80% of the fourth cutting harvested.

LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture feed supplies declined and are now short in all counties reporting. Many are moving cattle to corn and milo stubble fields as soon as possible after harvesting. Cattle on pasture are being supplemented with hay, silage, or other roughage. Some culling is still being done.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1974



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1974

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	84	33	56	--	0
Scottsbluff	82	27	55	+2	.08
Sidney	--	--	--	--	--
NC Burwell	84	27	56	--	0
Valentine	85	31	57	+4	0
NE Norfolk	87	24	55	-1	T
Sioux City	85	23	56	0	.01
CEN Grand Island	86	30	57	0	.01
EC Lincoln	86	31	58	0	.15
Omaha	84	24	54	-5	.10
SW Imperial	84	29	58	--	.03
North Platte	83	29	56	+2	.06

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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