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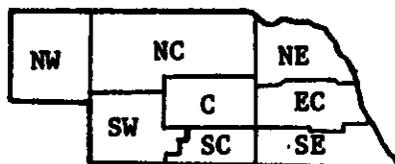
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WEATHER

No measurable precipitation occurred across Nebraska during the past week. Temperatures were about five degrees above normal over the Panhandle, falling to three degrees below normal over the extreme east.

GENERAL

Row crop harvesting showed excellent progress last week as the period of dry, windy weather continued. Nearly a third of the corn and almost half of the soybean crop was in the bin while sorghum harvest advanced to the halfway mark. The western dry bean harvest was virtually completed by the end of the week and limited deliveries by sugar beet growers were underway. With 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork, the winter wheat seeding was virtually completed.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 98% short and 2% adequate. Subsoil moisture rated 89% short and 11% adequate. A year ago, topsoil moisture was 91% short and 9% adequate. Subsoil supplies rated 61% short and 39% adequate.

Supplies of gasoline, LP gas and diesel fuel continued to be rated 85% adequate and 15% surplus.

CROPS

Nebraska's corn crop rated 95% mature by week's end, ahead of both 85% last year and 90% normal. As weather held, harvesting moved quickly to 30% complete, well ahead of 5% last year and 10% normal. Windy conditions during the week caused some additional ear droppage in many insect and disease damaged fields over the eastern half of the State. Dryland corn condition rated mostly fair to poor. Irrigated corn condition rated good to fair. Some late silage cutting was completed last week.

CROPS (Cont.)

Virtually all the soybean acreage was shedding leaves by the end of the week, compared to 95% last year and 90% normal. Harvesting was completed on 40% of the acreage, compared to 45% last year and 25% normal. Soybean condition rated fair to good.

The State's sorghum acreage was virtually all mature by Sunday, compared to 80% last year and 90% normal. Fifty percent of the acreage for grain was harvested, well ahead of 10% last year and 25% normal. Sorghum producers continue to look for a killing frost to mature late season growth present in many remaining fields. The crop condition rated fair to good.

By the end of the week, wheat seeding was practically complete, same as last year but ahead of 90% normal. Although 75% of the crop was emerged, producers continue to look for additional moisture to insure uniform stands and growth in later planted fields.

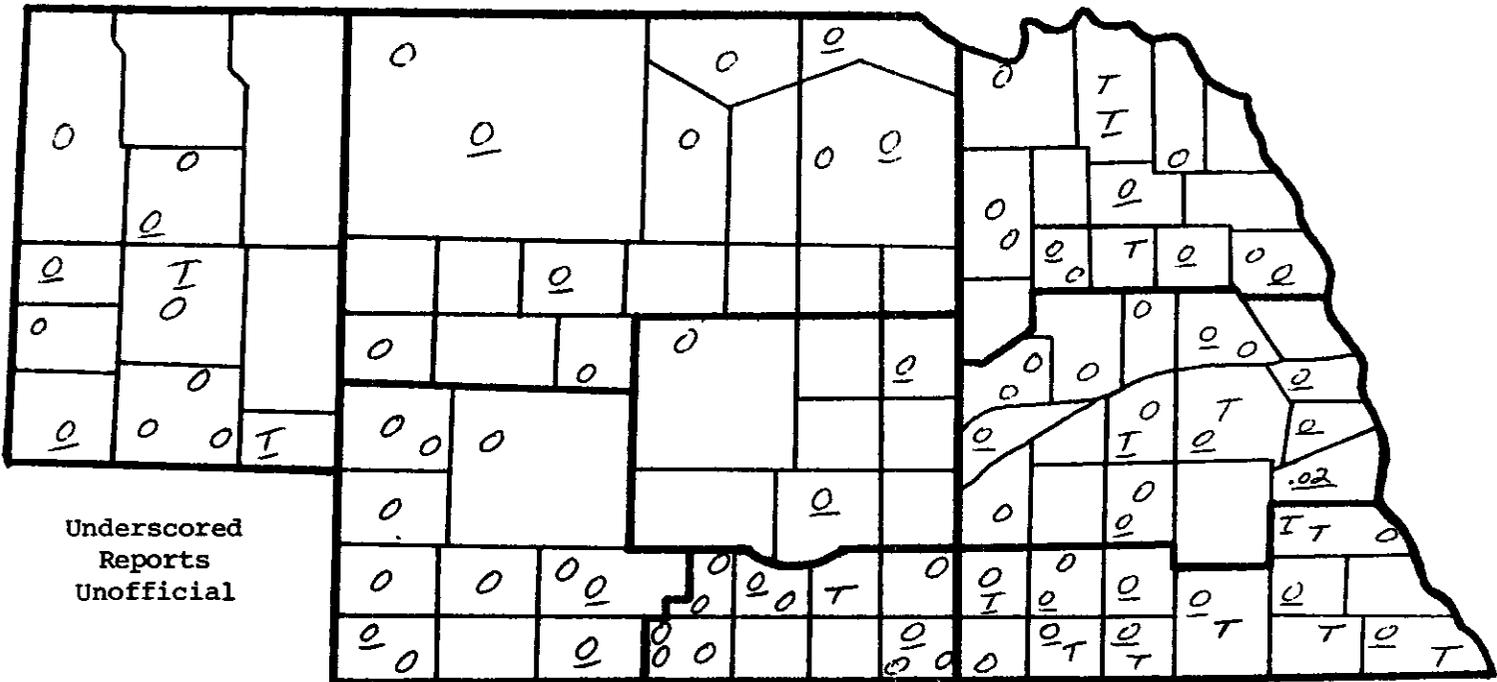
Dry bean harvest wound up last week, with only a few fields left to be cut. Remaining fields will not be harvested until sufficient moisture is received to limit pods from shattering.

Sugar beet harvest has begun on a limited basis with factories opening to receive deliveries last week. Yield expectations appear to be good for the 1980 crop.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies continued to be rated mostly short to adequate. Some livestock are being moved into newly harvested row crop fields. Careful management was required to reduce possible over-feeding because of above normal ear drop in many eastern fields. Feeder cattle movement continues to gain momentum.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1980



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 12:00 A.M. MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1980

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	95	35	61	---	0
Scottsbluff	94	37	62	+6	T
Sidney	91	34	59	---	0
NC Burwell	---	---	---	---	---
Valentine	94	30	57	+1	0
NE Norfolk	87	33	59	+1	T
Sioux City	85	30	55	-4	T
CEN Grand Island	88	32	60	+1	0
EC Lincoln	86	30	59	-1	T
Omaha	86	31	57	-3	T
SW Imperial	88	35	61	---	0
North Platte	89	27	58	+1	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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