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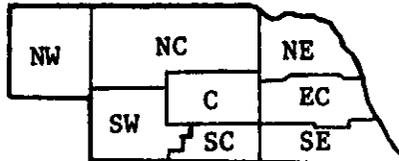
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WEATHER

The beginning of this past week was wet with rain still falling from a dissipating storm system. The heaviest rain occurred in the southeast with amounts of two to three inches common. The remainder of the week was dry. Temperatures averaged one to six degrees above normal.

GENERAL

Wet field conditions halted row crop harvesting operations last week in all but the Panhandle and north central areas of Nebraska. Clearing skies at midweek allowed some activity to resume Thursday and Friday. Most southeastern producers found ground conditions too wet to resume harvesting, with over 90% of the southeastern counties reporting surplus topsoil moisture. Statewide, days suitable for fieldwork were limited to 2.8 days.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 13% short, 55% adequate, and 32% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 24% short and 76% adequate. A year ago, topsoil moisture supplies were 61% short and 39% adequate. Subsoil supplies were 79% short and 21% adequate.

CROPS

Corn harvest moved along slowly to 60% complete compared to 96% last year and 75% normal. Rains made machinery operation difficult in many areas, although this weather allowed time to empty driers and repair equipment. Good harvesting progress was made in the Panhandle and north central counties where drier field conditions prevailed.

Soybean combining was 93% complete, same as normal although behind the 99% progress last year.

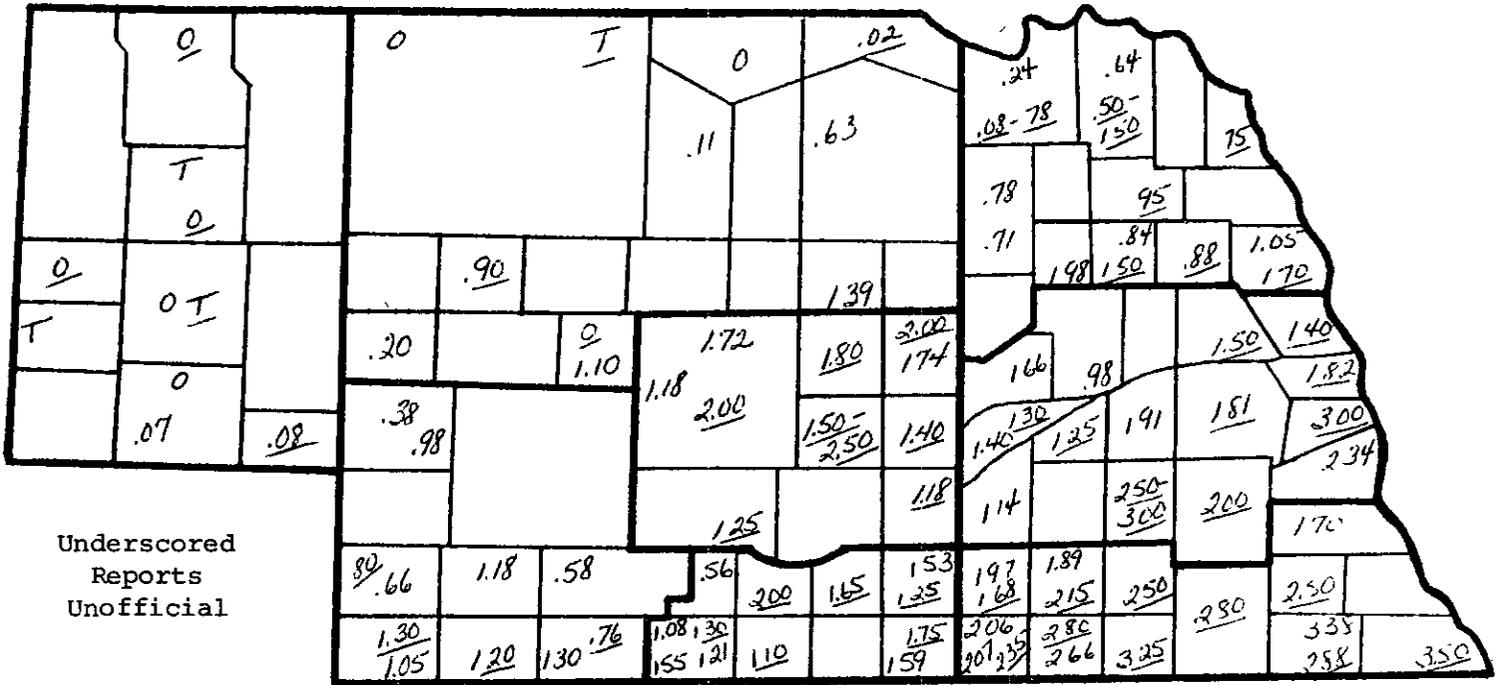
Sorghum harvest was 65% complete by week's end and continued behind 99% combined last year and 85% normal. Lodging was evident in a few areas due to the heavy rains and wind of a week ago. Some stalk rot and corn borer activity were also contributing factors.

Wheat crop condition continued above normal with the slow, soaking rains being ideal for growth and development.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies continued mostly adequate. In some eastern areas, mold has reduced the quality of corn and milo stubble due to the slow dry down and high stalk moisture content.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1981



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1981

Station	Temperature			Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Total Inches <u>1/</u>	
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	68	21	46	--	0
Scottsbluff	68	28	47	+6	0
Sidney	68	26	45	--	.02
NC Ord	68	18	45	--	1.82
Valentine	68	16	44	+4	0
NE Norfolk	68	27	46	+4	.54
Sioux City	66	30	46	+4	.64
CEN Grand Island	64	24	44	+1	.61
EC Lincoln	65	30	46	+2	.91
Omaha	63	31	48	+4	.50
SW Imperial	69	28	45	--	.36
North Platte	68	24	44	+3	.43

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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