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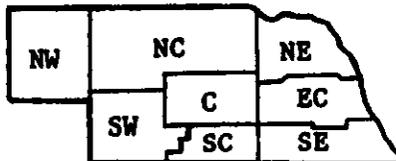
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WEATHER

It was a mild week with scattered thundershowers mid-week. The showers started out light in the west but intensified in the central and east dumping one to two inches of rain in those sections. The average temperatures ranged from 7 to 14 degrees above normal.

GENERAL

Harvesting of Nebraska's row crops was nearing the conclusion by the end of last week. Good progress was made until mid-week when rains shut down harvesting efforts in all but the Panhandle and southwestern counties. Precipitation averaged from .50 inch to 1.25 inches across the eastern half of the State. Fall tillage and fertilizer application activities were widespread as producers took advantage of the early harvest wind-up to prepare for next season. Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.6.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 24% short, 61% adequate, and 15% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 52% short and 48% adequate. A year ago, topsoil moisture was only 7% short and 93% adequate. Subsoil moisture was 97% adequate and 3% short.

CROPS

Corn harvest was 94% complete compared to only 50% harvested last year and a five-year average of 70%. Harvest progress was very even across the state with all districts near 90% harvested or beyond. Field losses continued to be lower than earlier expectations.

Soybean harvest 94% complete, same as a year ago and just behind the 97% average. East central counties had near 10% of the acreage not yet harvested with field losses heavy on remaining stands.

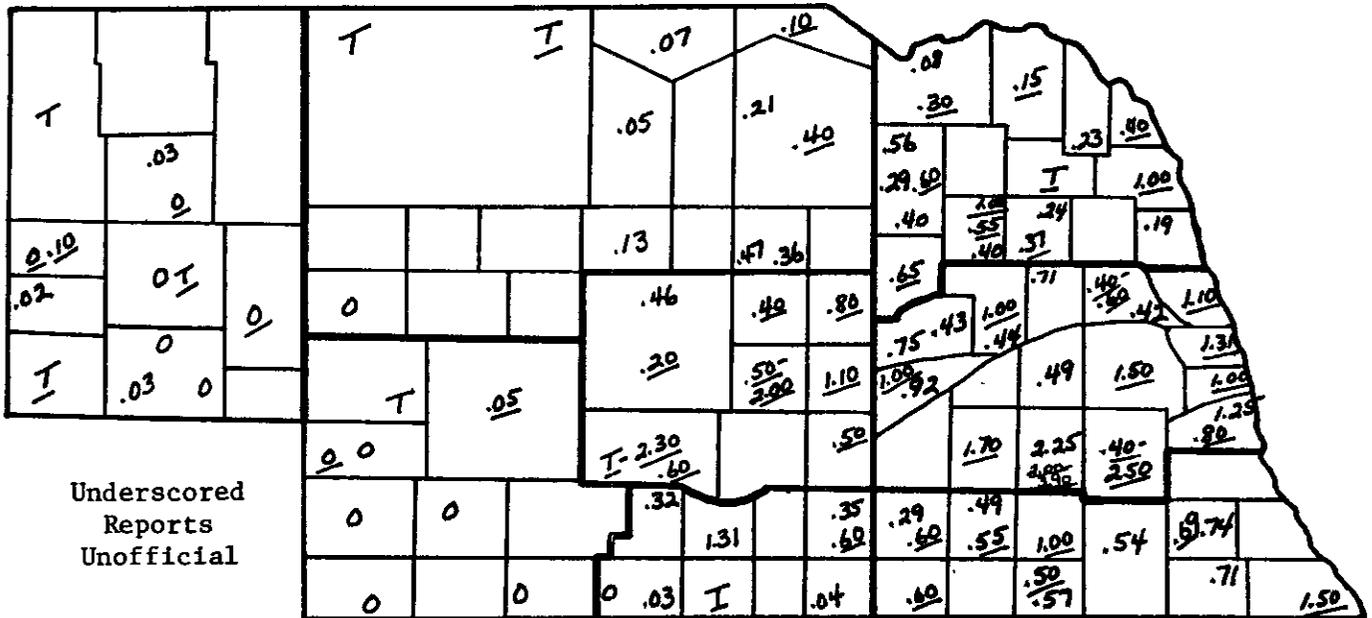
Sorghum harvest also 94% complete, ahead of both 50% last year and 85% average. Many areas of the southeast are still looking for a killing frost. Considerable new green growth is making harvest difficult.

Winter wheat conditions rated 16% poor, 24% fair, 47% good and 13% excellent. Conditions were extremely variable across the State. Extremely dry soils in parts of the Panhandle and southwest have resulted in spotty stands and left some seed not yet germinated. While in the southeast, producers were expressing concern over excessive growth as dormancy approaches.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed conditions rated mostly adequate to short. Conditions have continued to improve over the fall months.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1983



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1983

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	76	28	51	--	--
Scottsbluff	76	32	54	+13	T
Sidney	--	--	--	--	--
NC Ord	--	--	--	--	--
Valentine	74	31	54	+14	.02
NE Norfolk	64	41	52	+10	.39
Sioux City	67	41	53	+10	.40
CEN Grand Island	69	45	53	+9	.66
EC Lincoln	70	42	54	+9	1.08
Omaha	67	39	52	+8	1.31
SW Imperial	76	33	54	--	T
North Platte	75	34	54	+7	.21

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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