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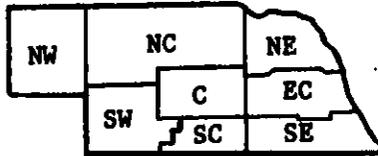
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WEATHER

It was a warm week with scattered thunderstorms. Rainfall amounts varied from a few tenths up to two inches. Average temperatures ranged from near normal in the Panhandle to four to eight degrees above normal elsewhere.

GENERAL

Timely but variable amounts of rainfall interrupted fieldwork at various times throughout the week while improving growing conditions for most crops, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall and weather conditions have caused replanting of considerable acres of sugar beets in the Northwest while some corn was replanted in other areas. Soybean, sorghum and dry bean planting continued active as did alfalfa harvest. Other activities consisted of: cultivation and chemical weed control on row crops, spraying pastures, summer fallow operations and preparation for harvesting meadow hay. Days suitable for fieldwork averaged 4.2.

Topsoil moisture rated 20% short, 76% adequate and 4% surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 34% short, 61% adequate and 5% surplus. Last year, topsoil moisture rated 19% short, 70% adequate and 11% surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 4% short, 87% adequate and 9% surplus.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 2% poor, 71% fair and 27% good. The crop was 90% headed compared to 97% last year and 74% average. Five percent of the crop was turning color compared to 15% last year and 6% average. Wheat streak mosaic problems continued to be widely scattered with increasing intensity in the Panhandle. The affect of the Russian wheat

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aphids on the crop continues to be monitored in the Panhandle and Southwest with additional diseases and blights reported in the Southwest.

Corn planting was virtually complete with some replanting taking place due to poor stands caused by weather and rainfall. The crop was 96% emerged, equal to last year but ahead of the 85% average. Some damage to the crop was reported in the Panhandle from high winds and soybean herbicide carryover in the East Central. Corn condition rated 15% fair, 84% good and 1% excellent.

Soybean planting reached 93% complete compared to 83% last year and 80% average. The crop was 75% emerged compared to 63% last year and 50% average.

Sorghum planting reached 85% complete compared to 76% last year and 75% average. The crop was 65% emerged compared to 53% last year and 48% average. Greenbugs were present in some fields of the Central, East Central, Southeast and South Central Districts.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 1% poor, 55% fair, 42% good and 2% excellent. The first cutting of alfalfa hay was 55% complete compared to 69% last year and 43% average. Alfalfa weevils continued to prompt spraying and early cutting in some fields. Wild hay condition rated 3% poor, 52% fair, 38% good and 7% excellent.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated 28% short and 72% adequate. Pastures in the east central, southeast and south central areas continue to be short while pastures elsewhere seem to be holding up well and are generally looking good. Some cattle from drought-affected areas of South Dakota and Montana were arriving for pasturing this season.

Precipitation, April 1 - June 3, 1988

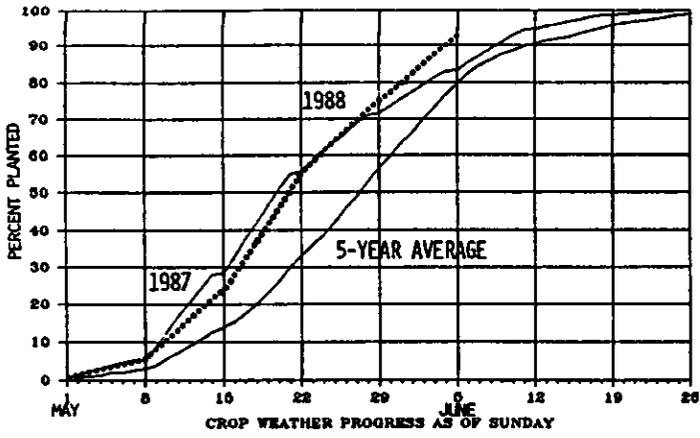
	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week71	.48	.51	.51	.50	.65	.55	.72
Total since April 1	7.89	8.53	6.23	7.57	4.98	7.87	4.45	5.92
Normal since April 1	5.13	5.88	6.75	6.39	7.26	5.30	6.15	7.19

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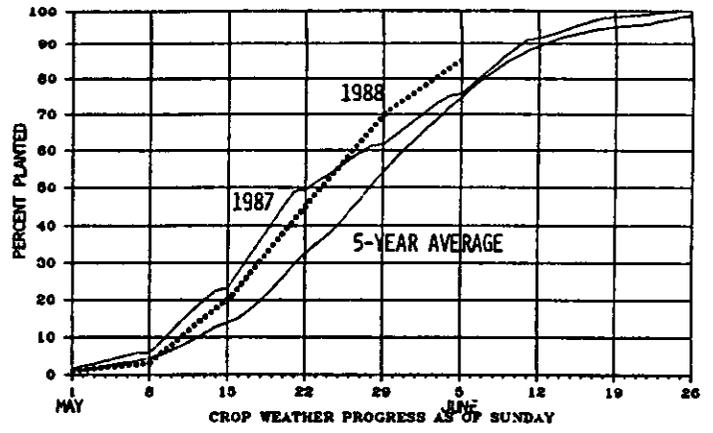
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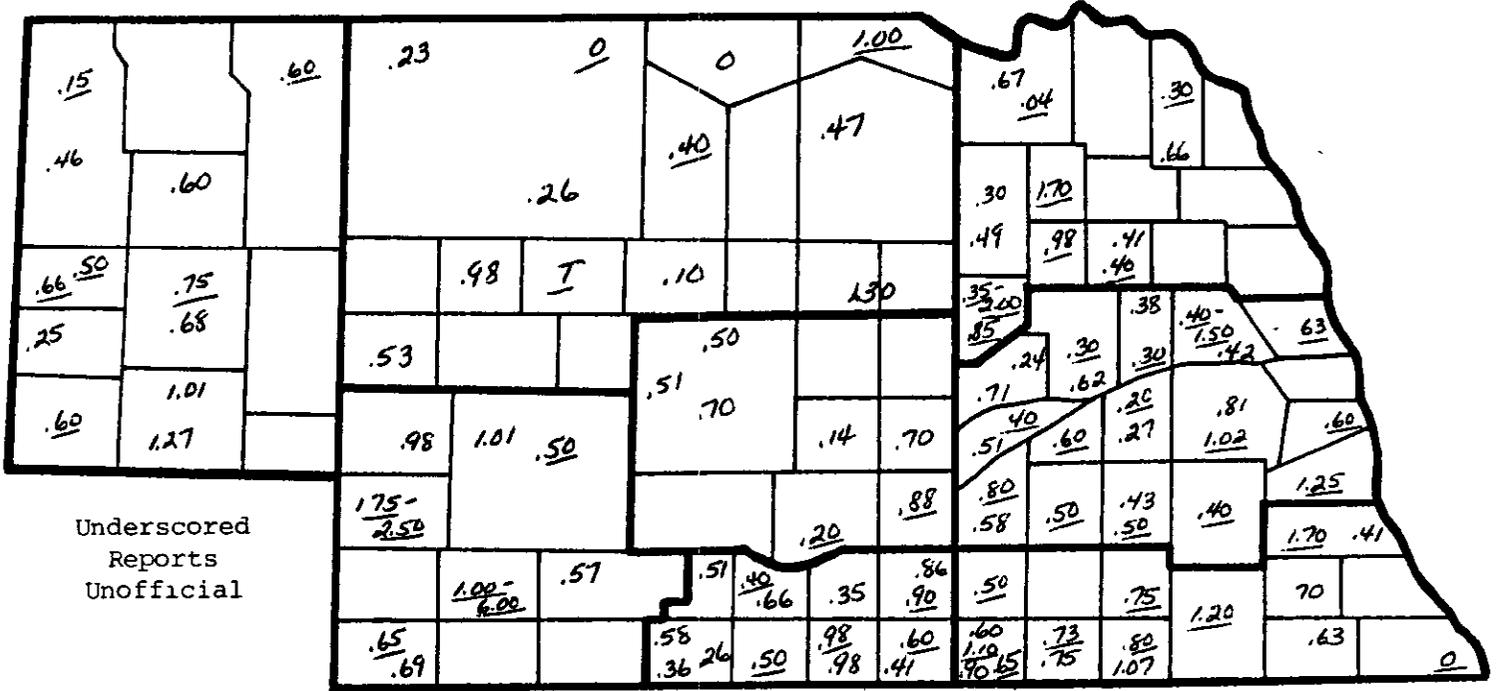
NEBRASKA -- SOYBEANS PLANTED



NEBRASKA -- SORGHUM PLANTED



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1988



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 1988

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	86	45	65	--	.24
Scottsbluff	85	44	63	0	.66
Sidney	83	48	65	--	1.09
NC Ord	88	60	71	--	.20
Valentine	90	47	71	+8	T
NE Norfolk	88	56	72	+5	.70
Sioux City	90	57	73	+6	.46
CEN Grand Island	89	53	72	+5	.26
EC Lincoln	88	55	72	+4	.26
Omaha	86	60	73	+6	1.90
SW Imperial	83	50	65	--	.85
North Platte	84	49	67	+3	.12

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.