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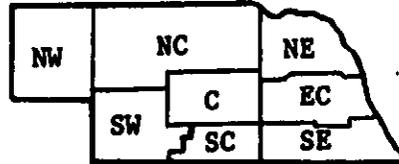
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WEATHER

Showers occurred across the State during the week. Rainfall amounts ranged from a few tenths to over three inches. The Panhandle temperatures averaged six degrees below normal while the remainder of the State ranged from two to five degrees above normal.

GENERAL

Precipitation was received this past week in many areas of the State, slowing harvest but helping improve soil moisture levels and giving the winter wheat crop a good boost, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Most producers were either preparing their equipment for harvest or actively involved with combining. Other field activities included seeding winter wheat and alfalfa harvest. The number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 4.7.

Topsoil moisture level rated 29% short, 66% adequate and 5% surplus. Subsoil moisture level rated 79% short and 21% adequate. Last year's moisture levels rated: topsoil - 75% adequate and 25% surplus; subsoil - 12% short, 78% adequate and 10% surplus.

CROPS

All corn crop condition rated slightly lower than a week ago with 2% very poor, 5% poor, 34% fair, 55% good and 4% excellent. Eighty-four percent of the irrigated crop was rated good to excellent, while only 7% of the dryland crop was rated this high. Producers were concerned with corn borer damage in the

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northeast where there is a possibility of ear droppage. Corn mature reached 90% compared to 61% last year and 47% average. Corn harvested for grain is about ten days ahead of schedule and is 10% complete. Last year at this time, corn was 3% harvested and the 5-year average is 2%.

Soybean condition rated 14% poor, 65% fair and 21% good. Soybeans with leaves dropping reached 87% compared to 41% last year and 31% average. There was 5% of the soybean acreage harvested. This compares with 1% for both last year and the 5-year average.

Sorghum condition rated 15% poor, 56% fair and 29% good. Sorghum mature was rated 88%, compared to 47% last year and 34% average. Sorghum harvested increased to 7% compared to 2% last year and 1% average.

Winter wheat was 45% sown compared to 69% last year and 57% average. Wheat emerged improved to 15% due to the moisture received. This compares to 28% last year and 21% average.

Alfalfa condition rated 5% very poor, 10% poor, 60% fair, and 25% good. Alfalfa third cutting was virtually complete at 100%. This compares to 94% last year and 93% average. Some producers were harvesting a fourth cutting.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated 10% very short, 45% short and 45% adequate. Hay and roughage supplies were 4% very short, 17% short, 75% adequate and 4% surplus. Last week's precipitation helped improve pasture conditions and will help heading into the fall.

Precipitation, April 1 - September 16, 1988

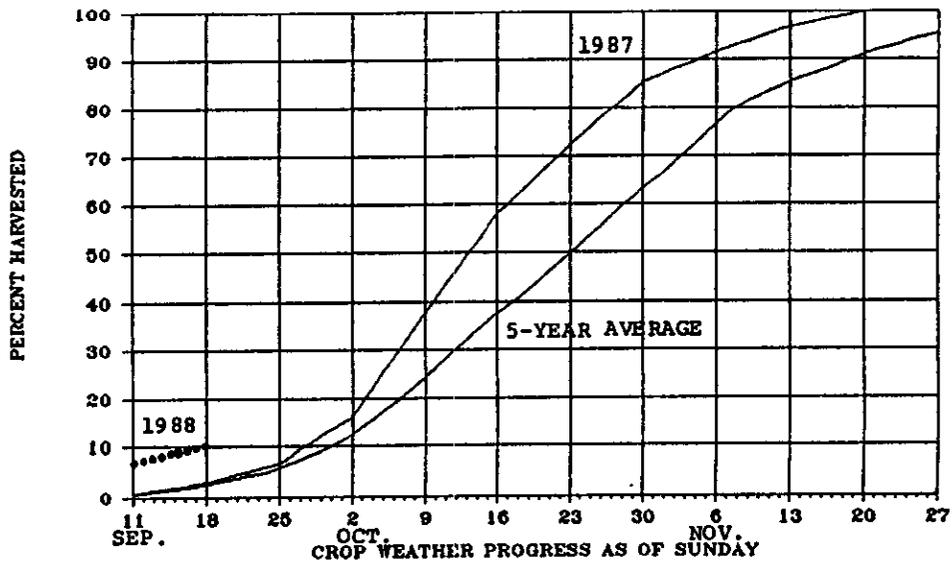
	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week84	.63	1.29	.92	2.12	1.00	1.31	1.05
Total since April 1	14.03	17.41	14.02	17.78	14.15	16.06	16.39	13.71
Normal since April 1	12.55	15.56	18.10	16.90	19.60	14.13	17.24	20.65
Total as % of normal	112%	112%	77%	105%	72%	114%	95%	66%

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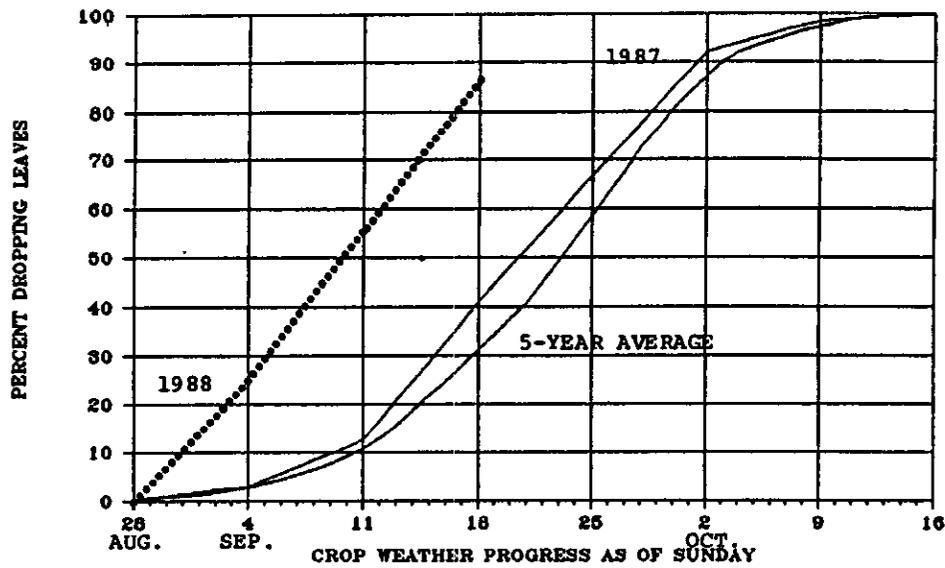
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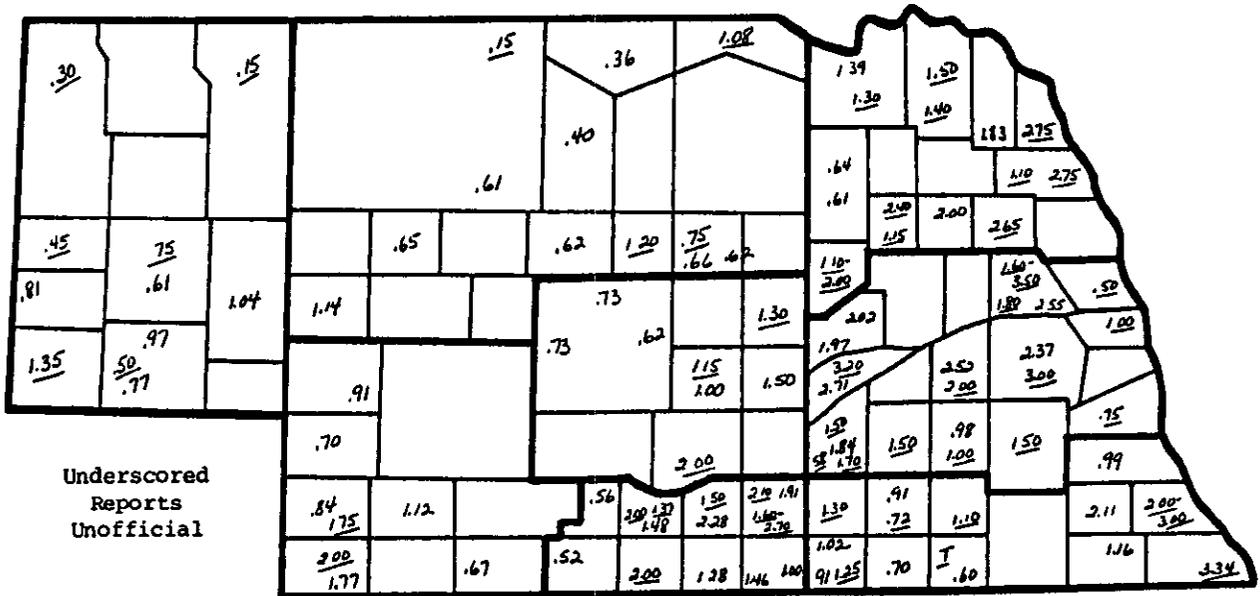
NEBRASKA -- CORN HARVESTED



NEBRASKA -- SOYBEANS DROPPING LEAVES



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1988



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1988

Station	Temperature				Precipitation Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	93	36	58	--	.04
Scottsbluff	88	40	56	-6	.26
Sidney	87	41	57	--	.52
NC Ord	90	49	64	--	--
Valentine	95	41	62	0	.10
NE Norfolk	91	47	65	+2	2.56
Sioux City	89	49	67	+2	2.97
CEN Grand Island	94	54	66	+2	1.94
EC Lincoln	93	52	70	+4	2.19
Omaha	92	52	69	+5	.68
SW Imperial	90	47	62	--	.90
North Platte	90	46	62	0	1.14

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.