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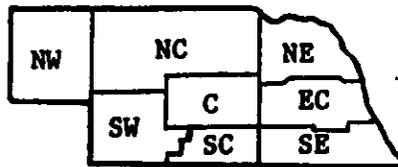
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WEATHER

Showers at the beginning of the week produced rainfall amounts up to one inch. Average temperatures ranged from two degrees below normal to three degrees above normal.

GENERAL

Harvest of row crops across the State continued to progress ahead of normal even as spotted areas received precipitation, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Seeding of winter wheat was nearing completion in western counties. There was also some early sugar beet harvesting. Dry bean harvesting continued in western Nebraska. The number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.3.

Topsoil moisture level rated 27% short, 71% adequate and 2% surplus. Subsoil moisture level rated 53% short, 46% adequate and 1% surplus. A year ago, topsoil rated 14% short, 81% adequate and 5% surplus. Subsoil a year ago rated 12% short, 81% adequate and 7% surplus.

CROPS

All corn crop condition rated 1% very poor, 8% poor, 32% fair, 49% good and 10% excellent. There was 83% of the irrigated crop rated good to excellent, while only 8% of the dryland crop was rated this high. Reports of possible corn borer

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and stalk rot problems continued from the northeastern and central counties. There was 95% of the corn acreage mature. This compares with 81% last year and 74% average. Corn being harvested for grain progressed this past week to 15% complete. This compares to 7% last year and 6% average.

Soybean condition rated 10% poor, 81% fair and 9% good. Soybeans having leaves dropping reached 94% compared to 67% last year and 59% average. Twelve percent of the soybean acres have been harvested. This compares to 11% last year and 7% average.

Sorghum condition rated 13% poor, 56% fair and 31% good. Sorghum mature reached 93%, compared to 78% last year and 61% average. Sorghum harvested was 10% complete, compared to 9% last year and 6% average.

Winter wheat was 65% sown and compares to 85% last year and 79% average. There was 25% of the wheat acres emerged compared to 51% last year and 49% average. The new crop condition report for wheat showed 2% poor, 36% fair and 62% good.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated 6% very short, 42% short and 52% adequate. Markets are strong for cattle and movements are occurring. Hay supplies are being moved for winter usage.

Precipitation, April 1 - September 23, 1988

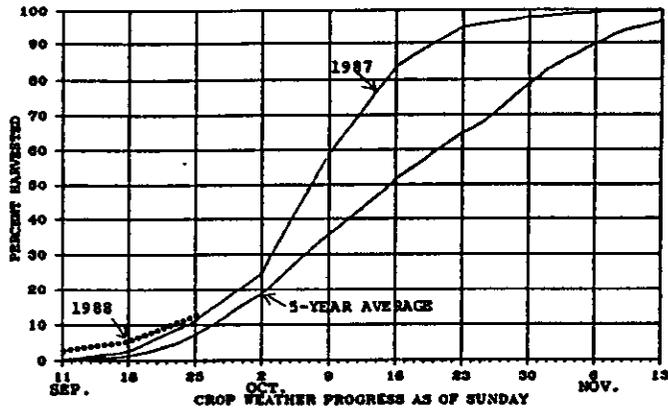
	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week07	1.14	.91	.77	.36	.47	.42	.44
Total since April 1	14.10	18.55	14.93	18.55	14.51	16.53	16.81	14.15
Normal since April 1	12.84	15.98	18.66	17.41	20.30	14.55	17.80	21.49
Total as % of normal	110%	116%	80%	107%	71%	114%	94%	66%

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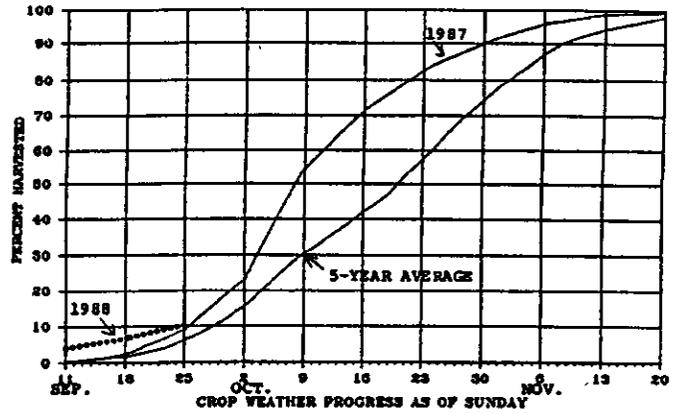
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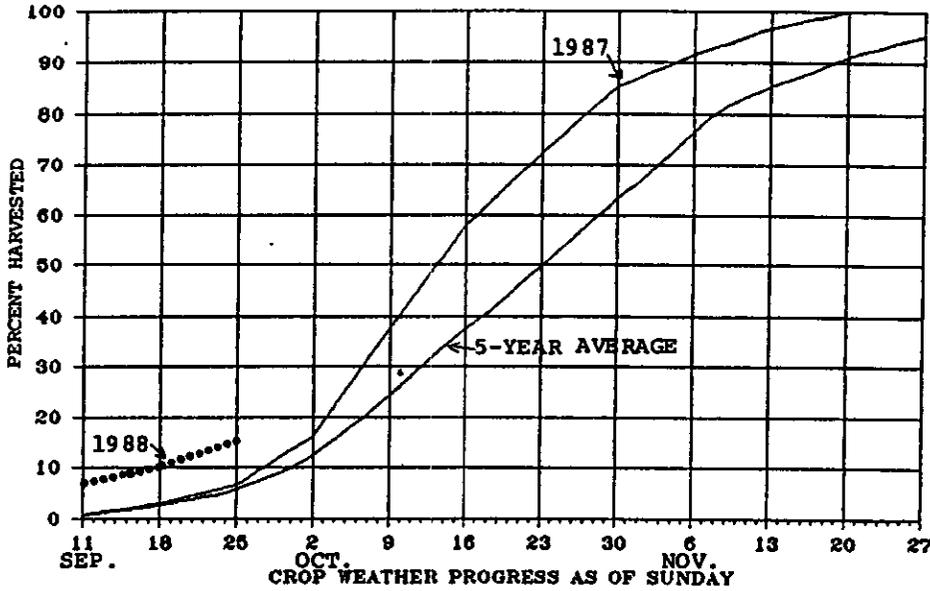
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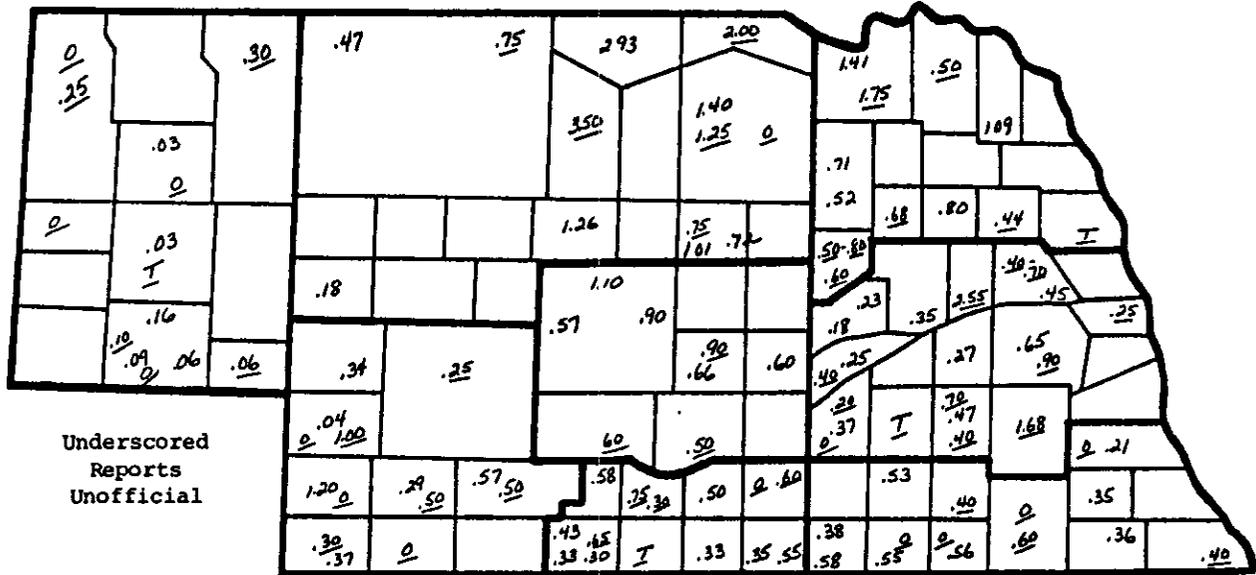
NEBRASKA -- SORGHUM HARVESTED



NEBRASKA -- CORN HARVESTED



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1988



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1988

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	88	32	57	--	.25
Scottsbluff	87	36	60	+1	T
Sidney	86	38	60	--	.13
NC Ord	88	33	61	--	0
Valentine	92	33	57	-2	.97
NE Norfolk	90	39	60	-1	.15
Sioux City	83	42	60	-2	.13
CEN Grand Island	90	41	63	+1	T
EC Lincoln	92	42	64	0	.40
Omaha	89	44	64	+3	.16
SW Imperial	89	42	63	--	.20
North Platte	89	38	61	+2	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.