

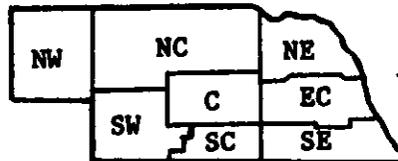
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged two degrees below normal in the Panhandle and two degrees above elsewhere. Precipitation occurred midweek with amounts from a half in the Panhandle and southwest up to over three inches in the east central.

GENERAL

Precipitation in most areas of the State slowed row crop harvest in the latter part of the week but greatly helped the new winter wheat crop, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Sugar beet harvest continued in western Nebraska, while dry beans were virtually complete. The number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 3.9.

Topsoil moisture level rated 1% short, 80% adequate and 19% surplus. Subsoil moisture level rated 56% short, 43% adequate and 1% surplus. A year ago, topsoil rated 24% short, 74% adequate and 2% surplus. Subsoil a year ago rated 13% short, 85% adequate and 2% surplus.

CROPS

All corn crop condition rated 1% very poor, 7% poor, 29% fair, 54% good and 9% excellent. There was 86% of the irrigated crop rated good to excellent, while only 17% of the dryland crop was rated this high. Corn mature reached 100% completion. This compares to 93% last year and

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90% average. Corn acreage harvested for grain was 30% complete compared to 16% harvested last year and 12% average.

Soybean condition rated 2% very poor, 5% poor, 70% fair, 21% good and 2% excellent. Soybeans having leaves dropping reached 100% compared to 92% last year and 87% average. Soybeans harvested reached 30% compared to 25% last year and 19% average.

Sorghum condition rated 3% poor, 63% fair and 34% good. All of the sorghum was considered mature compared to 94% last year and 83% average. Sorghum harvested reached 30% compared to 24% last year and 16% average.

Winter wheat condition rated 1% poor, 21% fair, 77% good and 1% excellent. Winter wheat was 85% sown compared to 96% last year and 91% average. Winter wheat emerged reached 60% compared to 79% last year and 70% average.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated 5% very short, 37% short and 58% adequate. Cattle are moving to harvested corn and sorghum fields for fall grazing. Cattle movements continue due to favorable markets. Producers are hoping hay supplies will last through the winter months.

Precipitation, April 1 - September 30, 1988

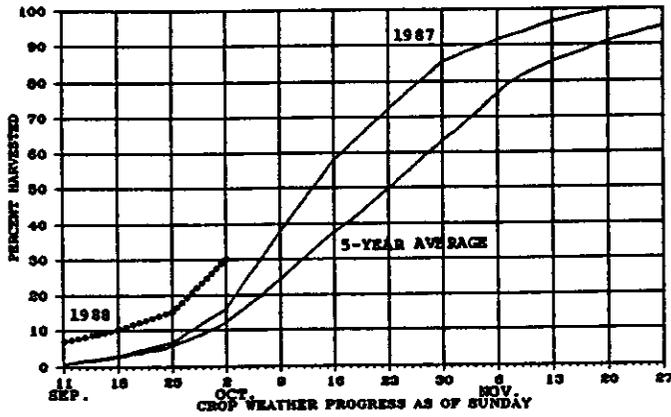
	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week49	1.30	2.01	1.77	2.87	.70	1.11	1.10
Total since April 1	14.59	19.85	16.94	20.32	17.38	17.23	17.92	15.25
Normal since April 1	13.19	16.41	19.22	17.97	21.05	14.97	18.40	22.33
Total as % of normal	111%	121%	88%	113%	83%	115%	97%	68%

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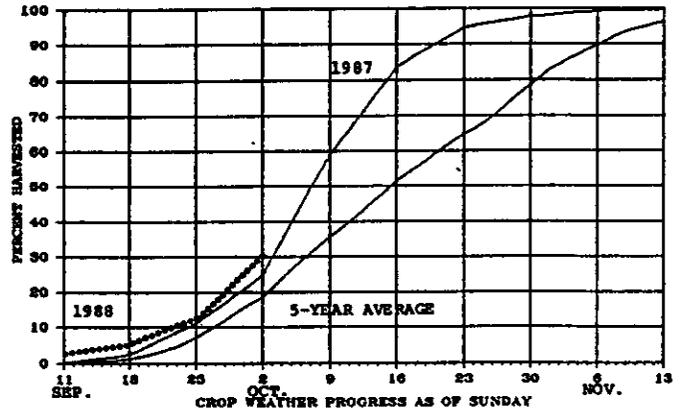
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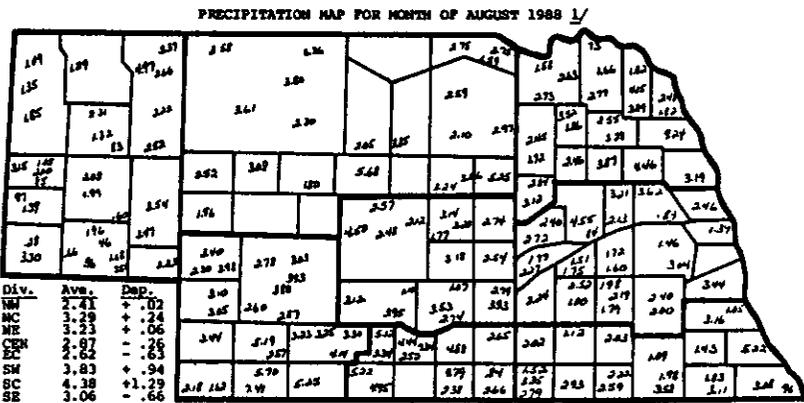
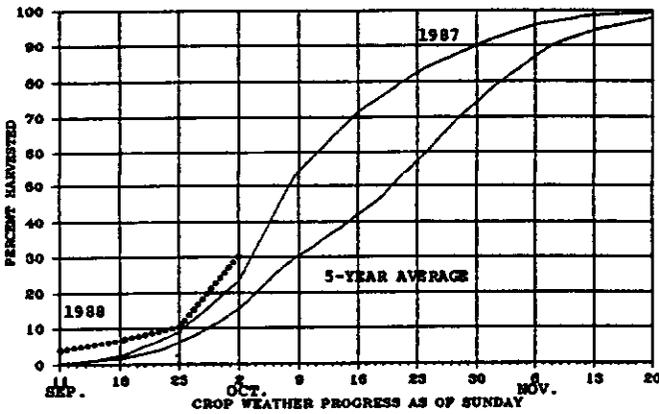
NEBRASKA -- CORN HARVESTED



NEBRASKA -- SOYBEANS HARVESTED

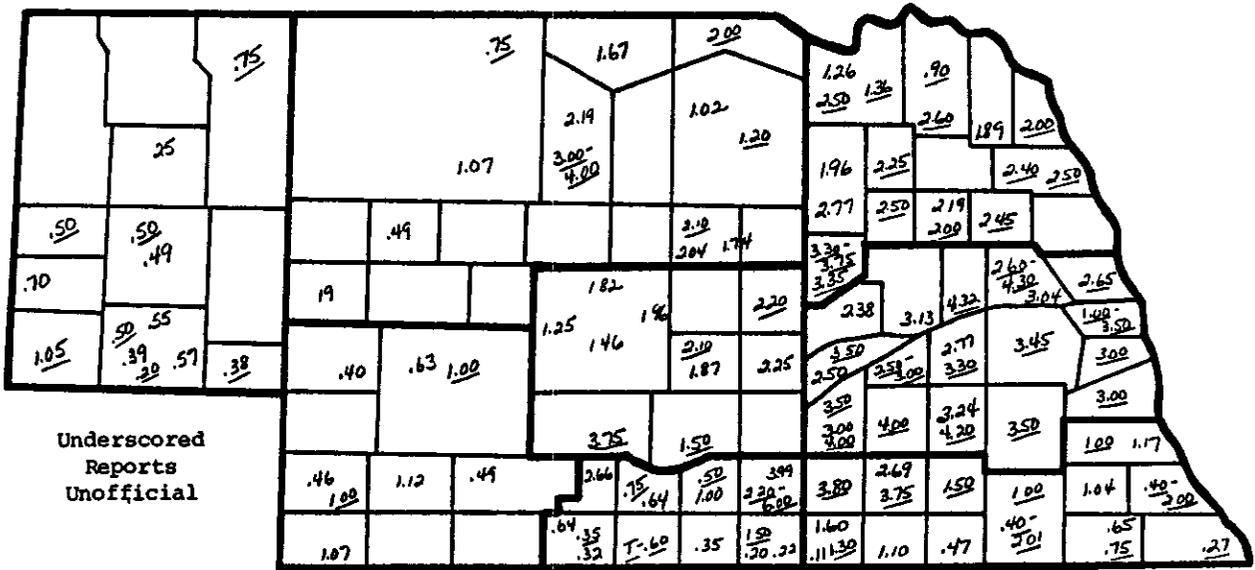


NEBRASKA -- SORGHUM HARVESTED



1/ Courtesy of the Center for Agricultural Meteorology and Climatology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1988



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1988

Station	Temperature				Precipitation Total Inches 1/
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	--	--	--	--	--
Scottsbluff	85	32	56	-1	.54
Sidney	84	34	54	--	.42
NC Ord	--	--	--	--	--
Valentine	81	42	55	-4	.55
NE Norfolk	89	42	61	+2	2.11
Sioux City	84	43	62	+2	1.40
CEN Grand Island	89	40	60	0	1.31
EC Lincoln	86	46	62	+1	3.57
Omaha	85	44	63	+3	2.34
SW Imperial	88	35	56	--	.23
North Platte	89	33	55	-2	.45

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.