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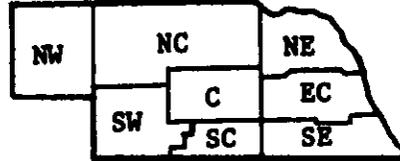
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WEATHER

It was dry and warm with no measurable precipitation. Temperatures averaged from three to eleven degrees above normal.

GENERAL

Another week of favorably dry weather allowed more producers to finish their row crop harvest, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Many operators in the East were finished with harvesting and fall tillage and were preparing their equipment for winter storage. Others were still working fall tillage and applying fertilizer. Some took advantage of the mild weather by mending fences and moving winter feed to lots. Number of days suitable for field-work averaged 6.9. Condition of the winter wheat crop continued to decline due to lack of moisture. High winds removed soil moisture and caused erosion in some western fields.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 88% short and 12% adequate. Subsoil moisture rated 90% short and 10% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture rated 93% short and 7% adequate, while subsoil moisture was 75% short and 25% adequate.

CROPS

Corn harvest was 97% complete, the same as last year and well ahead of the 5-year average of 84%. High winds caused some ear droppage and other problems with the harvest in the West.

Sorghum harvest was 99% complete, equal to 1988 and ahead of the 93% average.

Winter wheat condition was 11% poor, 48% fair, and 41% good. This was the fourth straight week that the crop condition has declined. High winds in the West dried up moisture supplies and caused soil erosion, making crop conditions even worse. A good rain will be needed to promote fall growth before the ground freezes.

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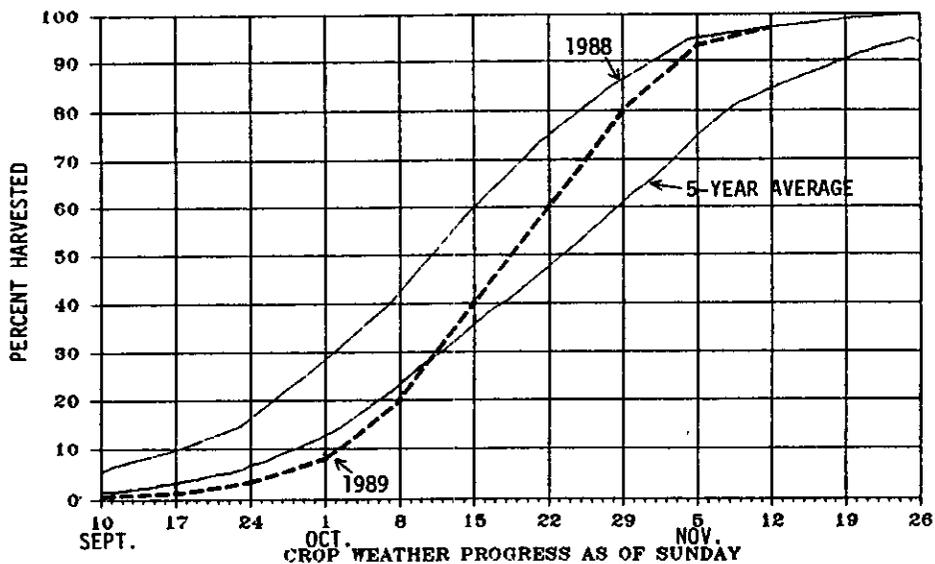
Pasture and range feed supplies rated 15% very short, 74% short and 11% adequate. Hay and roughage supplies rated 9% very short, 49% short and 42% adequate. Cattle were grazing stalks across the State, with excellent gains reported in the Southwest.

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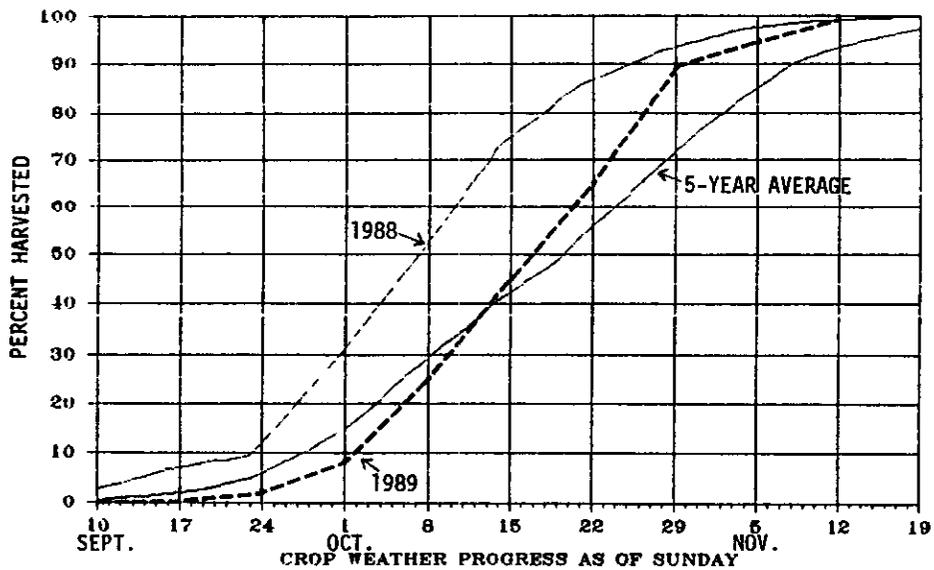
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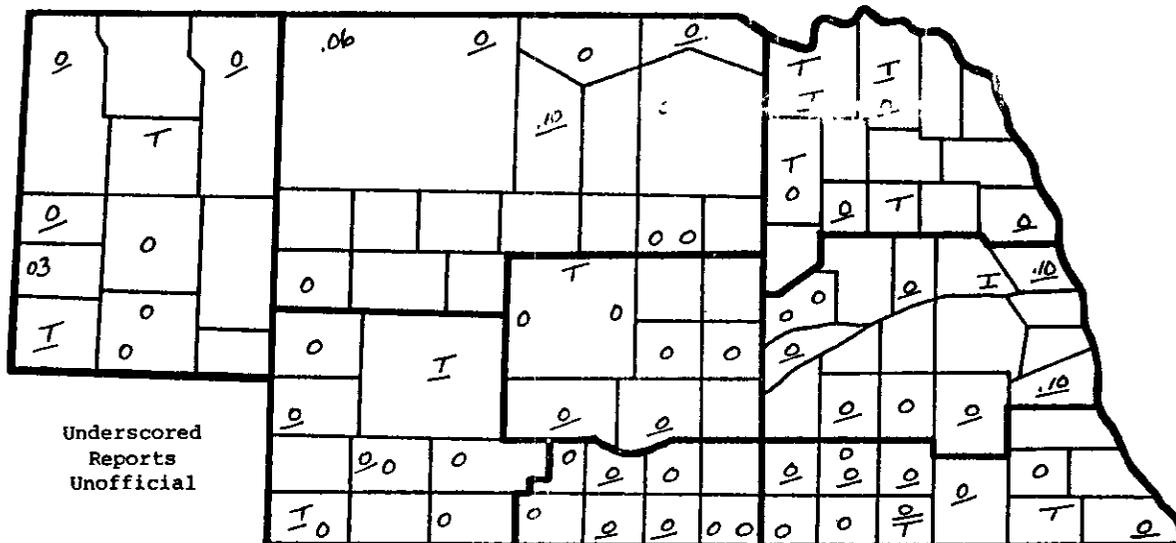
NEBRASKA -- CORN HARVESTED



NEBRASKA -- SORGHUM HARVESTED



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1989



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1989

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches ^{1/}
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	76	23	47	--	0
Scottsbluff	80	23	49	+11	T
Sidney	74	22	47	--	0
NC Ord	69	24	47	--	0
Valentine	76	25	47	+10	T
NE Norfolk	63	23	44	+5	T
Sioux City	58	25	43	+3	0
CEN Grand Island	67	27	47	+7	T
EC Lincoln	67	25	46	+5	T
Omaha	63	31	45	+4	T
SW Imperial	73	24	49	--	0
North Platte	72	20	47	+9	T

^{1/} Precipitation totals not included in map above.