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WEATHER

Above normal temperatures prevailed the first portion of the week cooling to low normal during the middle portion and rising to above normal again the last several days. Rainfall was quite sparse occurring only as scattered thundershowers with the heaviest amount occurring over the southwest section.

and 7% fair. The crop is less advanced than normal with 10% of leaves turning color compared with 20% a year earlier and 15% average.

CROPS

Condition of row crops continues to average mostly good to excellent although many fields are showing stress from hot weather and dwindling moisture supplies. Corn condition remained about the same while sorghum improved and soybeans declined. Soil moisture supplies declined during the week ended Friday with topsoil supplies rated short and subsoil supplies rated adequate to short.

The third cutting of alfalfa is 80% completed and about 15% of the fourth crop has been cut. Condition of the growing crop declined and is rated as mostly good with 14% of counties reported excellent, 74% good, 9% fair and 3% poor. Wild hay condition declined and is mostly good with 19% excellent, 73% good, 4% fair and 4% poor.

Sugar beets are making very good progress with conditions excellent. Dry beans are turning and some cutting has been started. Hot weather has helped mature the crop.

Corn condition last Friday was rated about the same as a week earlier by County Agents and remains mostly excellent to good with 47% of counties reported as excellent, 41% good, 9% fair and 3% poor. About 90% of the crop is in the dough stage compared with 80% a year earlier. The dent stage has been reached by 45% of the crop compared with 40% a year ago. Farmers have begun cutting corn for silage.

Main farm activities have been irrigating, haying, preparing seedbeds for wheat, working summer fallow, controlling weeds, and attending county fairs. Nearly seven days were suitable for fieldwork.

Soil moisture supplies declined during the week ending Friday. Topsoil supplies are mostly short with 84% of counties reported short and 16% adequate. Subsoil supplies are mostly adequate with 70% adequate and 30% short.

Sorghum condition improved slightly and continues mostly good to excellent with 43% of the counties excellent, 54% good and 3% fair. About 40% of heads have turned color compared with 35% a year earlier and 30% average.

RANGE AND LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture condition declined and is mostly average with 28% of counties reported below average, 55% average and 17% above average. Livestock suffered from high temperatures.

Soybean condition declined during the week and is now rated as mostly good with 29% of counties rated excellent, 64% good

Precipitation, April 1 - August 26, 1973

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week.....	.00	.20	.10	.00	.10	.30	.00	.00
Total since April 1.....	8.10	12.90	13.40	14.90	17.00	11.90	13.00	18.00
Normal since April 1....	10.98	13.23	15.41	14.34	16.55	12.47	14.37	17.64

