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WEATHER

Temperatures were near normal with cooler temperatures early in the period warming up by week's end. Precipitation was near a half inch in the southeast and south central but only traces over the north and west. The Panhandle received near a quarter of an inch.

CROPS

Nebraska farmers and ranchers main activities this past week have been harvesting fall crops, moving cattle to stalk fields, moving hay stacks and doing fall fieldwork. Moisture received was spotty over the State and slowed harvest in some areas. Other areas continued to harvest crops through most of the week. Due to the rains, only an average of five days were suitable for fieldwork during the survey period (November 2-8). The recent rains improved the general condition of wheat and rangeland, although additional moisture will be needed for better growth before winter. Topsoil moisture supplies were still short in 59% of the counties reporting as of last Friday. Subsoil moisture supplies were short in 97% of the counties reporting.

Corn harvest continued at a good rate this past week with nearly 85% harvested to date, compared to a normal of 70% and 65% a year ago. All but the north central district is at least 80% through with harvest, and the south central district reports over 90% completed. Moisture content averaged 19%, up 1 point from last week but 2 points below last year.

Sorghum harvest was slowed by the recent rains. Nearly 90% has been harvested by now, ahead of the normal of 80%, but behind last year's 95%. Over 90% harvested was reported in the north central, central, east, and south central districts. The recent rains increased moisture content to about 19%, 1 point above last week and 4 points above last year.

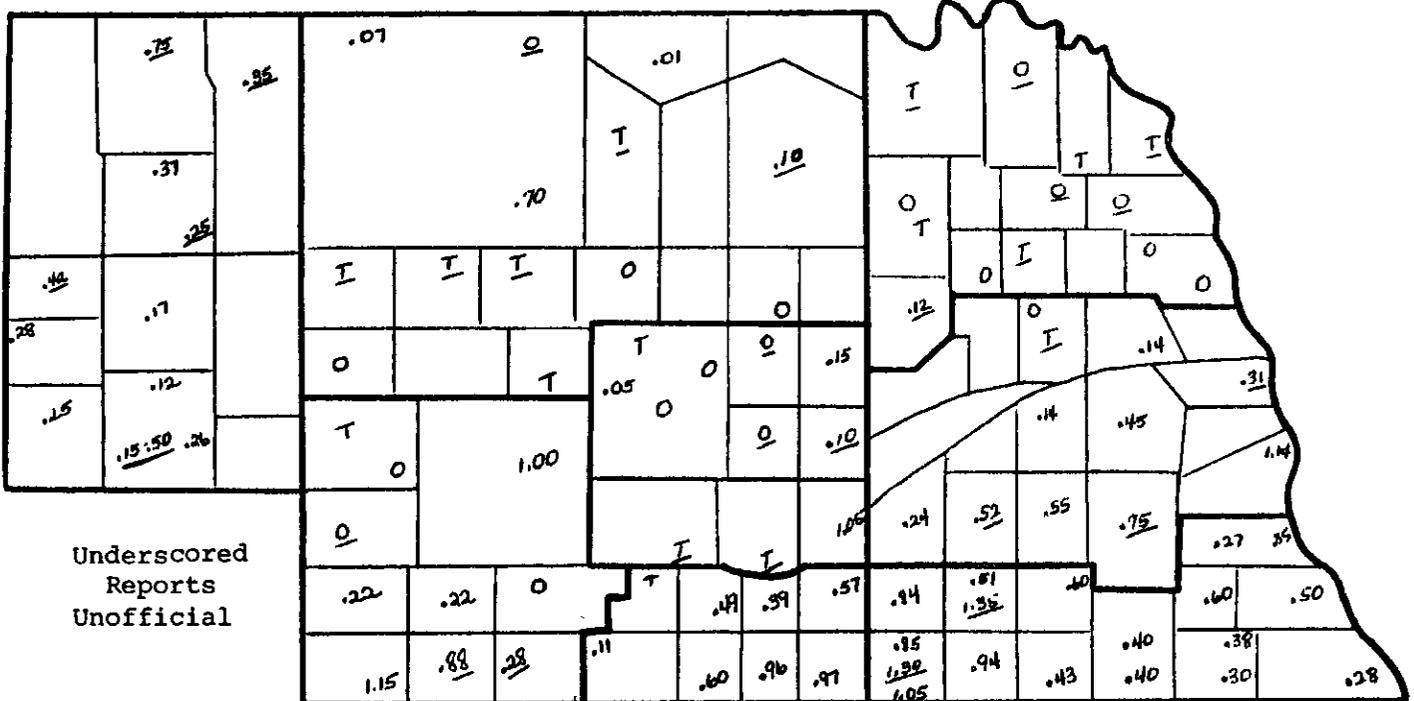
Soybean harvest is practically complete throughout the State. This is the same as last year, but above the normal of 90%. Moisture content averaged 10%, same as a week ago but 3 points below last year.

Wheat condition showed good improvement in many areas of the State with the recent rains. Of the counties reporting, 16% assess condition as poor, 64% as fair, 19% as good and 1% as excellent. Several farmers indicate they will try to plant more wheat when top soil conditions permit. Those areas not receiving moisture still report spotty stands. Most areas will still need additional moisture before winter. A few greenbugs were seen in several wheat fields in the northwest district.

LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture feed supplies are short in 84% of the counties reporting. Cattle on corn and milo stalk fields are reportedly doing well. Other cattle are moved to fields as they become ready after harvest. Some areas report more crop residues collected in bales and stacks for roughage than in previous years. Some culling of cows is continuing.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1974



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1974

Station	Temperature			Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	
	Max	Min			Total Inches <u>1/</u>
NW Chadron	65	22	43	--	0
Scottsbluff	64	23	41	+1	T
Sidney	62	21	40	--	0
NC Burwell	56	23	41	--	.08
Valentine	64	22	40	+1	0
NE Norfolk	58	22	42	+4	.04
Sioux City	61	23	41	0	.02
CEN Grand Island	58	24	42	-1	.03
EC Lincoln	62	22	42	+1	.31
Omaha	64	26	43	-2	.59
SW Imperial	62	23	40	--	T
North Platte	61	17	39	+1	.01

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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