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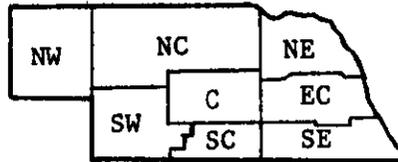
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged 8 to 12 degrees below normal for the period. Snow and sleet mainly during mid-week produced precipitation ranging from less than a tenth of an inch west to around an inch and a half southeast.

GENERAL

Completion of harvest was slowed by light precipitation, mostly in the form of snow. Fall tillage operations were also temporarily halted. The precipitation gave only limited relief to winter wheat. The most beneficial amounts of moisture came in extreme eastern and southeastern counties.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated short in 65% of the counties and adequate in 35%. Subsoil moisture continued to decline with 64% rated short and 36% rated adequate. A year ago topsoil moisture was short in only 25%, adequate in 55%, and surplus in 20%. Subsoil moisture was rated as short in 23% and adequate in 77%.

CROPS

Corn harvest was just over 95% complete, slightly ahead of last year's 90% and well ahead of the normal 85%. Only isolated fields or parts of fields remain in most localities.

Virtually all grain sorghum has been harvested, well ahead of the normal of less than 95%.

The winter wheat crop was rated in good condition in nearly 45% of the counties and in fair condition in just under 50%. Precipitation was extremely light in the drought-stressed southwestern counties.

LIVESTOCK

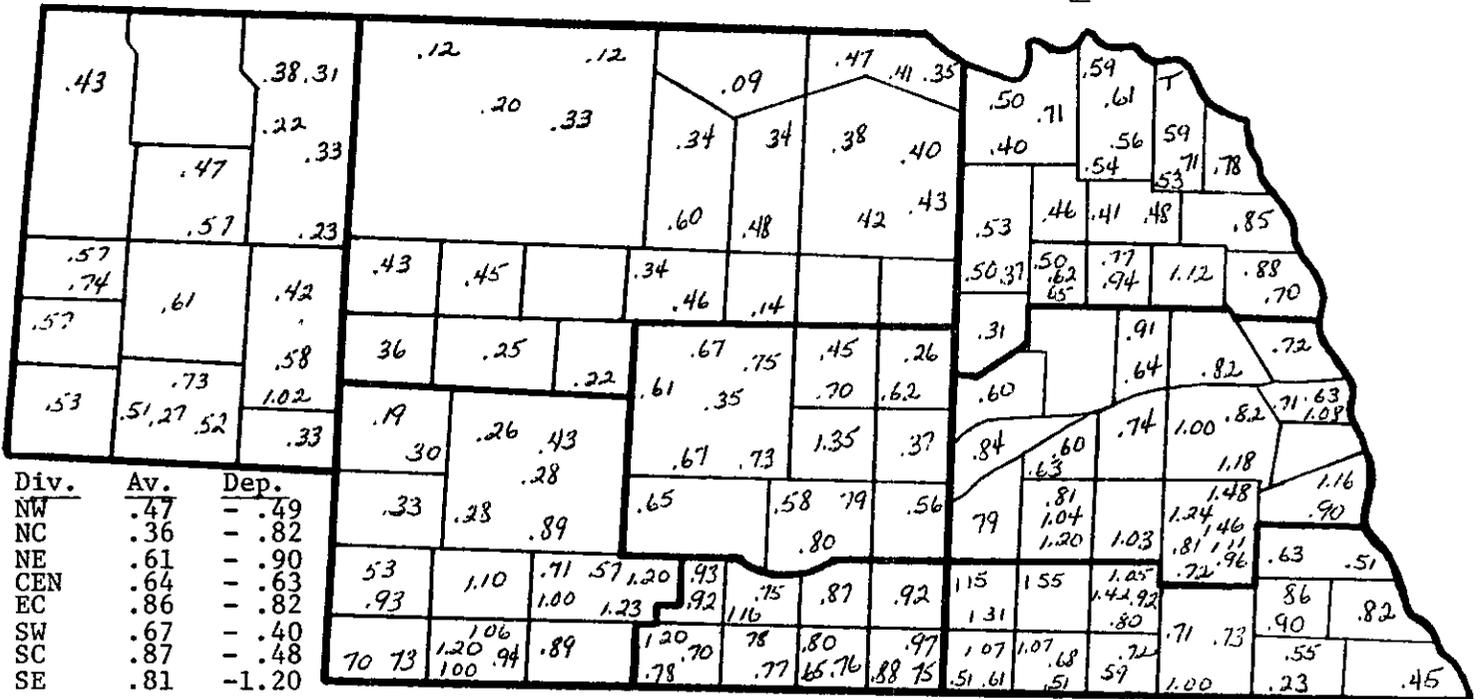
Livestock movement to stalk fields continued as harvesting was completed. Feeder cattle movement remained brisk as many operators continue to fill feedlots. Respiratory irritation due to dust was eased somewhat by light precipitation.

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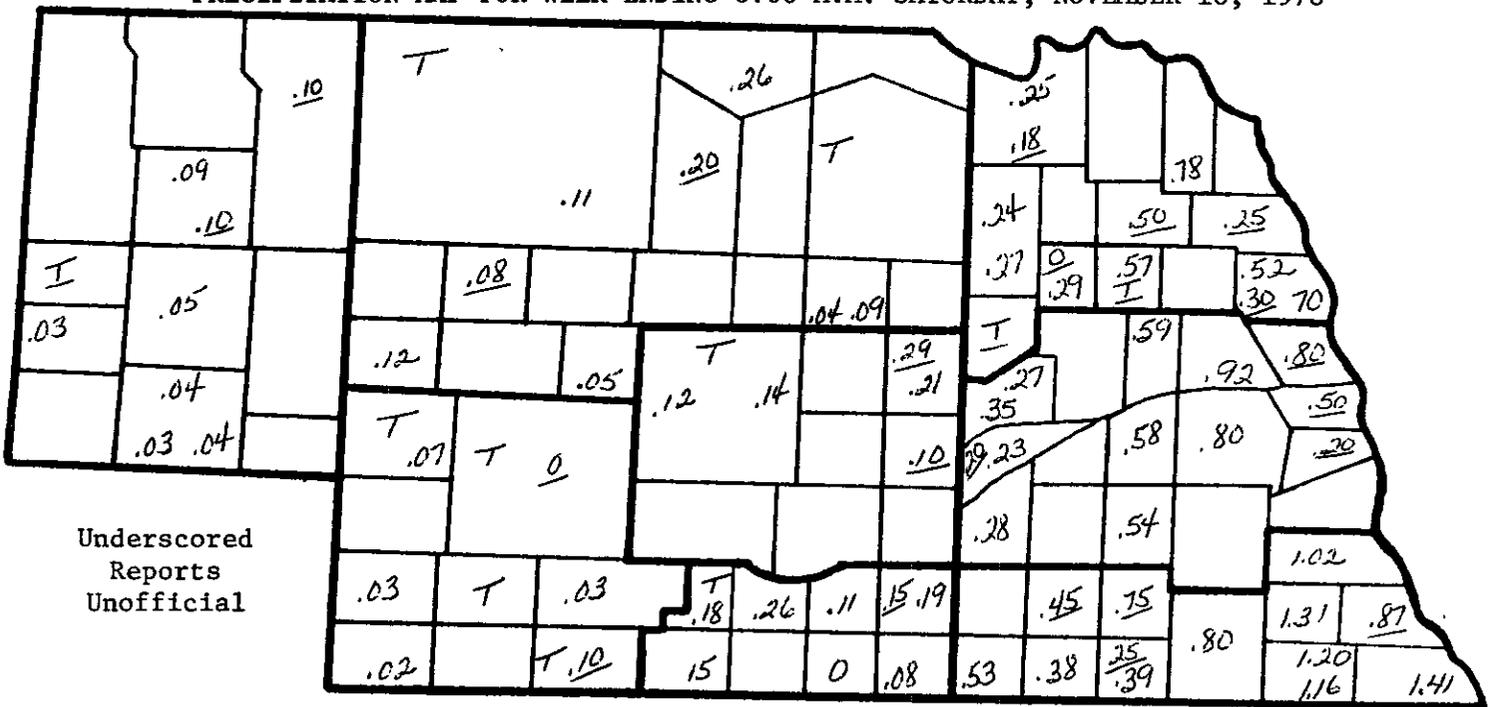


PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 1978 1/



1/ Courtesy Conservation & Survey Division, University of Nebraska.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1978



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1978

Station	Temperature				Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/	
	Max	Min				
NW	Chadron	46	2	22	--	T
	Scottsbluff	52	8	25	-11	.02
	Sidney	50	9	25	--	.01
NC	Burwell	49	5	28	--	T
	Valentine	49	2	22	-12	.03
NE	Norfolk	44	10	29	-7	.19
	Sioux City	43	9	26	-10	.41
CEN	Grand Island	48	10	30	-8	.16
EC	Lincoln	46	13	31	-7	.36
	Omaha	50	10	30	-7	.52
SW	Imperial	53	9	28	--	.07
	North Platte	51	5	26	-10	.03

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.