

# NEBRASKA WEATHER & CROPS

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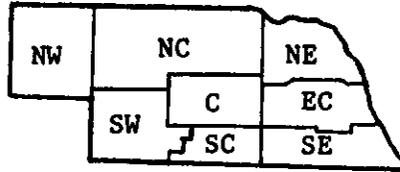
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## WEATHER

It was a pleasant week with temperatures averaging 5 to 6 degrees above normal. It was dry until the end of the week when a strong storm system in the Southern Plains produced widespread rain over the southeast half of the State. Rainfall amounts up to 1.50 inches were common in the southeast.

## GENERAL

Harvest activities made excellent progress last week as producers took advantage of the warm, dry conditions and put extra effort into harvesting fall row crops. Widespread rains over the weekend are expected to delay harvesting progress early this week. Corn and sorghum harvests were at or beyond the halfway mark while about 90% of the soybean acreage has been combined. Sugar beet harvest was nearing completion in western counties. The state averaged 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork.

As of Friday, October 30, topsoil moisture supplies were 27% short and 73% adequate. Subsoil supplies were 36% short and 64% adequate. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 29% short, 66% adequate and 5% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 84% short and 16% adequate.

## CROPS

Corn harvest activities were 50% complete by week's end compared to 90% last year and 65% normal. Strong winds

## CROPS (Cont.)

the last part of the week brought on some droppage of ears but most acreage was standing up well. Many farmers were machine drying their harvested corn to an acceptable moisture level for storage. This has slowed harvesting progress for some operators.

Soybean harvest at 90% equaled normal progress for the first time this year but continued well behind the 96% progress of a year ago.

Sorghum harvest progress moved quickly to 60% completion during the week, still almost 2 weeks behind the 80% normal. A year ago, harvest was 96% complete.

Winter wheat acreage continued to benefit from the mild conditions with good root development and stooling reported. The 1982 crop rated 9% fair, 86% good and 5% excellent. The weekend rains will benefit wheat growth and development. More moisture would be beneficial to fields over most of western Nebraska where fall moisture receipts have been below normal.

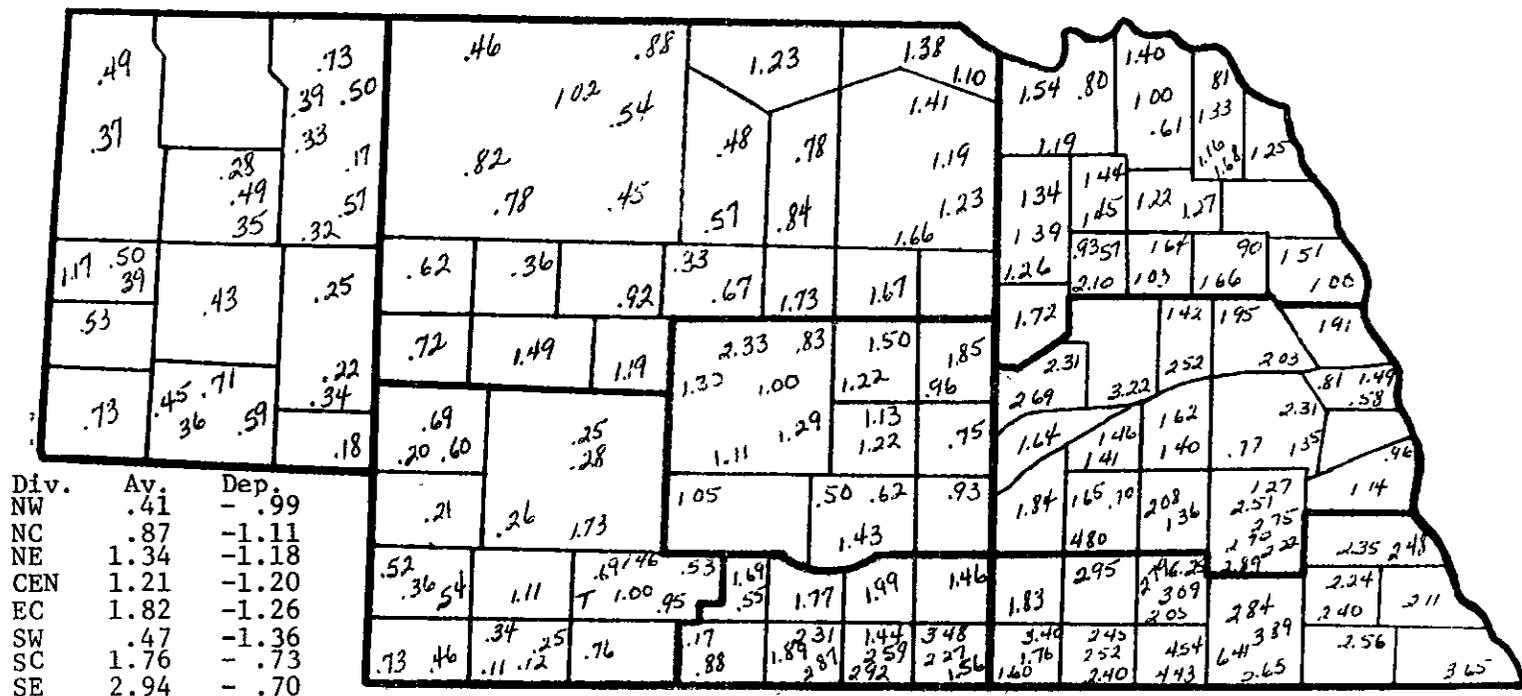
## LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies continued to rate short to mostly adequate. The working and weaning of spring calves continued during the week although at a reduced level with harvest activities on the minds of most eastern producers. Livestock gains continue good due to the mild conditions.

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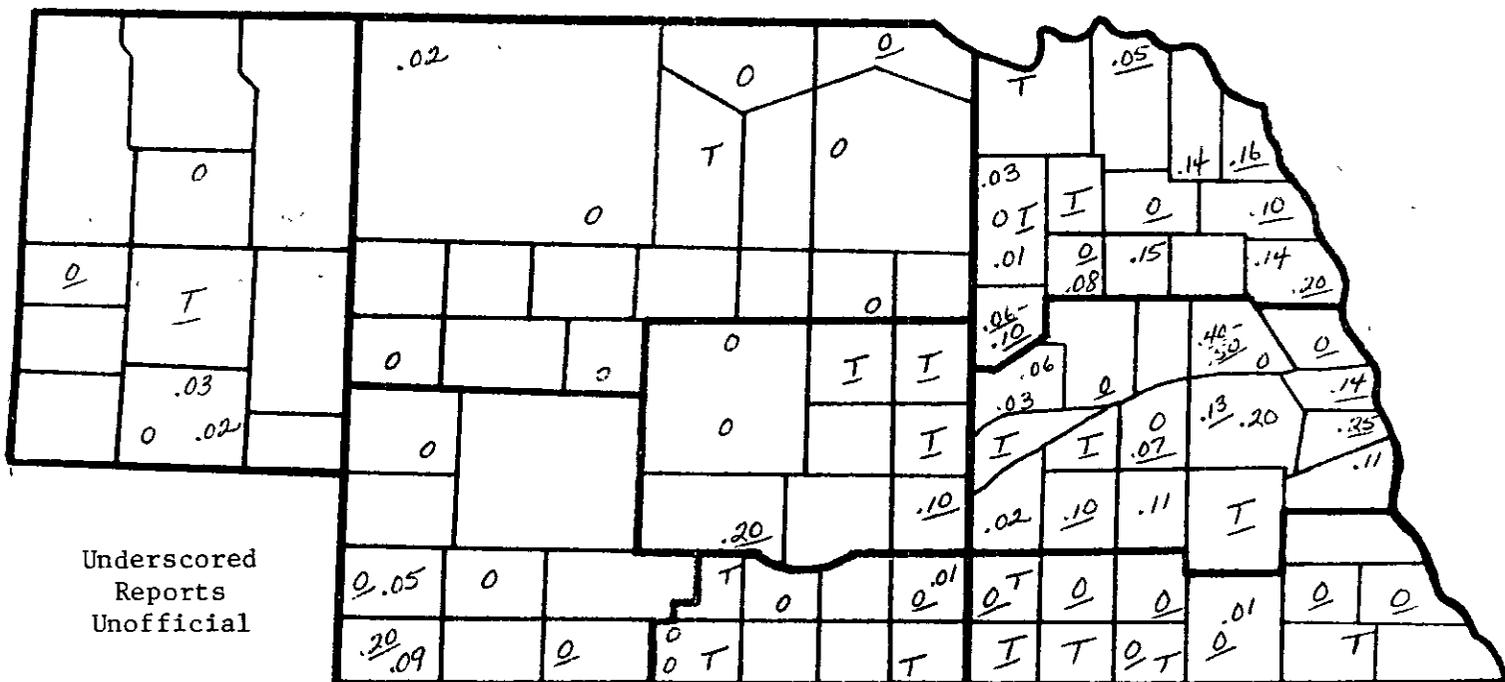
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1981 1/



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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1981



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1981

Station	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Extremes		Mean	Total Inches 1/		
	Max	Min				
NW	Chadron	78	25	52	--	0
	Scottsbluff	79	28	52	+8	T
	Sidney	77	22	48	--	0
NC	Ord	75	29	51	--	0
	Valentine	79	22	51	+7	0
NE	Norfolk	72	32	52	+6	.11
	Sioux City	68	27	51	+4	.12
CEN	Grand Island	73	31	52	+4	.71
EC	Lincoln	71	26	55	+6	1.34
	Omaha	67	32	54	+6	1.32
SW	Imperial	83	28	51	--	0
	North Platte	75	24	49	+4	.18

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.