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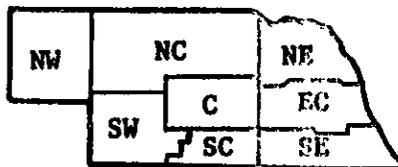
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WEATHER

It was a mild week with scattered showers at the beginning and end of the week. Average temperatures were near normal ranging from two degrees above to two degrees below. Rainfall was generally light, averaging less than an inch.

GENERAL

Harvest progress was slowed by wet soil conditions in some eastern and southern counties last week. However, by week's end, both sorghum and soybean producers had pushed harvests to 50% complete and corn producers were over one-third finished. Some fields in south central Nebraska were clearly too wet for heavy equipment due to heavy rains the week before. Panhandle and southwestern areas continued to experience extremely dry conditions. As a result, nearly 75% of the 1984 winter wheat crop was rated in only fair condition. The number of days suitable for fieldwork were 5.5.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 39% short, 58% adequate and 3% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 61% short and 39% adequate. A year ago, topsoil moisture supplies rated 2% short, 62% adequate and 36% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 1% short, 91% adequate and 8% surplus.

CROPS

Corn harvest continued to run ten days ahead of the five-year average. Harvest was finished on 40% of the acreage,

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compared to only 3% last year and 20% average. Higher than normal field losses continued to be reported as the result of weakened stalks and shanks from disease and insect damage.

Soybean harvest was 50% complete. This compared to 7% a year ago but equaled the average. Pod shatter was a concern as drying conditions returned last week.

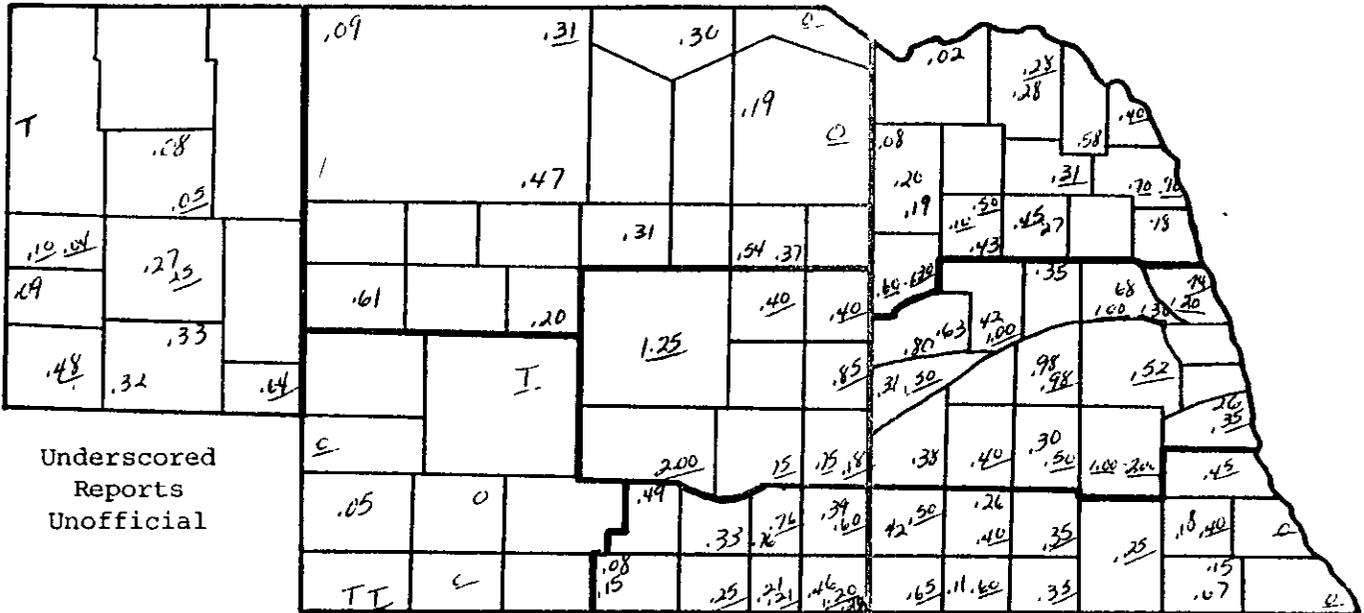
Sorghum harvest was also 50% complete. Last year combining had begun only in scattered locations and was 1% complete. This also compares to an average of 25% combined. Virtually all the crop was ripe, with only 25% mature last year and 80% average. Green heads were slowing harvests in some areas.

The young 1984 winter wheat crop was given its first condition rating of 71% fair, 21% good and 8% excellent. This was the poorest crop rating given since October 10, 1980. Ninety percent of the crop was emerged compared to 85% last year and average.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies began to show some improvement as cool season grasses started growing again. In addition, stock cattle were being turned into stalk fields and PIK acres for grazing. Hay was being moved in preparation for the winter months. Feedlot operations looked for drier conditions to alleviate the stress caused by muddy lots.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1983



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1983

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	79	31	54	--	--
Scottsbluff	82	35	56	+1	.03
Sidney	--	--	--	--	--
NC Ord	--	--	--	--	--
Valentine	77	34	54	0	.30
NE Norfolk	73	41	56	0	.12
Sioux City	72	41	56	-1	--
CEN Grand Island	74	46	59	+2	.36
EC Lincoln	76	44	59	0	.27
Omaha	71	44	56	-2	.11
SW Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
North Platte	77	37	56	+1	.14

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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