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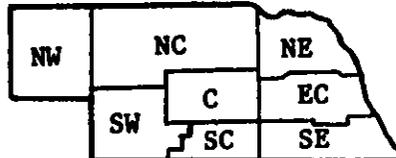
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WEATHER

Temperatures were five degrees below normal over the Panhandle and around four degrees below normal over the remainder of the State. Rainfall was widespread at the beginning of the week with amounts ranging from a few tenths in the northwest up to one to two inches in the southeast.

GENERAL

Nebraska's fall row crop harvest moved ahead rapidly during the week despite wet field conditions early in the week in east central and southeastern areas. Corn harvest progress was most advanced, as producers gathered grain from one-fourth of the corn acreage last week. This fast pace, a result of good weather and farm program acreage reductions, put corn harvest fifteen days ahead of the State's five-year average. Sorghum harvest was near ten days ahead of schedule while soybean progress was just ahead of the average. In western areas, sugar beet harvest was well underway and dry bean harvest virtually complete. Concern continued to be expressed over very short moisture supplies limiting the growth and development of the 1984 winter wheat crop. Statewide, days suitable for fieldwork were 5.5.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 33% short, 60% adequate and 7% surplus. Subsoil moisture was 58% short, 40% adequate and 2% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 2% short, 85% adequate and 13% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 95% adequate and 5% surplus.

CROPS

Corn harvest was 65% complete compared to only 6% last year and a five-year average of 30%. Harvest ranged from 80% complete in south central and north central areas to 30% combined in the northwest. Field losses continue to be above normal in many areas although damp weather has helped reduce ear droppage.

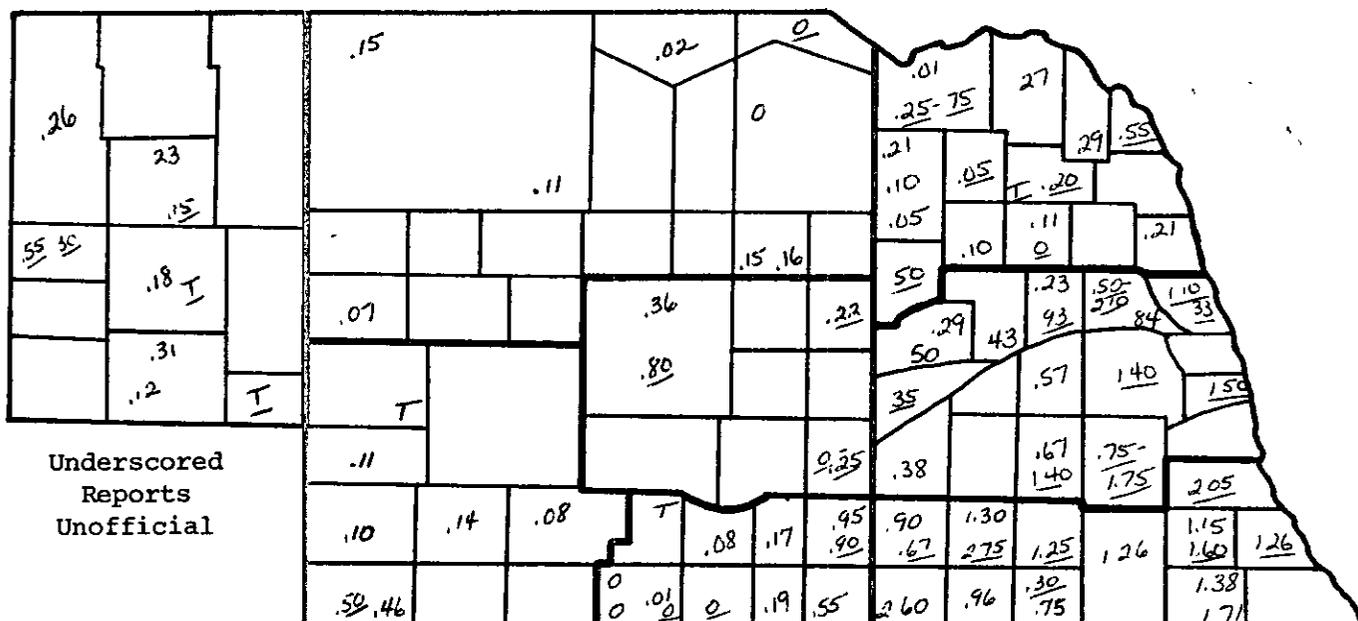
Sorghum harvest was 65% complete, compared to only 3% last year and 35% average. Soybeans were also 65% complete, well ahead of only 10% combined last year but near the 60% average. Harvest was least advanced in the east central counties at just past the halfway mark.

Winter wheat crop conditions rated 12% poor, 52% fair, 24% good, and 12% excellent. Emergence was 92% complete with 90% last year and average. Moisture deficiencies continue to dominate the crop condition reports from western areas.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies continued mostly adequate to short. Producers were working cattle in preparation for winter. Some areas experienced their first fall calf sales this week, although movement of feeders continues light. Wet feedlots were again reported in parts of the east and south. Cattle were grazing corn stalks in increasing numbers last week.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1983



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TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1983

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	59	23	46	--	.64
Scottsbluff	68	27	47	-5	.61
Sidney	69	24	46	--	.07
NC Ord	--	--	--	--	--
Valentine	65	17	45	-6	.04
NE Norfolk	69	26	50	-3	.03
Sioux City	69	28	52	-2	.54
CEN Grand Island	72	27	51	-4	.02
EC Lincoln	76	30	52	-4	1.13
Omaha	72	33	51	-4	.98
SW Imperial	77	27	52	--	.04
North Platte	70	28	48	-4	.26

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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