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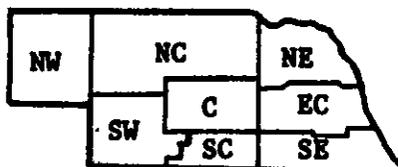
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WEATHER

Less than two-tenths of an inch of rain fell over the Panhandle while scattered showers left between a quarter and a half inch over the remainder of the State. Temperatures were normal over the Panhandle and two to three degrees below normal over the rest of the State.

GENERAL

Heavy precipitation across much of the south central and southeast caused lowland flooding along the Big Blue River and its tributaries. However, elsewhere rainfall totals averaged a half inch or less. Hail damaged crops in isolated parts of central and southeastern Nebraska during the week. Irrigation systems were started again in many parts of the west and north. Other farm activities included working summer fallow, harvesting hay, scouting for insects and county fair activities. Days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.3.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 19% short, 73% adequate and 8% surplus. Subsoil supplies rated 23% short and 77% adequate. A year ago, topsoil moisture was 88% short and 12% adequate. Subsoil supplies were 40% short and 60% adequate.

CROPS

All corn condition rated 1% poor, 12% fair, 69% good and 18% excellent. Ninety-three percent of the irrigated crop rated good or excellent and 67% of the dryland crop had the same rating. Forty-five percent of the corn crop had reached the dough stage, ahead of 25% last year and 30% average. Denting was evidenced on 4% of the acreage, same as the average and ahead of 1% a year ago. Insect damage continues to appear light.

Soybean conditions rated 13% fair, 70% good and 17% excellent. Soybean acreage setting pods reached 80%, ahead of 55% last year and 50% average.

Sorghum conditions rated 13% fair, 77% good and 10% excellent. Seventy percent of the acreage had headed compared to 45% a year ago and 60% average.

Alfalfa conditions continued mostly good to fair. The third cutting was underway and 25% complete, ahead of 15% last year and average.

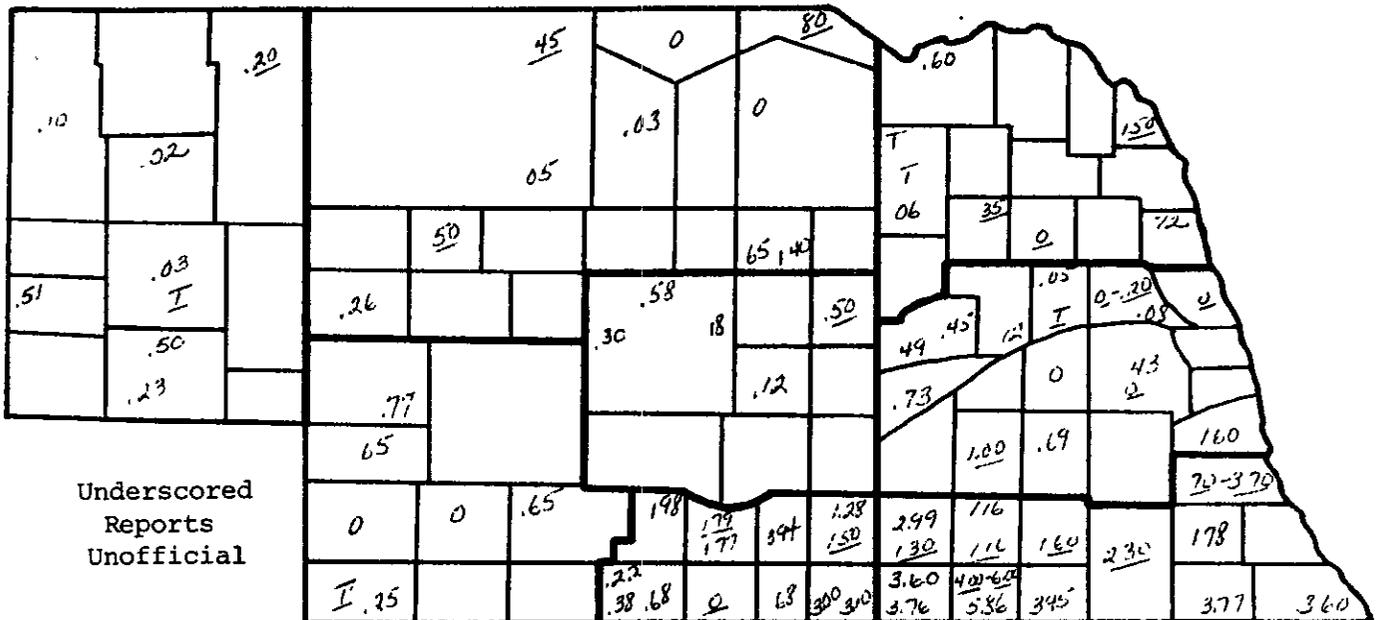
LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated mostly adequate to short. Recent rains have boosted growth of cool season grasses and should provide good potential for fall grazing.

Precipitation, April 1 - August 9, 1985

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week.....	.23	.34	.28	.30	.46	.39	1.70	3.34
Total since April 1.....	8.54	12.09	15.12	15.47	17.11	11.15	17.42	16.83
Normal since April 1.....	11.30	12.93	15.01	14.16	16.04	12.25	14.57	16.92

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1985



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 1985

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	103	47	75	--	.02
Scottsbluff	101	49	74	0	.07
Sidney	98	47	72	--	.04
NC Ord	92	41	71	--	.00
Valentine	101	42	72	-2	1.02
NE Norfolk	91	43	72	-3	.03
Sioux City	90	47	73	-2	.48
CEN Grand Island	92	44	71	-6	.34
EC Lincoln	96	48	74	-4	.05
Omaha	90	49	73	-2	.22
SW Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
North Platte	95	43	71	-3	.79

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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