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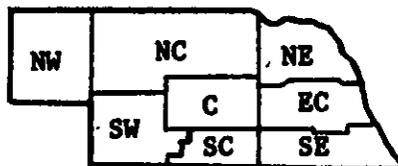
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## WEATHER

It was another cool and wet week. Average temperatures ranged from five degrees below normal in the east to twelve degrees below normal in the Panhandle. Rainfall was widespread throughout the week. Amounts generally ranged from a half an inch to two inches.

## GENERAL

Cool, wet conditions across Nebraska last week continued to hamper fieldwork activities. Harvesting of row crops remained agonizingly slow due to high grain moisture content and poor field drying conditions. However, silage cutting and some harvesting of high moisture grain did take place. Winter wheat seeding crept along still ten days behind normal. Dry bean harvest advanced slowly with about three-fourths of the crop harvested. Some reduction in quality has occurred to beans lying in the field. Sugar beet harvest was underway with prospects of a favorable harvest. Other activities were mainly limited to harvest preparation and working with livestock. The number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 4.1, with most days suitable in the southwest and north central and fewest in the northeast.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2% short, 40% adequate and 58% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 4% short, 73% adequate and 23% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture supplies rated 17% short, 70% adequate and 13% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 51% short, 44% adequate and 5% surplus.

## CROPS

Nebraska's corn crop condition rated 3% fair, 73% good and 24% excellent. Ninety-seven percent of the irrigated corn and 96% of the dryland rated good to excellent. Virtually all of the corn was considered mature, compared to 100% last year and 95% average. Harvest advanced slowly to 15%, behind 20% last year and 30% average. Evidence of stalk rot continued to show up and the problem of lodging was becoming of more concern with wet soils.

Soybean condition rated 30% fair, 62% good and 8% excellent. Nearly all soybeans were dropping leaves, compared to 100% last year and 98% average. Ten percent of the crop was harvested, behind 25% last year and 45% average.

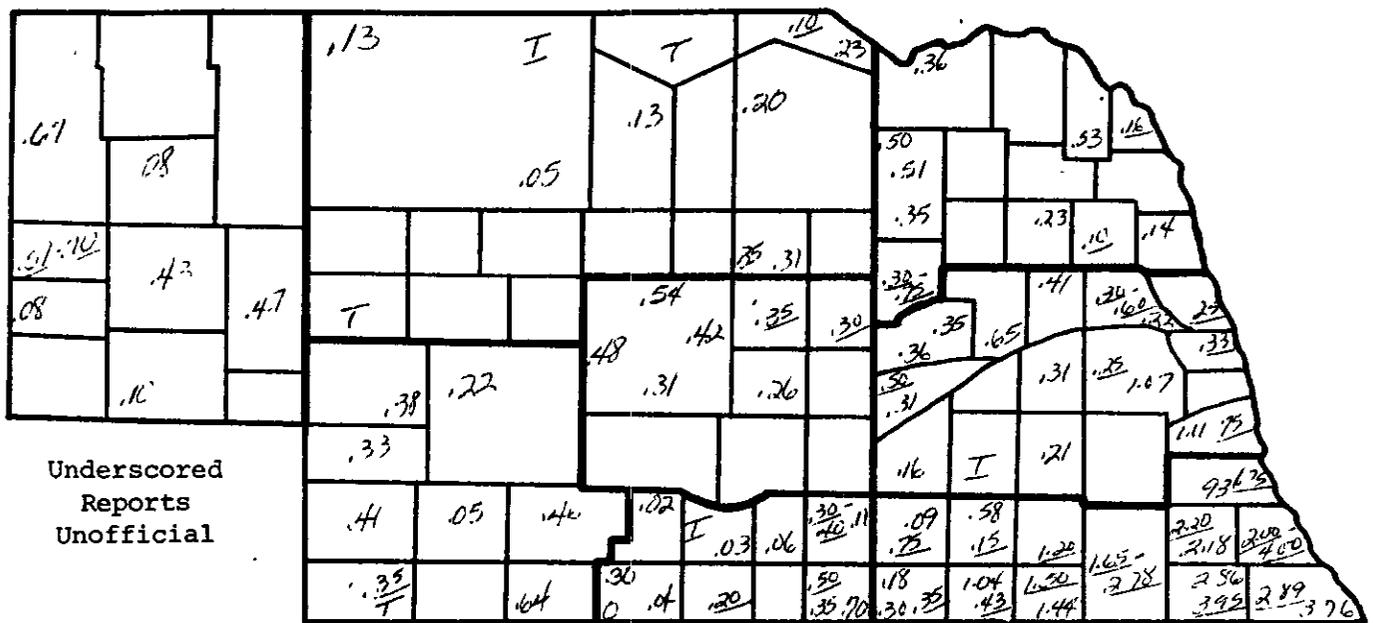
Sorghum condition rated 23% fair, 58% good and 19% excellent. Virtually all the sorghum was now considered mature, compared to 100% last year and 85% average. Harvested moved forward to 9%, behind 25% last year and 35% average.

Winter wheat condition rated 15% poor, 27% fair, 55% good and 3% excellent. Seeding advanced slowly to 94%, compared to 100% both last year and average. Emergence reached 75%, behind 85% last year and 90% average.

## LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated mostly adequate. Some increased movement of calves to market was reported last week. Cattle were being turned onto stalks as fields became available.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1985



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1985

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	65	24	43	--	.75
Scottsbluff	72	26	41	-12	.89
Sidney	74	26	42	--	.44
NC Ord	73	26	45	--	.51
Valentine	68	26	44	-9	.46
NE Norfolk	72	29	47	-8	.57
Sioux City	68	31	47	-9	.39
CEN Grand Island	79	33	49	-7	.26
EC Lincoln	75	36	52	-7	.48
Omaha	71	34	51	-5	.74
SW Imperial	78	30	46	--	--
North Platte	75	31	45	-8	.81

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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