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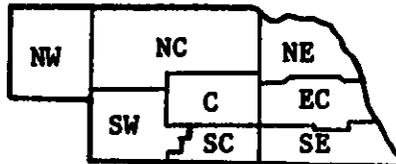
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WEATHER

Showers and thunderstorms midweek and at week's end produced rainfall of up to one inch. Most of the week was mild with the average temperatures from one to seven degrees below normal.

GENERAL

Crops in the southern half of the State are nearly safe from frost damage, while other areas of the State need a week or two of warm weather. Heavy rainfall with hail damage was reported in some south central counties. Winter wheat seeding and dry bean harvest continued during the week. Preparation for fall crop harvesting continued as farmers readied harvesting equipment, moved grain, and cleaned bins. The number of days suitable for fieldwork was 4.0.

Topsoil moisture rated 13% short, 64% adequate and 23% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 13% short, 79% adequate and 8% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 10% short, 49% adequate and 41% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 18% short, 75% adequate and 7% surplus.

CROPS

All corn crop condition rated 1% poor, 4% fair, 49% good and 46% excellent. Virtually all of the irrigated crop rated good to excellent, while 92% of the dryland crop had the same rating. Corn

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denting reached 90% compared to 85% last year and 80% average. Twenty-five percent of the crop was considered mature compared to 15% a year ago and 20% average. Seed corn harvest is in full swing and a few reports of producers harvesting high moisture corn for grain were received.

Soybean crop condition rated 3% fair, 64% good and 33% excellent. Leaves were turning color on 65% of the acreage compared to 40% last year and 45% average. Soybeans dropping leaves advanced to 15%, compared to 8% last year and 15% average.

Sorghum crop condition rated 5% poor, 2% fair, 61% good and 32% excellent. Ninety percent of the sorghum was turning color compared to 75% last year and 70% average. Sorghum mature was reported at 15%, same as last year but ahead of the 9% average.

Winter wheat seeding progressed to 35%, compared to 30% last year and 35% average. Fifteen percent of the crop had emerged compared to 5% last year and 4% average.

Third cutting alfalfa was 90% harvested, same as last year but ahead of the 85% average. Alfalfa crop condition rated mostly good.

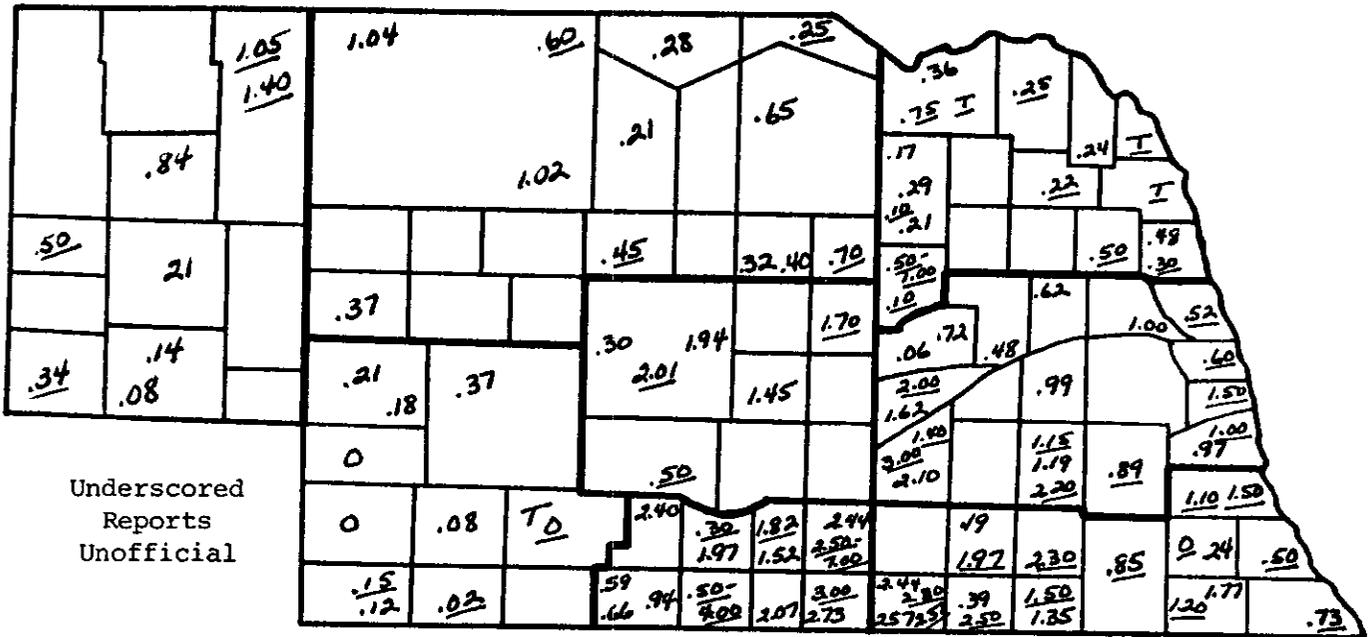
LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated mostly adequate. Producers were selling or getting ready to sell yearlings and cull cows.

Precipitation, April 1 - September 12, 1986

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week32	.54	.29	1.23	.98	.12	1.70	1.28
Total since April 1	14.74	18.87	20.41	18.29	23.07	12.84	15.86	25.28
Normal since April 1	12.94	15.49	18.38	17.08	20.02	14.40	17.51	21.48

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1986



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1986

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	85	41	59	--	.51
Scottsbluff	87	42	61	-2	.72
Sidney	84	40	61	--	T
NC Ord	85	44	60	--	.03
Valentine	88	39	56	-7	.90
NE Norfolk	82	39	61	-4	.11
Sioux City	83	40	61	-5	--
CEN Grand Island	84	46	64	-2	.12
EC Lincoln	87	42	66	-1	.25
Omaha	85	46	65	-1	.90
SW Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
North Platte	86	44	63	0	.06

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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