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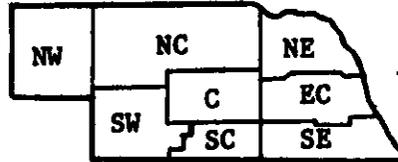
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WEATHER

Cold and very dry weather continued across the State. No rainfall was reported. Average temperatures ranged from one to eight degrees below normal.

GENERAL

Row crop harvest was nearing completion in many parts of the State, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Areas of the west were still in full swing and were moving closer to completing harvest. Winter wheat was looking good with a slight problem with Russian wheat aphids and wheat curl mites in western counties. Areas of the southeast were reporting chinch bug problems in their wheat fields. Winds were being sighted as an erosion problem on tilled fields of the east and northeast. The number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 7.0.

Topsoil moisture level rated 77% short and 23% adequate. Subsoil moisture level rated 70% short and 30% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture level rated 59% short and 41% adequate while subsoil moisture rated 31% short and 69% adequate.

CROPS

Corn harvest was rated at 90% complete, compared to 85% last year and 63% average. As producers were finishing harvest, they were either allowing cattle to graze their stalks or beginning fall tillage. Some producers were applying nitrogen fertilizer to their fields.

Sorghum harvest was 95% complete, compared to 90% last year and 74% average. Many areas of the State were nearing completion with the Southwest District moving along rapidly.

Soybean harvest was virtually finished and rated 99% complete. This compares to 97% last year and 76% average.

Winter wheat condition rated 2% poor, 31% fair, 61% good, and 6% excellent. Western counties were reporting problems with Russian wheat aphids and wheat curl mites. Greenbugs were seen in some wheat fields of the southeast.

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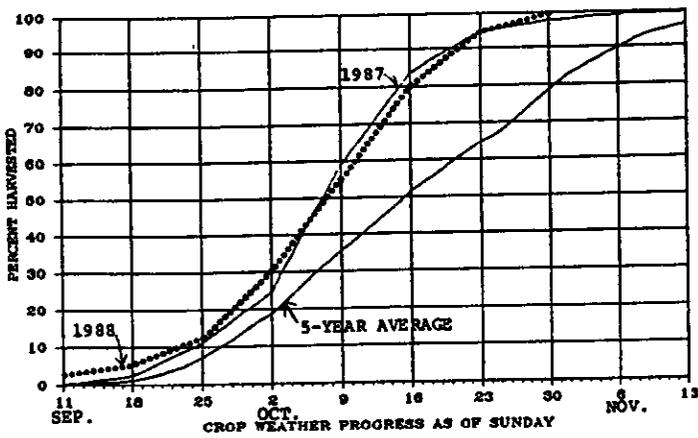
Pasture and range feed supplies rated 4% very short, 35% short and 61% adequate. Cattle continue to graze stalks and hay supplies seem to be holding steady for the winter.

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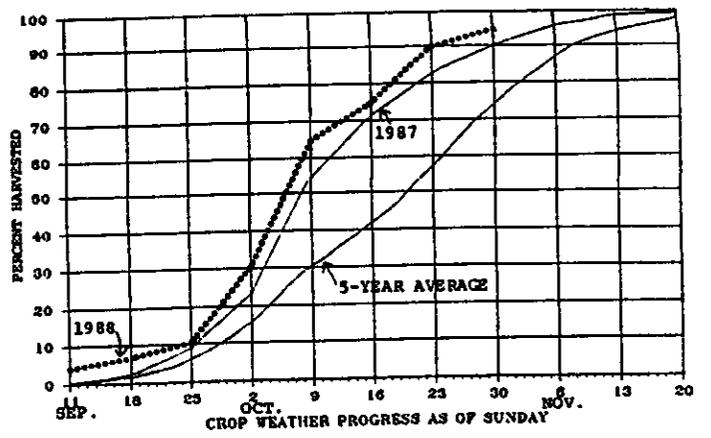
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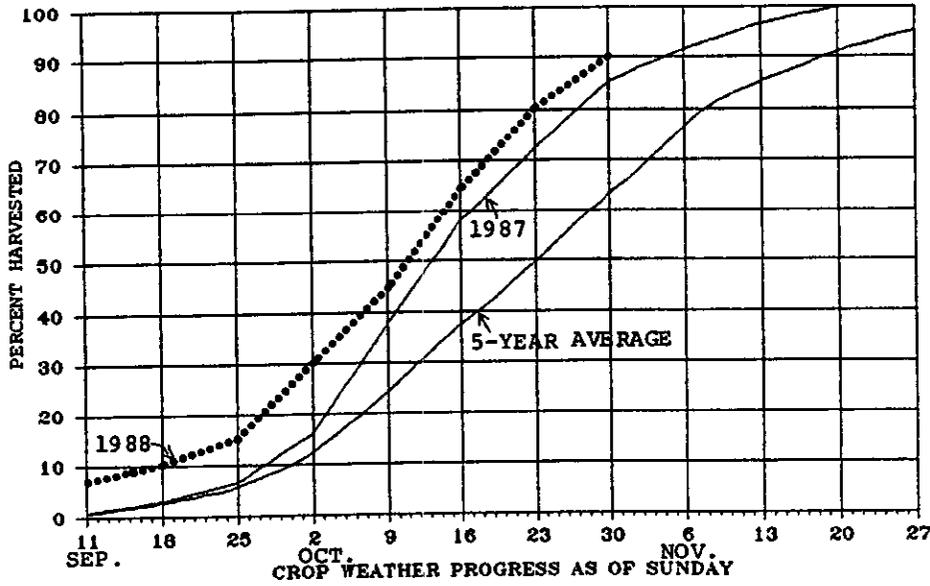
NEBRASKA -- SOYBEANS HARVESTED



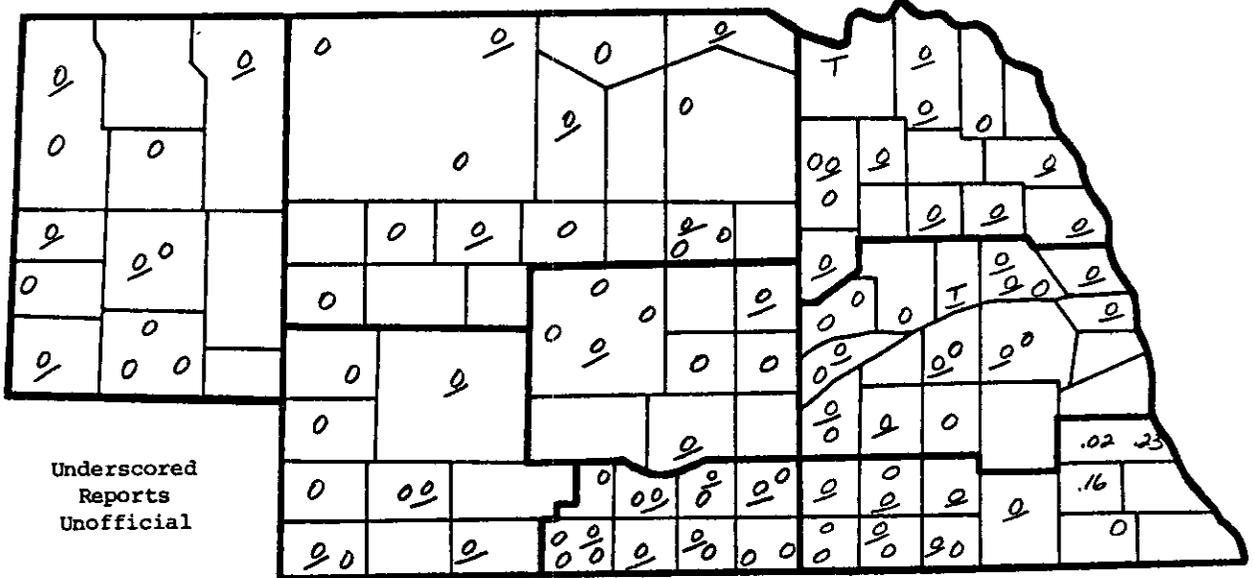
NEBRASKA -- SORGHUM HARVESTED



NEBRASKA -- CORN HARVESTED



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1988



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1988

Station	Temperature			Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	
	Max	Min			Total Inches ^{1/}
NW Chadron	79	10	44	--	0
Scottsbluff	80	16	44	-1	0
Sidney	79	17	43	--	0
NC Ord	--	--	--	--	--
Valentine	79	7	41	-3	0
NE Norfolk	64	16	39	-8	0
Sioux City	64	20	40	-7	0
CEN Grand Island	67	18	41	-7	0
EC Lincoln	65	20	41	-8	0
Omaha	63	23	41	-7	0
SW Imperial	79	20	43	--	0
North Platte	77	13	43	-2	0

^{1/} Precipitation totals not included in map above.