

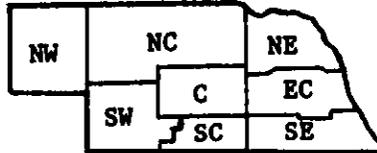
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged from five to nine degrees below normals. Precipitation occurred at the beginning of the week with amounts ranging from less than a tenth of an inch in the northern half to an inch or more in the southern portion.

GENERAL

Wet soil conditions kept most farmers out of the fields during the first part of last week, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Only 2.2 days were considered suitable for field-work, with the southeastern portion of the State averaging less than one day suitable. At mid-week, light frost was reported in many western and northern counties. Crop damage was still being assessed as no heavy damage was reported. The rain and cool weather halted wheat planting and dry edible bean harvesting, but by the end of the week, operators were back cutting silage and hay. Main activities: preparing equipment for harvesting, cutting hay and silage, moving grain, and sowing wheat.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 15% short, 61% adequate and 24% surplus, while the subsoil condition reached its best level of the year at 55% short and 45% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture was 29% short, 66% adequate and 5% surplus and subsoil moisture was 79% short and 21% adequate.

CROPS

All corn condition was 8% very poor, 8% poor, 23% fair, 48% good and 13% excellent. The irrigated crop was rated 84% good or excellent, while only 6% of the dryland crop was rated good. The crop was 95% dented compared with 99% in 1988 and 96% average. Corn mature reached 40% compared with 86% last year and 52% average. Early harvesting was delayed by the wet weather at 2% complete compared with

CROPS (Cont.)

10% in 1988 and 3% average. Frost caused some damage across the northern part of the State and into the central and south-western portion. High levels of corn borer damage were reported in some eastern counties.

Sorghum condition was 3% very poor, 23% poor, 63% fair and 11% good. About 80% of the acreage was turning color compared with 99% last year and 89% average. The crop was 25% mature, much less than last year's 85% and the average of 42%. Frost and high winds have caused some damage in some central counties.

Soybean condition was 11% very poor, 14% poor, 58% fair, 16% good and 1% excellent. About 65% of the acreage was turning color, behind last year's 94% and the average of 76%. Soybeans dropping leaves reached 20% compared with 82% in 1988 and 37% average. Frost also caused some damage in the central and north-eastern areas.

Winter wheat seeding, again slowed by wet fields, reached only 20%, far behind last year's 40% and the average of 50%. About 4% was reported to be emerged.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 2% very poor, 9% poor, 53% fair, 35% good and 1% excellent. The third cutting was 96% complete compared with 97% in 1988 and 94% average. Many growers in the northeast were making a fourth cutting.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated 16% very short, 43% short and 41% adequate. Hay and roughage supplies were 4% very short, 65% short and 31% adequate. Pastures have improved across the State as cool season grasses had greened up and were growing. Cattlemen in the north were weaning their spring calves and some fall calves were born in the central area. Feedlots in the east reported muddy conditions and slow gains.

Precipitation, April 1 - September 15, 1989

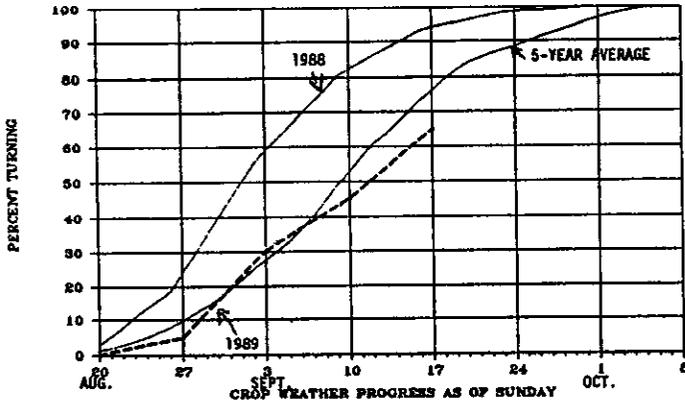
	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	1.25	.64	.67	1.12	2.47	1.25	1.84	1.58
Total since April 1	8.11	11.06	12.43	15.67	19.30	15.87	18.21	20.73
Normal since April 1	12.51	15.50	18.02	16.83	19.50	14.07	17.16	20.53
Total as % of Normal	65%	71%	69%	93%	99%	113%	106%	101%

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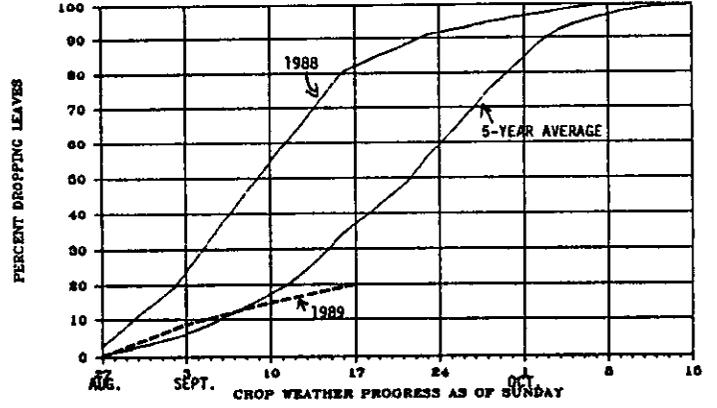
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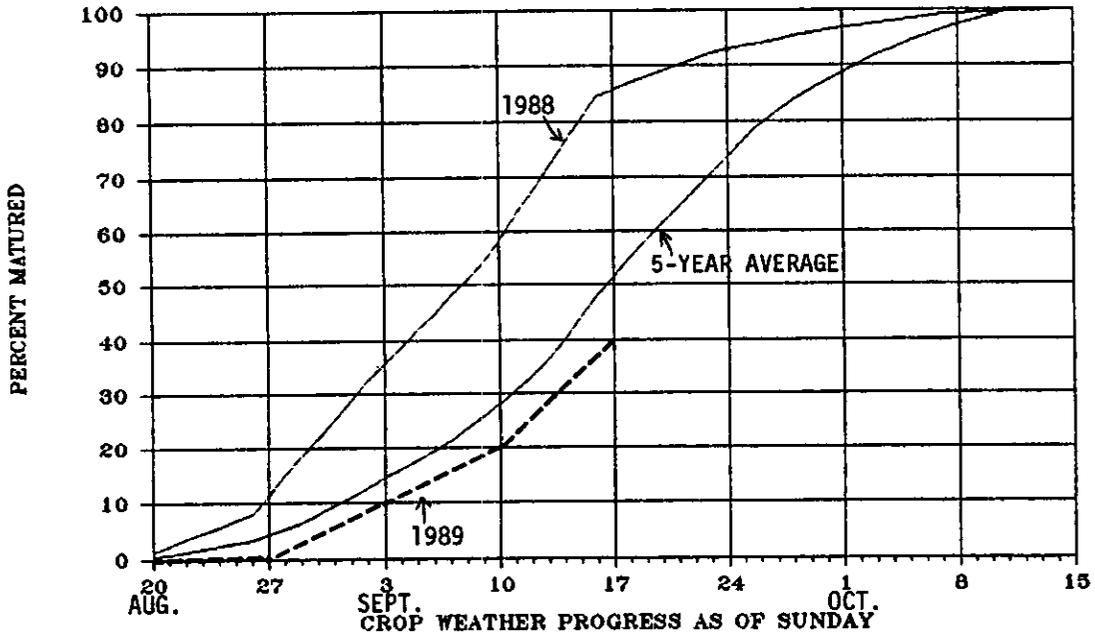
NEBRASKA -- SOYBEANS TURNING COLOR



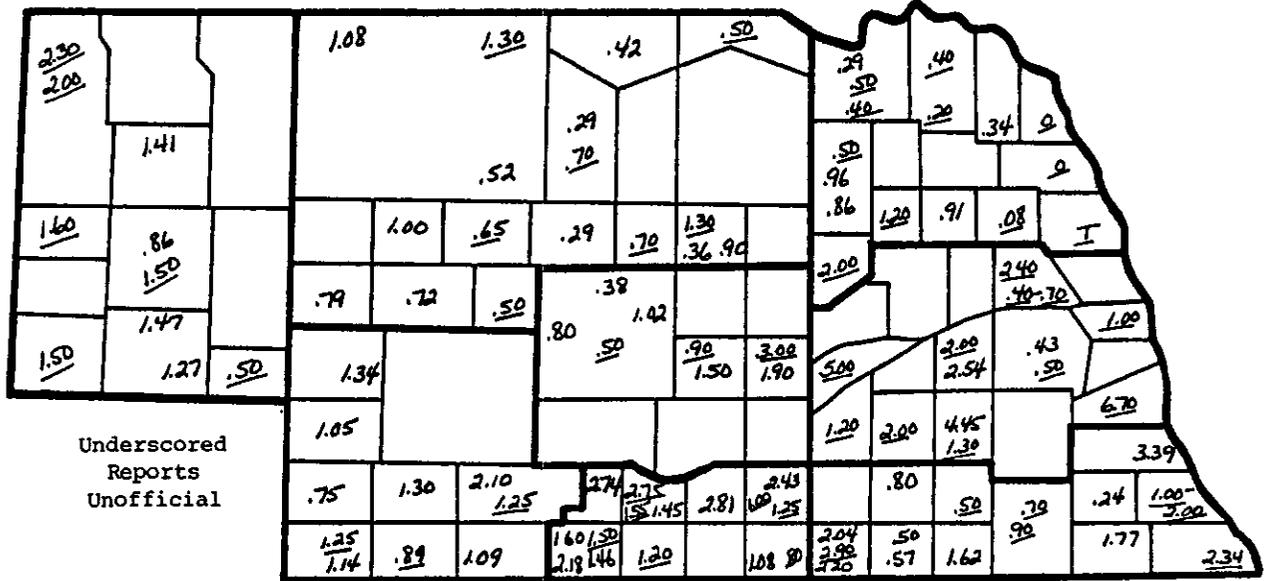
NEBRASKA - SOYBEANS DROPPING LEAVES



NEBRASKA -- CORN MATURED



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1989



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1989

Station	Temperature				Precipitation Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	95	28	55	--	.02
Scottsbluff	93	29	54	-8	.06
Sidney	89	28	51	--	.11
NC Ord	86	31	54	--	.30
Valentine	96	29	57	-5	0
NE Norfolk	87	34	57	-7	.03
Sioux City	84	37	57	-8	0
CEN Grand Island	84	37	56	-9	.82
EC Lincoln	85	41	58	-8	.52
Omaha	83	43	58	-7	.23
SW Imperial	88	31	54	--	.50
North Platte	90	30	53	-9	.60

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.