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NEBRASKA

# WEATHER & CROPS



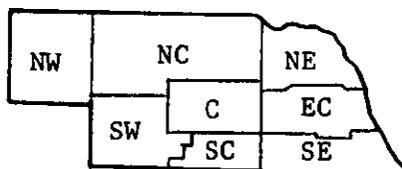
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## WEATHER

Precipitation was nearly non-existent with amounts generally less than a tenth of an inch. Temperatures were about eight degrees below normal except over the Panhandle where readings were near or a little above normal.

## GENERAL

Favorable harvesting weather continued last week over most of the State. With over six days suitable for fieldwork, considerable harvesting was accomplished with many farmers completing their fall harvest. A few areas continue to be slowed by high grain moisture content and others by the filling of elevator storage capacities.

Topsoil moisture supplies declined again last week and are now short in 72% of the counties reporting with 28% adequate. Subsoil moisture supplies have remained about the same all month and are 92% short and 8% adequate. A year ago, topsoil was 96% short in the counties reporting and subsoil was 98% short.

## CROPS

Corn harvested for grain progressed well last week with nearly 75% of the crop harvested statewide. This compares to 60% for normal and 85% for last year at this time. Moisture content is reportedly mostly in the upper teens, allowing rapid harvest in some areas. However, some farmers are waiting for more field drying before harvesting.

## CROPS (Cont.)

Sorghum harvest is nearing completion over the State with almost 95% harvested to date. This is well ahead of the normal 80% but slightly below last year's near 100% completion.

Soybean harvest is also nearly completed as 95% of the crop has already been harvested. Normally, only 90% has been taken while last year nearly 100% had been harvested.

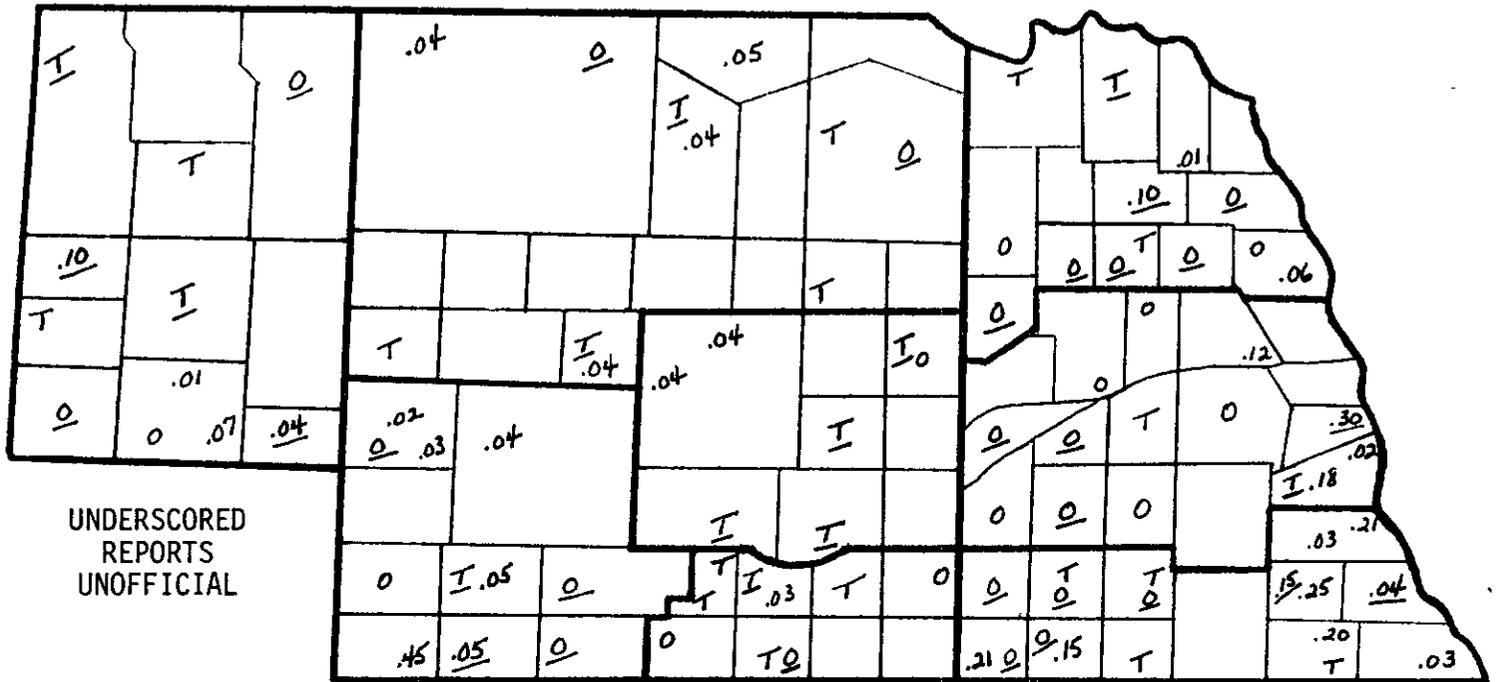
Wheat condition declined again last week as very little moisture was received statewide. Condition is reported to be 3% poor, 51% fair, 38% good, and 8% excellent. This compares to a year ago at 27% poor, 59% fair, and 14% good. Moisture is needed in all areas for continued growth of emerged stands and germination of some late planted fields.

Sugar beet harvest in western Nebraska continues to move along well and is nearing completion at this time.

## LIVESTOCK

Cattle are gleaning corn and sorghum stalk fields or are awaiting harvest completion to move into the stalk fields. Some cattle are reportedly also grazing wheat fields. Those remaining on short, dry pastures continue to receive supplemental feed.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1976



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1976

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	69	21	42	--	.01
Scottsbluff	69	19	46	+1	.01
Sidney	67	12	38	--	--
NC Burwell	70	17	39	--	--
Valentine	69	13	39	-5	.08
NE Norfolk	60	18	39	-8	T
Sioux City	59	22	38	-9	T
CEN Grand Island	65	17	40	-8	T
EC Lincoln	60	22	40	-9	.04
Omaha	61	27	42	-8	.18
SW Imperial	65	14	40	--	--
North Platte	66	13	37	-8	.03

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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