

# NEBRASKA WEATHER & CROPS

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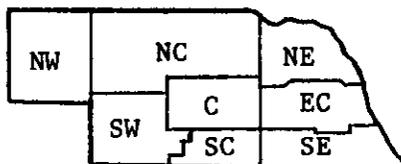
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## WEATHER

Temperatures for the past week were well above normal ranging from 6 to 8 degrees above. Precipitation with the exception of the Panhandle was widespread with the heaviest amounts in the central and eastern portions. In the eastern portion, a few places reported in excess of an inch of moisture for the period.

## GENERAL

Excellent harvesting weather prevailed over most of the State except in East Central and Southeast areas where rain and fog hampered harvesting operations. Lack of storage for the new crop has resulted in piling of grain on the ground at some locations. Post harvest operations of discing, stalk cutting and applying fertilizer are underway. Topsoil moisture supplies declined again this past week and are now short in 29% of the counties reporting, adequate in 65% and surplus in the remaining 6%. Subsoil moisture supplies remained unchanged at 86% adequate and 14% short. This compares to a year ago when topsoil was short in 72% of the counties and subsoil was short in 92%.

## CROPS

Corn harvest continued to advance with 70% of the acreage harvested compared with 75% a year ago. Normally,

## CROPS (Cont.)

about 60% has been harvested by this time. Above normal temperatures aided field drying with farmers harvesting as quickly as possible to minimize ear droppage.

Combining of grain sorghum moved ahead with 80% of the crop in the bin, normal progress for the date but behind last year when 95% had been harvested by this date.

Soybean harvest progressed the past week and was over 80% completed. This compares with 95% a year ago and the normal of 85%.

Sugar beet harvest advanced rapidly in the western portion of the State and is over 80% completed.

Winter wheat condition declined slightly last week and is reported in fair condition in 16% of the counties, good in 70% and excellent in 14%. However, this is above a year ago when condition was reported at 3% poor, 51% fair, 38% good, and 8% excellent. There has been some wind erosion and additional fall moisture is needed in the west.

## LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture feed supplies are rated adequate or better in 92% of the counties reporting. This compares to a year ago when only 16% reported adequate supplies. Producers continue to run cattle in stalk fields.

