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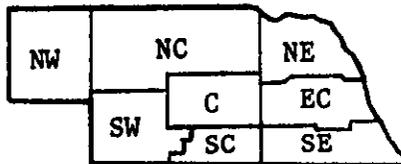
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged 4 to 8 degrees below normal for the period with below freezing temperatures reported over the north and west sections of the State. There was little or no rainfall.

GENERAL

Fall row crop harvesting progressed rapidly last week throughout the State. Harvesting conditions were nearly ideal and a period of cooler weather brought light frosts to most central and some eastern areas. Soybean combining showed the best progress with most delays caused by green stems and early morning dew.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated adequate in 43% of the counties and short in 57%. Subsoil moisture levels were adequate in 58% of the counties and short in 42%. A year ago topsoil moisture was adequate in 91% of the counties and short in only 9%. Subsoil moisture was adequate in over 90% of the State.

CROPS

The State's corn crop was 95% mature, the same as last year and normal. Corn harvest progressed with 15% of the acreage complete compared to 25% last year and a normal of about 20%. Many localities report much of the corn was still in the 20% to 25% moisture range.

CROPS (Cont.)

Sorghum acreage was 95% ripe, slightly ahead of last year's 90% and near the normal of 95%. Statewide, harvest progress stood at just over 25%, behind last year's 30% but slightly ahead of the normal 25%.

Leaves had shed on 95% of the soybean acreage, slightly ahead of last year when 85% had shed. Normally, leaf shedding is 95% complete by this date. Soybean harvest neared 40% completion, ahead of last year's 20% and the normal 35%. Combining was over three-fourths complete in a few northeastern and east central counties.

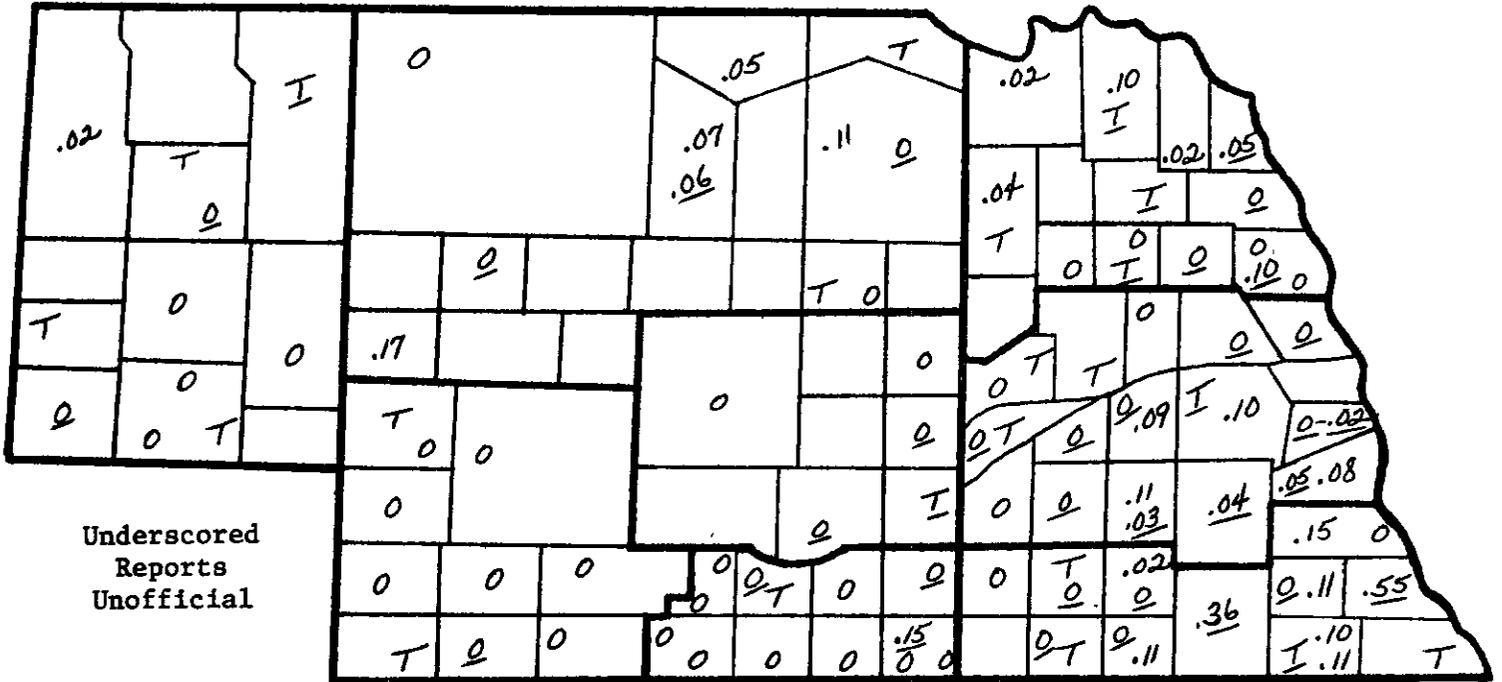
Winter wheat seeding was near completion with 95% of the acreage sown while a year ago planting was 90% complete. Normal seeding progress for this date is over 90% complete. Most fields remaining to be planted were in the eastern counties.

The dry edible bean harvest was virtually completed in the Panhandle and southwestern counties last week. Fall potato digging was active with many fields completed during the week.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies were rated adequate in 70% of the counties. Harvest activities continued to slow cattle movement last week.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1978



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1978

Station	Temperature			Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches ^{1/}
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	84	23	52	--	T
Scottsbluff	84	24	51	-4	0
Sidney	81	22	48	--	T
NC Burwell	81	22	50	--	T
Valentine	85	22	49	-6	.01
NE Norfolk	76	26	50	-7	T
Sioux City	73	28	50	-8	.05
CEN Grand Island	78	29	52	-6	T
EC Lincoln	75	29	52	-8	.02
Omaha	70	34	51	-8	T
SW Imperial	84	28	--	--	--
North Platte	83	27	49	-7	0

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

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