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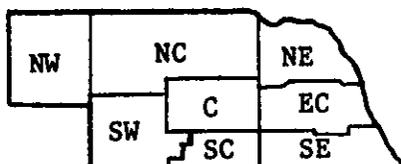
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WEATHER

A major winter storm gave plentiful precipitation to the state early in the week. One to two feet of snow fell in the central and west with over an inch of rain over the east. Temperatures averaged five degrees below normal west to near normal east.

GENERAL

Heavy snow and rain halted farmers' harvesting efforts again, but improved the soil moisture supplies and wheat crop condition. An average of 3.2 days were suitable for fieldwork.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated as surplus in 39% of the counties, adequate in 58%, and short in only 3%. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated as 89% adequate and 11% short. A year ago, topsoil moisture supplies were rated as 24% adequate and 76% short. Subsoil moisture was considered 41% adequate and 59% short.

Diesel and gasoline supplies were rated as 95% adequate and 5% tight while LP gas was considered adequate.

CROPS

Corn harvest struggled to nearly 90% completion as rain or snow halted progress in all areas by mid-week. A year ago, harvest was virtually complete and normally is 90% complete by this date. Harvest progress is slow due to lodging and wet fields as well as high grain moisture content. Harvesting was least advanced in the northeast.

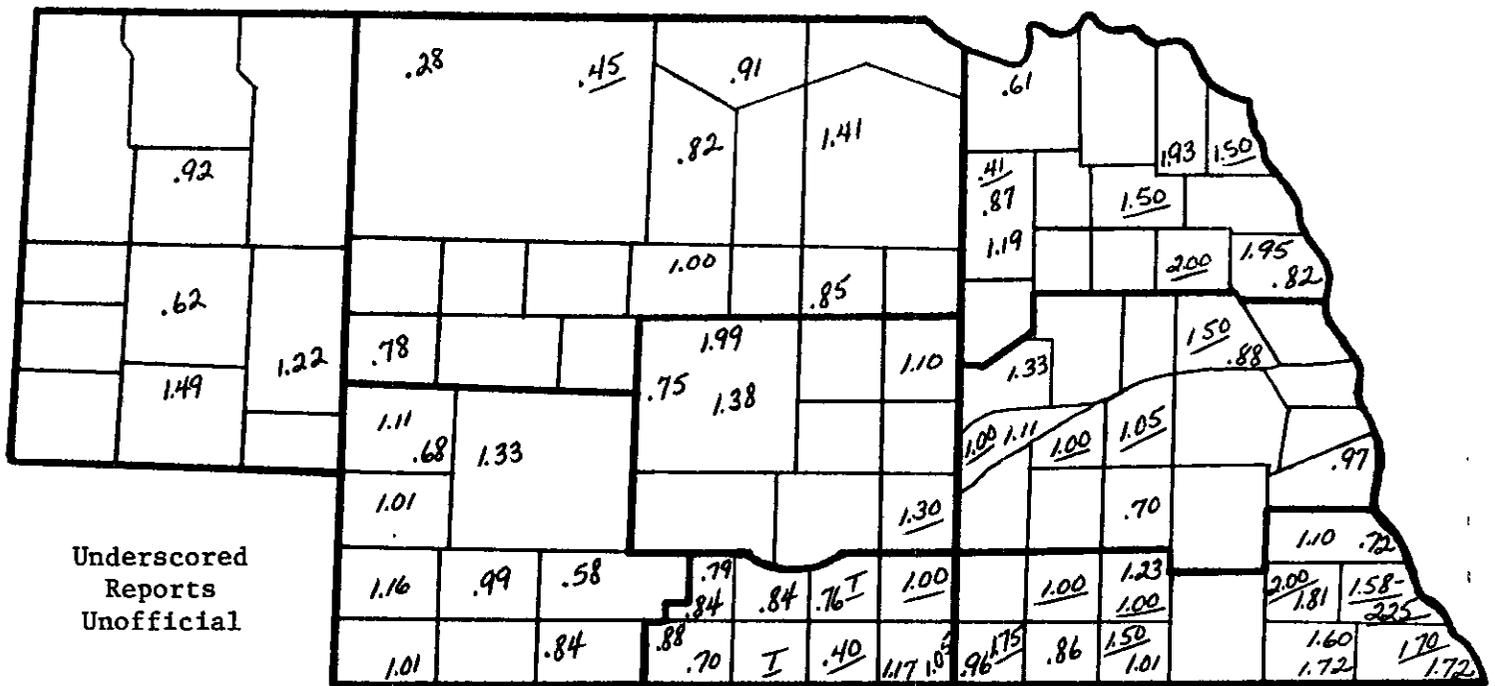
Sorghum harvest reached 95% completion, slightly behind last year's 100% and the normal of over 95% by this date. Generally only parts of fields remain and harvest progress is difficult due to wet, muddy fields and lodging of the crop.

The winter wheat condition was reported as 48% good, 45% fair, and 7% poor. Recent moisture has improved stands, growth and condition of the wheat crop.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies were rated as adequate in 63% of the counties and short in 37%. Snow and wet fields limited use of stalk fields in some localities and caused stress to animals in range areas hit hardest by the storm.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1979



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1979

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	52	6	28	---	.56
Scottsbluff	53	6	27	-6	1.54
Sidney	--	--	--	---	--
NC Burwell	57	4	27	---	.75
Valentine	55	3	27	-4	.58
NE Norfolk	59	10	34	+1	1.38
Sioux City	60	21	30	-3	1.03
CEN Grand Island	60	12	32	-3	1.41
EC Lincoln	62	18	36	0	1.00
Omaha	60	18	38	+4	.80
SW Imperial	51	9	27	---	--
North Platte	57	8	31	-2	2.95

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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