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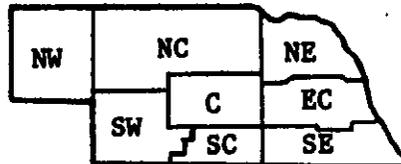
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WEATHER

Temperatures this past week started out below normal but by the weekend were ten to twenty degrees above normal. The averages for the week were near to slightly above normal. Only light amounts of precipitation occurred during the week in western Nebraska.

GENERAL

Fall fieldwork activities were virtually completed in the eastern two-thirds of Nebraska and the final windup of corn harvest occurred in the west. The mild, dry conditions of the past several weeks have allowed more fieldwork than normal to be completed this fall. Other activities during the week included winterizing farm equipment, fencing corn stalks, hay hauling, and some farm construction. There were 7.0 days considered suitable for fieldwork.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 90% short and 10% adequate. Subsoil supplies were 88% short and 12% adequate. A year ago, topsoil supplies

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were 3% short, 71% adequate, and 26% surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 15% short and 85% adequate.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition was rated 66% fair and 34% good. Some stands of wheat have entered the dormant stage but mild temperatures have slowed the transition. Many producers are showing concern over dry conditions that may increase the chance of winterkill.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies showed little change from last week and rated mostly short to adequate. Harvested row crop fields continue to provide the bulk of supplies with supplemental feeding occurring in many areas. Excellent fall conditions have permitted many fields to be gleaned by livestock. During the week, producers continued the working and weaning of spring calves.

Weekly reports are being discontinued and the report will be issued once a month until early spring. The next report will be released January 5, 1981.

