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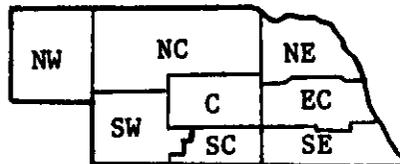
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WEATHER

It was a cold week with widespread precipitation during midweek and at the end of the week. Precipitation was in the form of rain and snow ranging from a quarter to three-quarters of an inch. Temperatures averaged around ten degrees below normal.

GENERAL

Hard freezing temperatures occurred midweek and again Friday, putting an end to the growing season and should encourage field drying of fall crops. Harvesting progressed slowly the first part of the week but picked up some momentum later in the week. Good drying conditions continued to be needed with much of the corn and sorghum harvested requiring mechanical drying. Winds during the week and effects of corn borer damage were causing some field losses. Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.7.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 15% short, 84% adequate and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 31% short and 69% adequate. A year ago, topsoil moisture was 63% short, 35% adequate and 2% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 79% short and 21% adequate.

CROPS

Corn harvest progressed to 35% complete compared to 85% last year and 50% normal. Moisture levels of grain in most areas were still above the acceptable level for storage with more drying weather desirable.

Soybean harvest moved ahead to 80% but was still behind the 94% figure of a year ago and 85% normal.

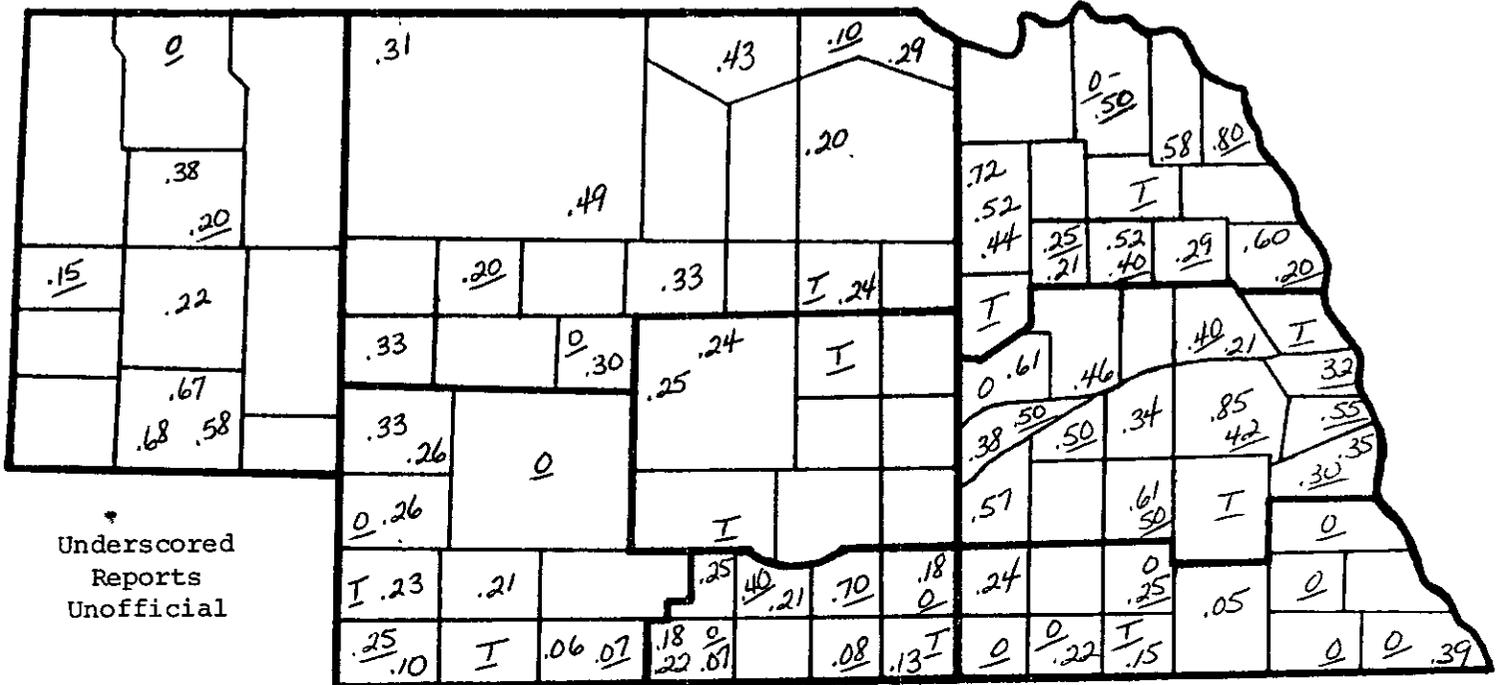
Sorghum harvest picked up momentum with 35% combined. This compares to 93% harvested last year and 75% normal. Progress continues to run about two weeks behind normal.

Winter wheat crop condition continued to rate well above last fall's crop and was 8% fair, 85% good and 7% excellent. A year ago, because of short moisture supplies, much of the crop rated only in fair condition.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated short to mostly adequate. With harvest delayed, producers had not been able to move as many cattle to harvested stalk fields as in past years. But with increasing amounts of crop residues becoming available, feed supplies have been mostly adequate.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1981



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1981

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	75	15	37	---	.60
Scottsbluff	75	18	42	-6	.07
Sidney	73	19	39	---	.08
NC Valentine	75	12	40	-8	.17
NE Norfolk	75	17	40	-10	.08
Sioux City	72	20	40	-11	.21
CEN Grand Island	77	20	42	-9	.01
EC Lincoln	73	20	43	-10	.14
Omaha	70	20	41	-11	.14
SW Imperial	75	26	43	---	0
North Platte	73	13	40	-9	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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