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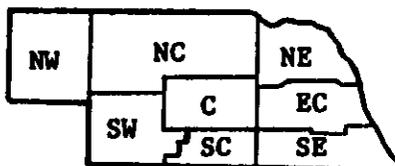
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## WEATHER

Temperatures averaged about four degrees above normal across the State. Precipitation was light and occurred during the latter part of the week.

## GENERAL

Nebraska farmers continued to push forward on crops remaining to be harvested last week. Heavy fog and frost caused temporary delays across the State, but by the end of the week, most producers were wrapping up their harvesting operations. As harvesting was completed, growers were busy cleaning and preparing their machinery for storage. Lots of fall tillage was accomplished along with applications of fertilizer in preparation for next year's crop. Statewide, an average of 6.7 days were suitable for fieldwork.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 21% short and 79% adequate. Subsoil moisture also rated 21% short and 79% adequate. A year ago, topsoil moisture supplies were 10% short, 69% adequate and 21% surplus. Subsoil moisture was 38% short, 52% adequate and 10% surplus.

## CROPS

Corn harvest moved ahead to 97% complete, just behind 99% last year, but ahead of 90% average. Good progress was made in the Central District where harvest was delayed a week ago by snowcover.

## CROPS (Cont.)

Combining of the 1984 soybean crop was 99% complete, slightly behind the 100% harvested a year ago, but approximately 15 days later than normal.

Sorghum harvest was also 99% completed last week, just behind last year's 100%. Despite the delays caused by lodged stalks, farmers were able to stay ahead of the 5-year average of 96% harvested. Most of the harvesting activities occurred in the Central and Southwestern Districts where weather had delayed harvest the previous week.

The 1985 winter wheat crop remained in mostly good condition. Improved moisture supplies during the fall resulted in good emergence and growth through the early stages of development. Additional moisture would benefit the crop, particularly in the western half of the State where moisture has been more scarce. The crop was moving into the dormant stage as cooler temperatures prevailed.

## LIVESTOCK

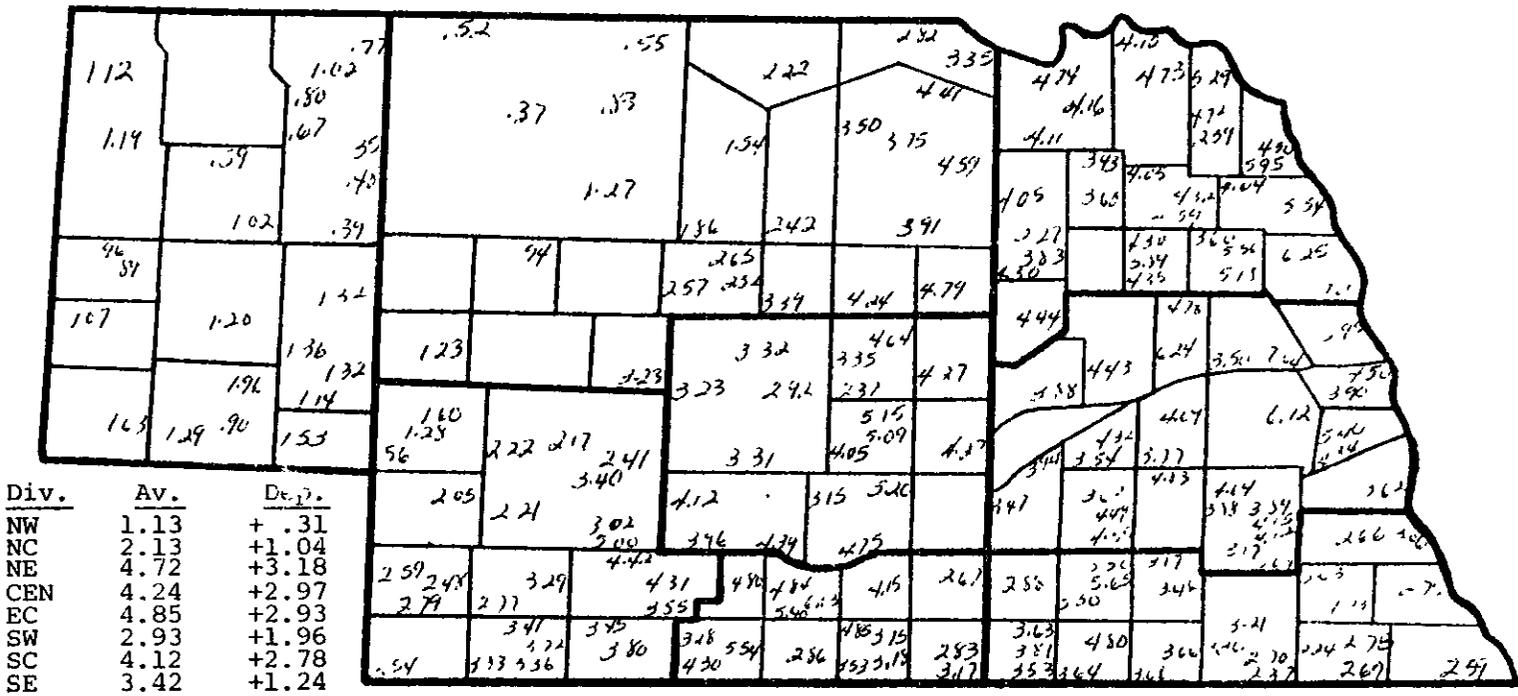
Pasture and range feed condition rated 30% short and 70% adequate. Drier conditions have prevailed in the western portions of the State making grass fires a real concern of many ranchers. Cattle continued to graze crop stubble as movement of cows and calves onto crop residue remained strong. Some movement of calves to markets and feedlots took place.

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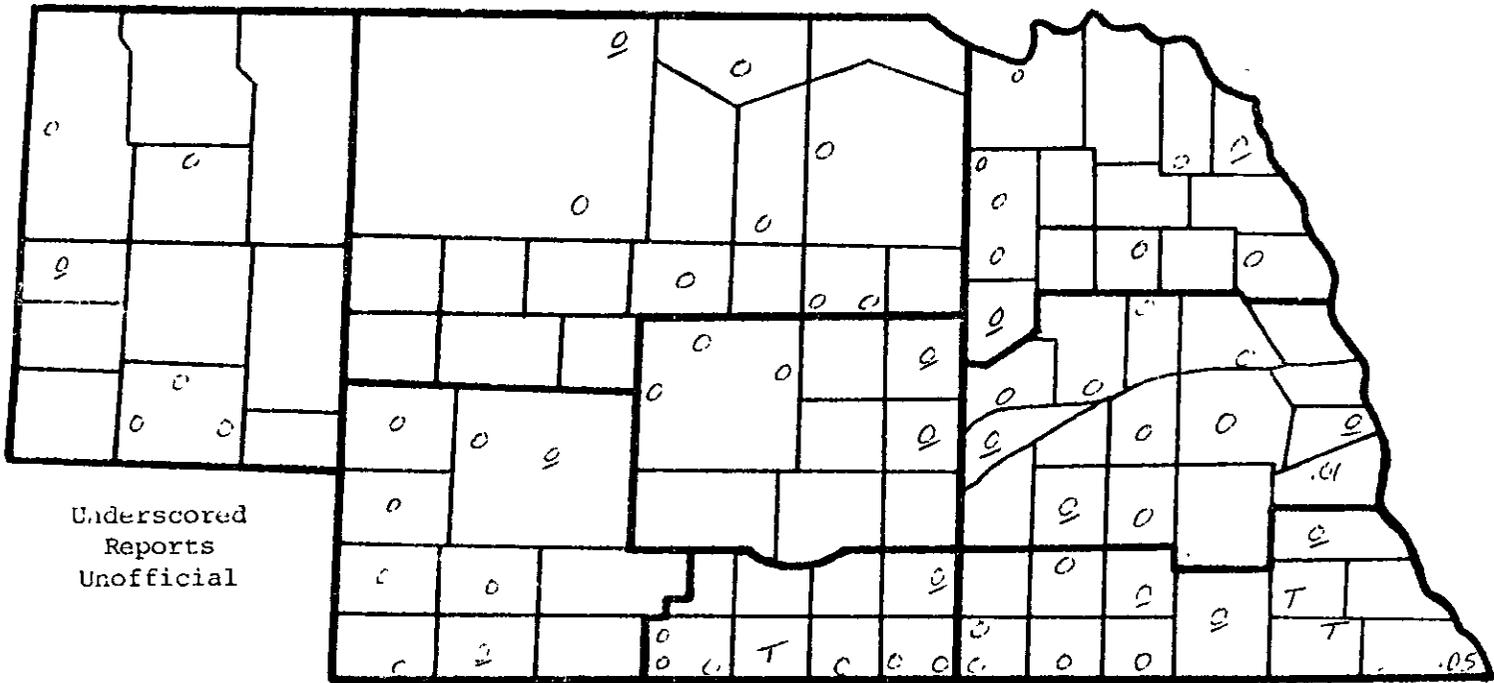
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 1984 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Center for Agricultural Meteorology and Climatology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1984



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1984

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	70	12	39	--	0
Scottsbluff	62	14	38	+5	.03
Sidney	59	11	37	--	.01
NC Ord	56	18	36	--	.20
Valentine	62	13	35	+4	0
NE Norfolk	60	20	39	+6	.09
Sioux City	60	18	37	+4	0
CEN Grand Island	57	20	36	+2	.12
EC Lincoln	62	18	38	+3	.11
Omaha	62	21	39	+4	.17
SW Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
North Platte	59	16	36	+4	.25

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.