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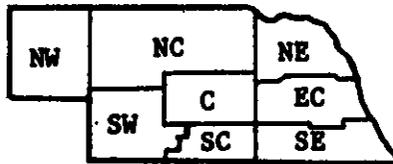
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WEATHER

The week started hot and dry but ended cold and wet. Rainfall amounts averaged from a half inch west up to two inches east. Average temperatures ended near normal.

GENERAL

Hot, dry weather at the beginning of the week allowed producers to make progress seeding wheat, cutting silage and hay and harvesting seed corn. Harvesting of all major row crops stood at 1%. However, as the weekend approached, cool, wet weather set in once again delaying fieldwork. Wet conditions have hampered dry bean harvest which is running behind normal. Farmers continued to move grain, clean bins and prepare machinery for harvest. The number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 4.5.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 18% short, 71% adequate and 11% surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 21% short, 77% adequate and 2% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 91% short and 9% adequate. Subsoil moisture rated 74% short and 26% adequate.

CROPS

All corn condition rated 5% fair, 71% good and 24% excellent. Ninety-six percent of the irrigated crop rated good to excellent while 92% of the non-irrigated crop had the same rating. Corn denting equalled 96%, compared to 100% last year and 94% average. Corn considered mature advanced to 45%, just behind last year and average at 50%.

Precipitation, April 1 - September 20, 1985

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week.....	.01	.12	.47	.45	.23	.04	.15	.68
Total since April 1.....	10.20	17.28	21.35	20.70	22.35	14.21	21.26	23.11
Normal since April 1.....	13.34	16.03	19.07	17.72	20.86	14.88	18.18	22.46

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Harvesting was underway in the south-eastern counties with approximately 1% of the crop harvested, compared to 2% for both last year and average.

Soybean condition rated 4% fair, 68% good and 28% excellent. Leaves were turning color on 80% of the acreage, compared to 70% last year and 65% average. Leaves were dropping on 30% of the acreage, compared to 25% last year and 40% average. Soybean harvest was 1% complete, equal to last year but behind the 2% average.

Sorghum condition rated 1% poor, 4% fair, 75% good and 20% excellent. Acreage coloring moved forward to 90%, compared to 85% for both last year and average. Sorghum considered mature reached 35%, behind both last year and average at 40%. One percent of the sorghum was harvested, compared to 2% for both last year and average.

Wheat seeding advanced to 55%, behind 70% for both last year and average. Emergence had occurred on 30% of the acreage, equal to last year but behind the 35% average.

Alfalfa hay condition remained mostly good to fair with the third cutting 98% complete, compared to 100% last year and average. Hay harvesting should be completed by the end of the month.

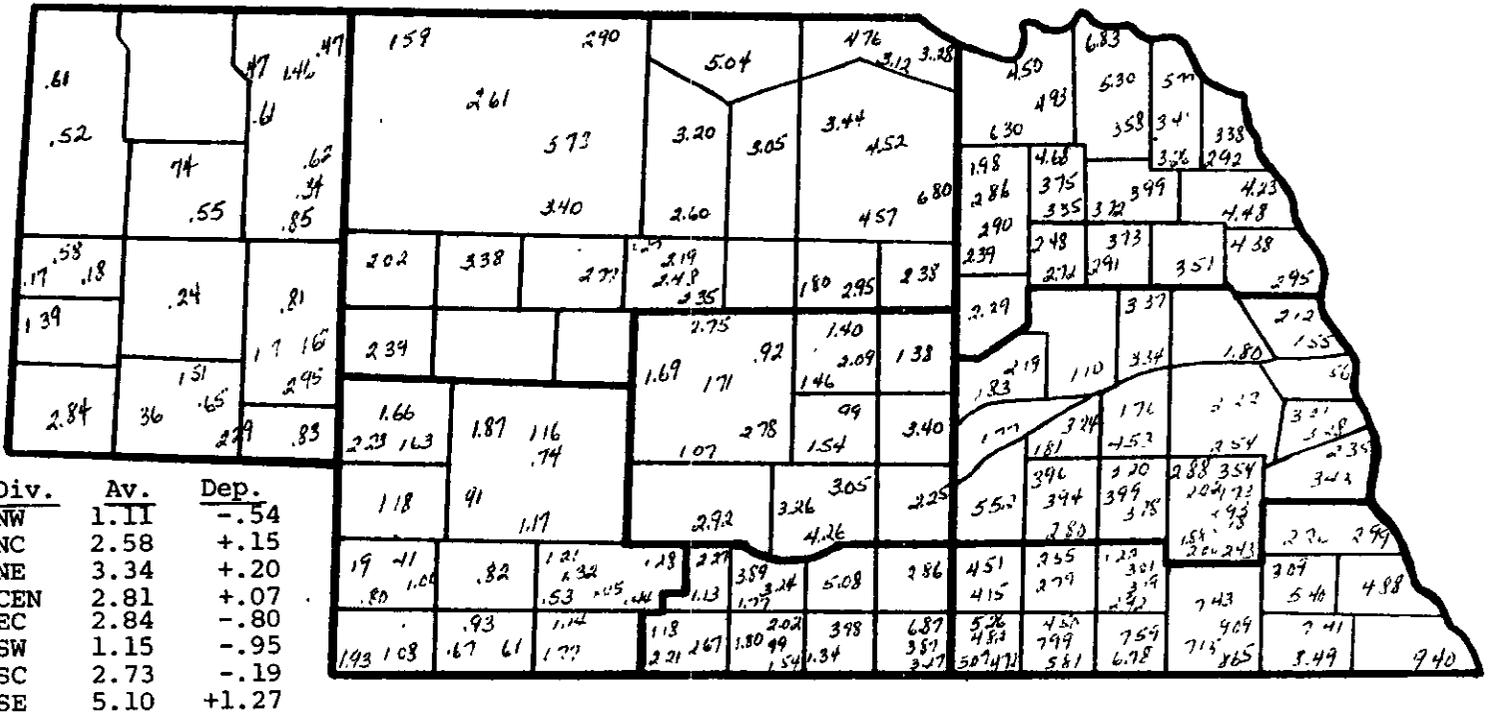
LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated mostly adequate to short. Grazing prospects continued to look good, but lagging prices have made cattle buyers hesitant to purchase at this time.

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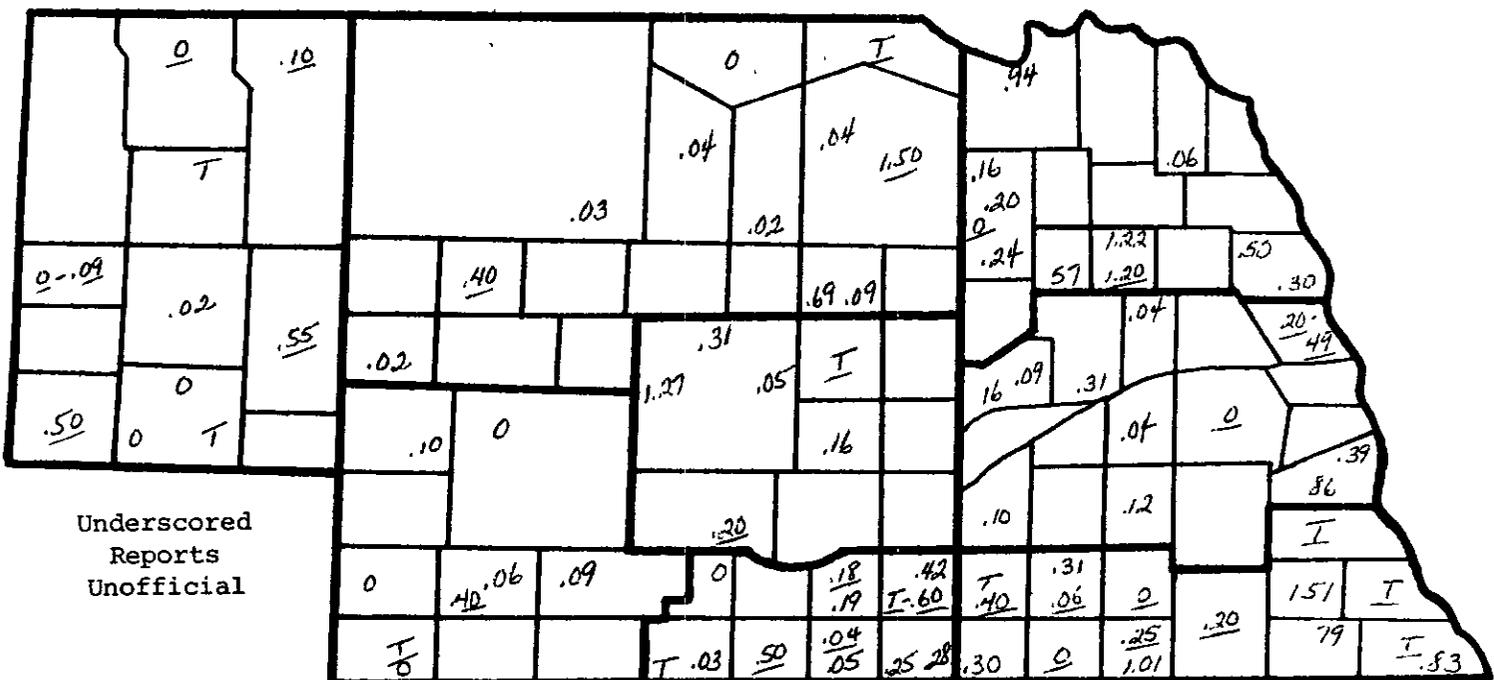
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 1985 1/



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, SEPTEMBER 20, 1985



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1985

Station	Temperature				Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/	
	Max	Min				
NW	Chadron	92	31	61	--	.12
	Scottsbluff	91	36	59	-2	.50
	Sidney	90	39	62	--	.25
NC	Ord	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	95	30	60	0	.20
NE	Norfolk	88	46	64	+2	.56
	Sioux City	87	48	65	+1	.28
CEN	Grand Island	92	47	64	+1	.59
EC	Lincoln	90	49	65	-1	1.42
	Omaha	88	48	64	0	.91
SW	Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
	North Platte	93	43	62	+1	.57

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.