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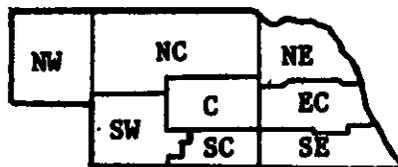
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## WEATHER

The week was very mild with only scattered light rain reported. Amounts ranged from traces up to nearly a half inch. Average temperatures ranged from six to ten degrees above normal. Very good drying conditions prevailed over much of Nebraska last week.

## GENERAL

Nebraska grain producers continued to push forward with harvest concentration mainly on soybeans and sorghum. Drying conditions were very good over most of the State, but moisture level percentages on corn remained in the low to mid 20's. Although moisture levels were acceptable for soybeans and sorghum, many fields were muddy and the concern over possible soil compaction problems next year was rising. Dry bean harvest was nearly completed last week and sugar beet harvest continued active in the west. Some field loss and reduction in quality was again reported on dry beans. Other farm activities included moving hay, fence building and repair and drying and storing grain. The number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 3.4.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2% short, 72% adequate and 26% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 9% short, 77% adequate and 14% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 7% short, 58% adequate and 35% surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 19% short, 67% adequate and 14% surplus.

## CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 17% fair, 75% good and 8% excellent. Seeding of wheat was virtually completed last week, almost three weeks behind normal. Ninety-five percent of the crop had emerged.

Corn harvest was 25% complete, behind 45% last year and over two weeks behind the 55% average. Stalk rot was becoming more evident in the southeastern district with some lodging reported.

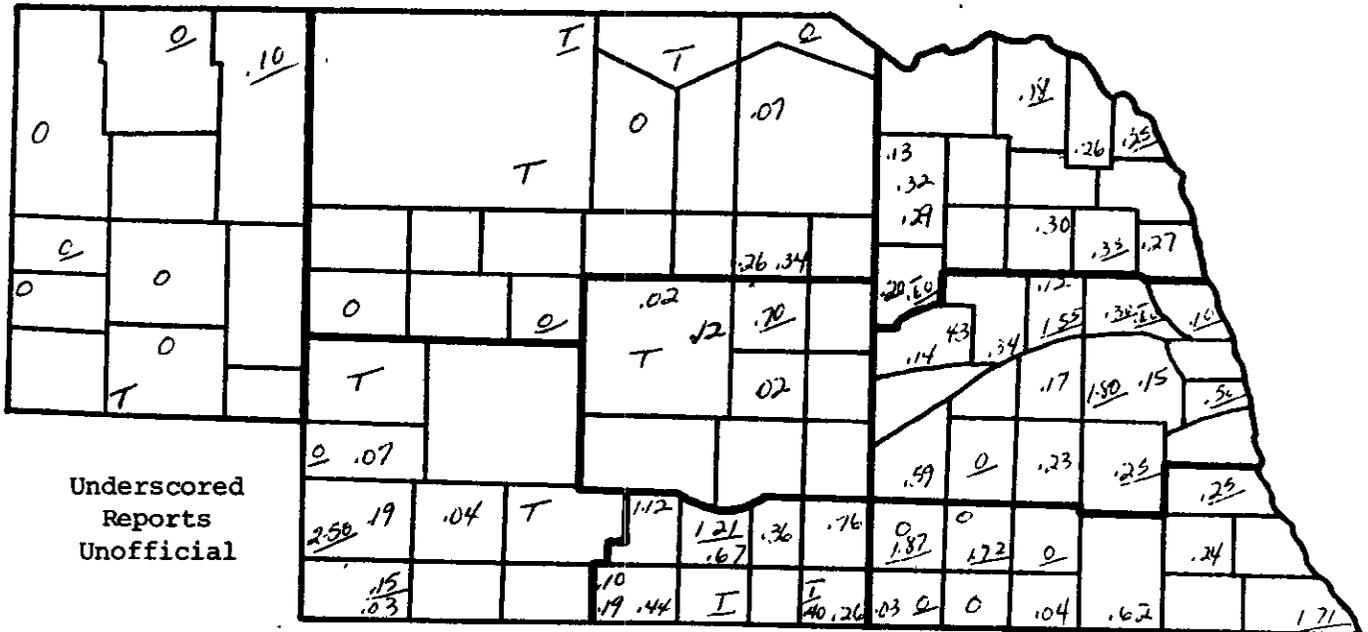
Soybean harvest moved forward to 40%, behind 50% last year and 75% average. Soybean harvest was also over two weeks behind normal.

Sorghum harvest advanced to 40% complete, behind 55% last year and 60% average. Harvest of sorghum was about ten days behind normal.

## LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated mostly adequate. Producers continued to wean calves and move cattle to stalk fields.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1985



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1985

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	79	31	54	--	.01
Scottsbluff	78	33	53	+6	0
Sidney	79	32	53	--	0
NC Ord	74	33	55	--	.03
Valentine	83	25	55	+9	T
NE Norfolk	75	35	57	+9	.12
Sioux City	75	34	58	+9	.22
CEN Grand Island	74	39	57	+7	.29
EC Lincoln	76	39	60	+8	.02
Omaha	74	46	60	+10	.01
SW Imperial	79	31	55	--	0
North Platte	78	29	54	+7	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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