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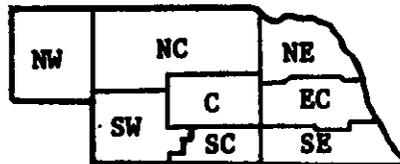
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## WEATHER

Precipitation averaged between a quarter to a half inch across the State with snow over the west and north portions. Temperatures were ten degrees below normal west and five degrees below normal south and east.

## GENERAL

Wintery weather conditions moved across Nebraska last week bringing fog, rain, snow and freezing rain to different areas of the State. Most of the snowfall occurred in the northern half of the State and southwest district with heaviest accumulations in the north central counties. Row crop harvesting was stopped or slowed to a crawl over much of Nebraska with farmers anxiously awaiting a break in the weather pattern that did not materialize. Producers stayed busy drying and moving grain to bins. Lack of local storage space continued to be a problem in some eastern areas. Other main activities were livestock care, machinery repair, fencing and general farm chores. The number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 2.0.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 58% adequate and 42% surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 6% short, 86% adequate and 8% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 9% short, 80% adequate and 11% surplus. Subsoil supplies rated 20% short, 77% adequate and 3% surplus.

## CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 23% fair, 65% good and 12% excellent. Recent moisture has been beneficial to fall growth and development.

Corn harvest crawled forward to 75% complete, lagging behind both last year and average at 85%. Moisture percentages of corn being harvested was still above safe storage levels. Dryer capacity continued to be a bottleneck to getting the grain in the bins. Harvest was most advanced in the south central and least advanced in central and northern counties.

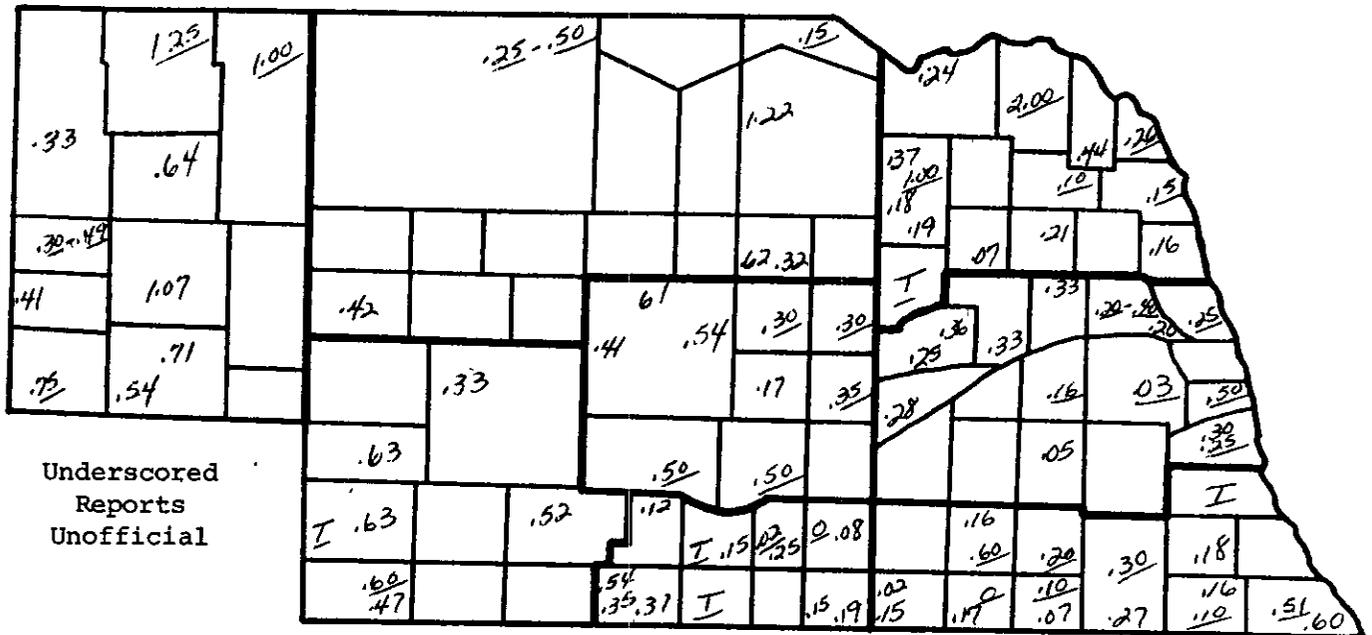
Soybean harvest edged closer to completion at 98%, compared to 96% last year. The 5-year average shows harvest completed by November 14.

Sorghum harvest was 96% complete, still ahead of 94% last year and 92% average.

## LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated mostly adequate to short. With some areas under snow cover, producers began to feed hay last week. Many cattle were still being moved to stalk fields. Yearlings and some cows were being marketed, although some delays occurred due to poor road conditions.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1985



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1985

Station	Temperature				Precipitation Total Inches <sup>1/</sup>
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	42	2	23	--	.35
Scottsbluff	49	4	23	-13	.57
Sidney	40	7	23	--	.56
NC Ord	42	10	27	--	--
Valentine	38	3	23	-11	1.33
NE Norfolk	43	21	30	-6	.34
Sioux City	43	21	31	-6	.37
CEN Grand Island	41	18	31	-7	.25
EC Lincoln	60	23	36	-5	.14
Omaha	59	27	35	-6	.30
SW Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
North Platte	41	5	27	-8	.47

<sup>1/</sup> Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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