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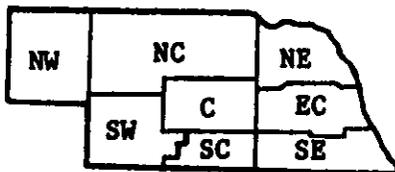
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged ten degrees above normal for the week. Precipitation in the form of snow fell over the western portion of Nebraska averaging less than a tenth of an inch of moisture with only traces in the east.

GENERAL

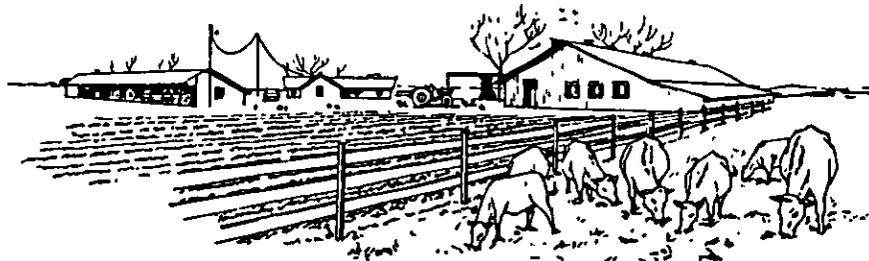
Snow cover across Nebraska has been virtually nonexistent throughout December. The unseasonably warm, dry weather conditions allowed farmers to wrap-up final harvest activities in all areas. Shop work and general farm chores were the main activities along with machinery repair and attending meetings. Moving grain to the elevator and marketing livestock were also active across the State.

WINTER WHEAT

Winter wheat condition rated 15% fair, 75% good and 10% excellent despite the lack of adequate snow cover. Crop condition has remained nearly constant since early December. Concern about the lack of snow and the potential for winter kill was lightened by the warmer than normal December temperatures. No severely cold temperatures were reported during the month. Russian aphid populations continue to be monitored in the Panhandle, no problem yet.

LIVESTOCK

The mild weather conditions have allowed for extended grazing on crop residues and limited the demand for hay and silage feeding. Range and pasture condition rated 3% below average, 58% average and 39% above average. Feed grain, hay and forage supplies were mostly above average in all areas. Winter losses have been minimal so far.

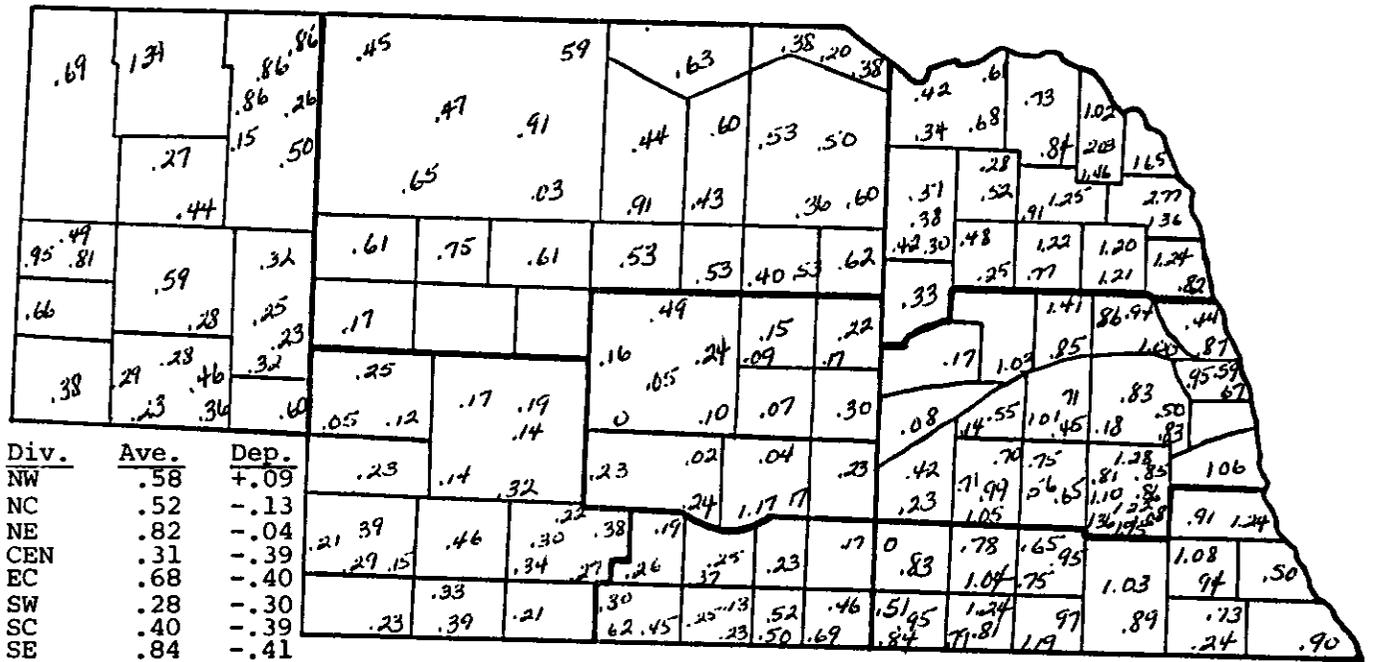


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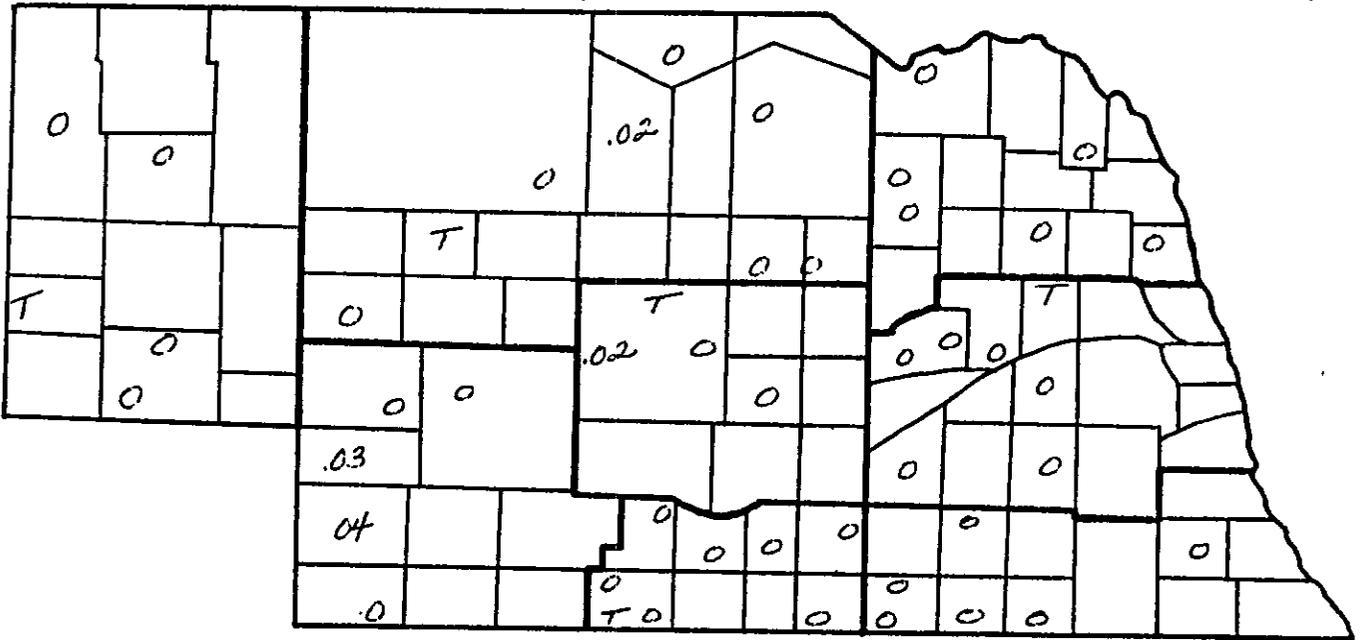
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1986 1/



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, JANUARY 2, 1987



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 1987

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	55	8	33	--	0
Scottsbluff	53	6	32	+7	T
Sidney	54	8	33	--	T
NC Ord	--	--	--	--	--
Valentine	56	8	32	+12	.05
NE Norfolk	46	12	29	+10	.01
Sioux City	45	11	29	+11	T
CEN Grand Island	53	17	33	+11	0
EC Lincoln	47	14	31	+10	T
Omaha	44	18	30	+10	0
SW Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
North Platte	58	5	30	+8	.03

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.