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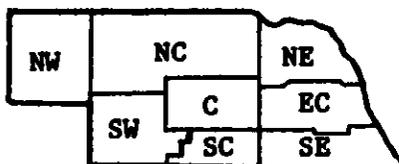
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WEATHER

After a wet weekend, the week was dry and cool. Only traces to a few hundredths of an inch of rain occurred during the week. Temperatures averaged from about normal in the Panhandle to five degrees below in the east.

GENERAL

Fall harvest activities picked up momentum the last half of the week as soils began to dry here in Nebraska. Wet ground conditions still troubled the northeastern counties where nearly half reported surplus topsoil moisture. In the eastern third of the state, soybean harvest was receiving the most attention, with concern over possible field losses spurring harvest activity. In the west, dry bean harvest was finally winding up after many wet-weather delays, and the sugar beet harvest was beginning. State-wide, the number of days suitable for fieldwork during the week were 4.1.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2% short, 85% adequate and 13% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 95% adequate and 5% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture supplies were 10% short, 87% adequate and 3% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 37% short and 63% adequate.

CROPS

The corn for grain harvest struggled forward to 7% complete, with 20% harvested by this date last year and 40% normal. Three-fourths of the crop was mature, with 95% last year and 99% normal.

The amount of soybean acreage combined stood at 15%, compared to 55% harvested last year and 70% normal. Harvest was running two full weeks behind normal. Nearly all of the crop was shedding leaves, with 100% last year and normal.

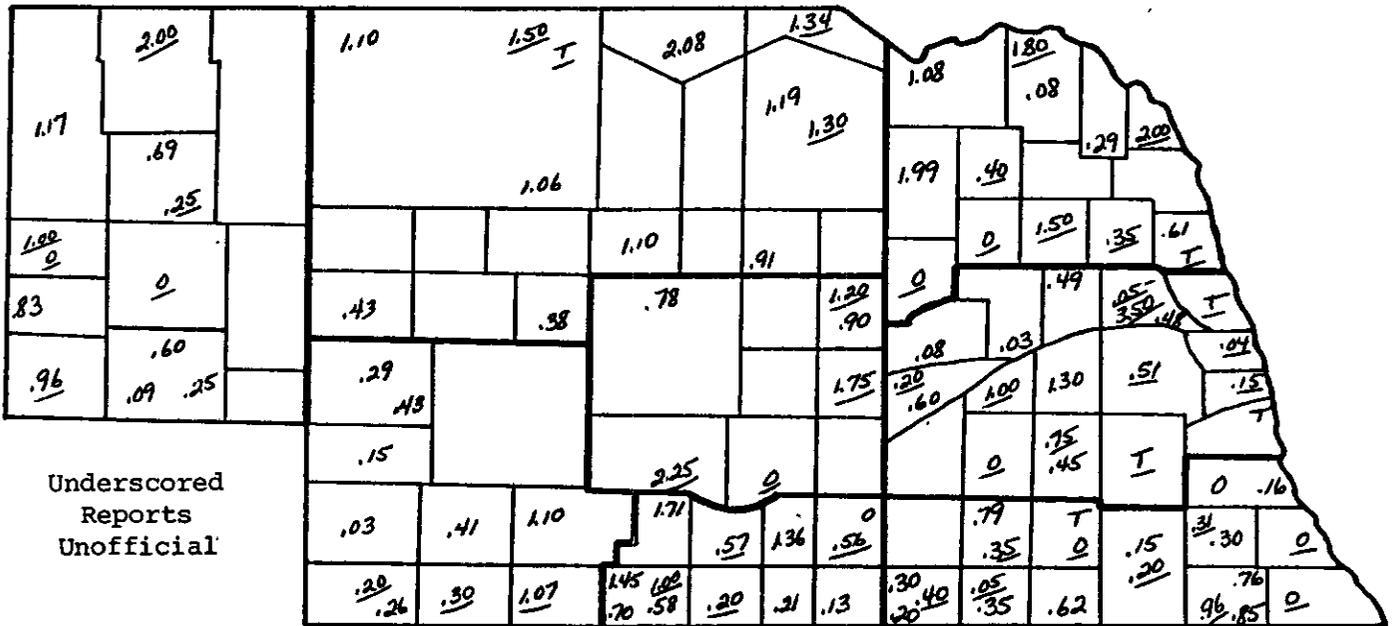
Sorghum harvest crept forward to 4%, compared to 15% combined last year and 50% normal. Nearly two-thirds, or 65%, of the acreage was ripe, with comparisons of 90% last year and 97% normal.

The first condition rating given to the 1983 winter wheat crop was as follows: 7% fair, 86% good and 7% excellent. The current conditions were well above the last three years. Ninety-five percent of the crop was emerged with 99% normal.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies continued adequate statewide. Only one report of short feed supplies was received and that out of the central crop reporting district. With grazing season nearing the end, some sale barns were experiencing increasing numbers of cattle marketed.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1982



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1982

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches ^{1/}
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	78	27	49	--	0
Scottsbluff	75	25	51	0	0
Sidney	--	--	--	--	--
NC Ord	76	28	49	--	0
Valentine	80	31	47	-3	T
NE Norfolk	75	30	50	-3	T
Sioux City	74	32	51	-3	T
CEN Grand Island	75	33	50	-4	0
EC Lincoln	75	33	51	-4	T
Omaha	71	35	50	-5	.01
SW Imperial	78	28	52	--	0
North Platte	77	25	50	-1	T

^{1/} Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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