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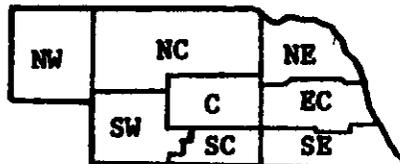
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WEATHER

Cold and wet describes this past week. Rain east and snow in north and west. Precipitation amounts of one to three inches were common. Average temperatures ranged two to eight degrees below normal.

GENERAL

Row crop harvesting came to a complete halt across the northern half of Nebraska on Thursday. Rain and snow combined to make field conditions too wet for harvesting equipment. Freezing weather will be needed before many wet fields will allow heavy harvesting machines to continue operations in northern Nebraska. Precipitation totals in the southern third of the state averaged less than half an inch which allowed harvest to resume by week's end. Statewide, corn harvest was 65% complete and sorghum was 85% combined. Only isolated soybean fields remain. Days considered suitable for fieldwork were 4.3.

Topsoil moisture rated 5% short, 60% adequate and 35% surplus. All northeastern counties reported surplus topsoil moisture supplies. Subsoil supplies across the state were 95% adequate and 5% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 16% short, 83% adequate and 1% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 26% short, 73% adequate and 1% surplus.

CROPS

Corn harvest was 65% complete compared to 75% last year and 85% normal. Harvest ranged from a high of 85% complete in the south central to just over 50% harvested in the northern half of the state. Grain moisture levels continued high with drier space often not adequate, slowing harvesting progress. High winds during the last half of the week downed considerable amounts of corn in central and eastern fields with stalks weakened by stalk rot. This was expected to increase field losses in these areas and make harvesting most difficult.

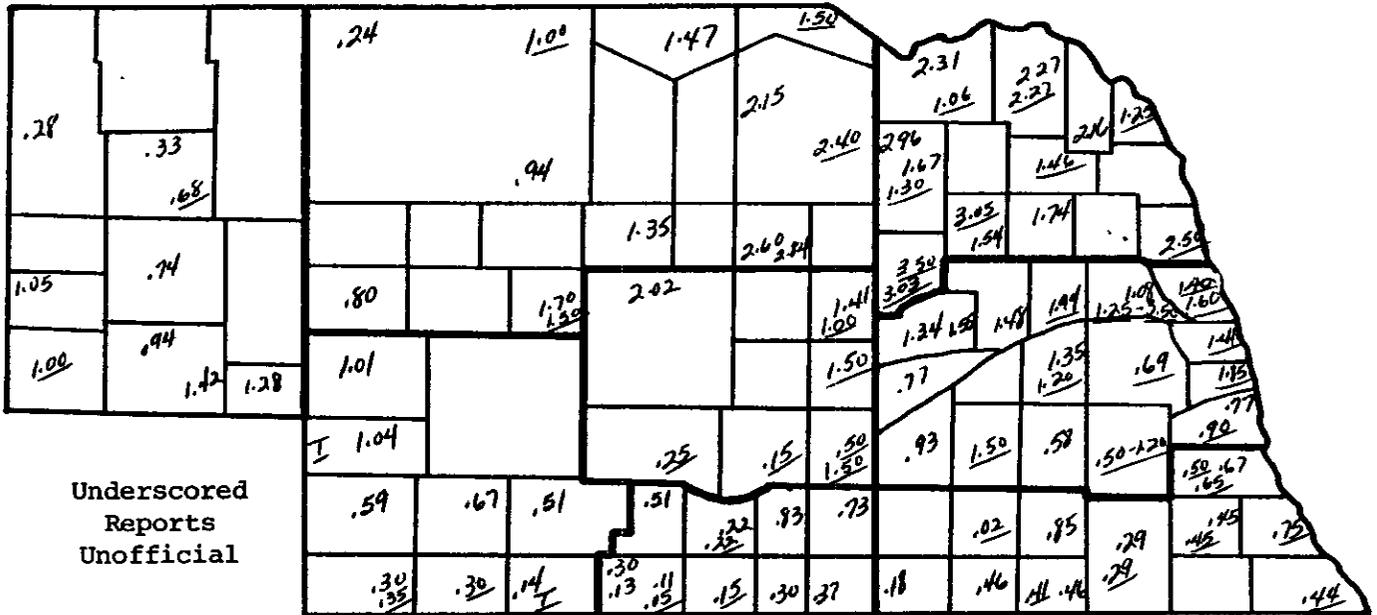
Sorghum harvest was 85% complete, ahead of last year's 80% and just behind 90% normal. Nearly 90% had been harvested in the southeast.

Winter wheat crop conditions rated 12% fair, 62% good and 26% excellent. With almost 90% of the crop rating good or excellent, this represents the highest condition rating for this date in recent years.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies continued to rate adequate in most areas, although supplemental feeding was necessary in some western counties due to snow cover limiting available feed.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1982



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1982

Station	Temperature			Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Total Inches <u>l/</u>
	Max	Min		
NW Chadron	47	14	31	--
Scottsbluff	49	11	32	.65
Sidney	47	8	31	1.29
NC Ord	43	11	29	--
Valentine	42	8	28	.72
NE Norfolk	43	12	32	1.85
Sioux City	46	12	32	1.10
CEN Grand Island	52	18	36	.82
EC Lincoln	73	14	39	.70
Omaha	65	15	38	1.41
SW Imperial	44	16	33	.55
North Platte	43	15	32	.64

l/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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