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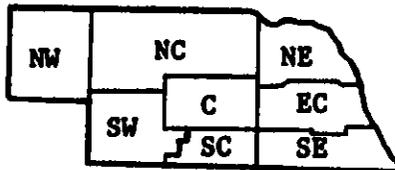
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WEATHER

The week was mild and dry but turned cold and wet by the weekend. Average temperatures ranged from one to five degrees above normal. Precipitation in the form of rain and snow produced one-tenth to two-tenths inch.

GENERAL

Nebraska crop producers took advantage of the clear weather last week, putting in late hours harvesting row crops. Many combines were running with lights on after midnight during midweek. Harvest of crops in wetter low-lying areas has been delayed. Many producers were finishing up soybean harvest and switching to corn. The grain storage situation was becoming a concern with many elevators already full, with some storing grain on the ground. Sugar beet and dry bean producers in the Panhandle were finishing up their harvest. The number of days suitable for fieldwork was 5.2.

Topsoil moisture rated 68% adequate and 32% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3% short, 69% adequate and 28% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 5% short, 88% adequate and 7% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7% short, 88% adequate and 5% surplus.

CROPS

Winter wheat crop condition rated 15% fair, 64% good and 21% excellent. The wheat crop has shown good early growth.

Corn harvested for grain advanced to 55%, same as the average but ahead of 45% last year. Some corn producers are holding off on harvest to allow more dry down in the field.

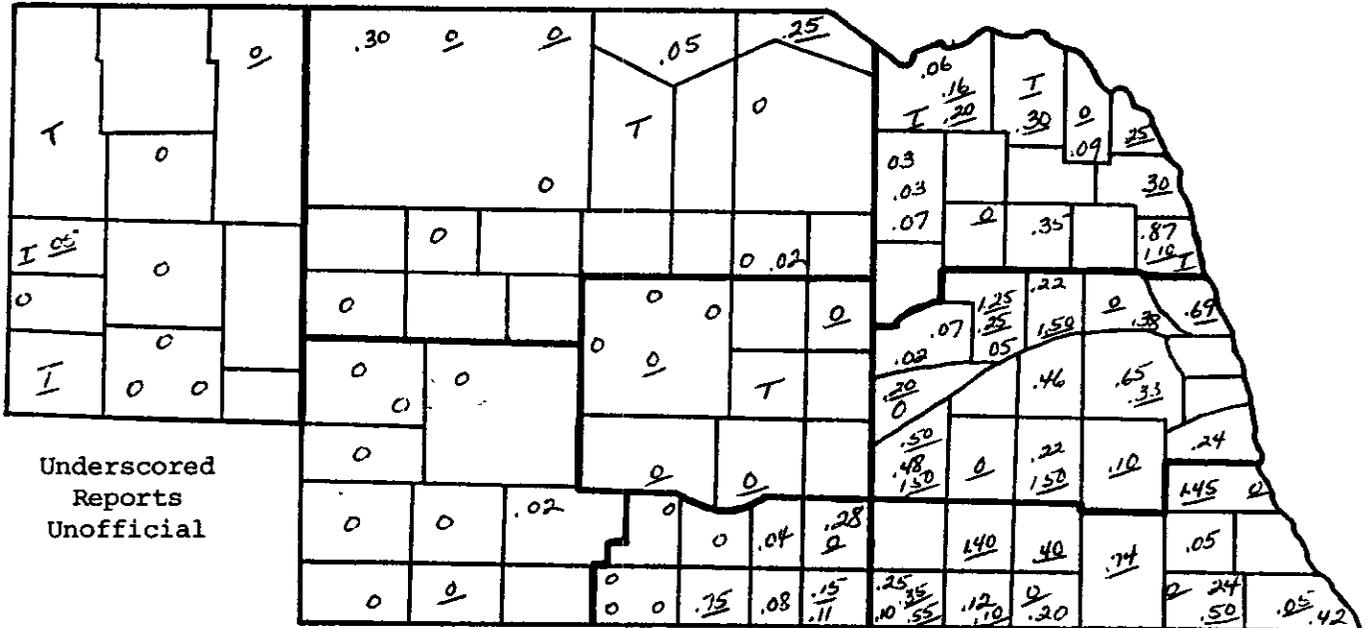
Soybeans harvested progressed to 75%, behind both last year and the average at 80%. Some fall tillage was being done on soybean fields in the northeast.

Sorghum harvested stood at 65%, compared to 75% a year ago and 70% average. Harvest was most advanced in the south central district.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated mostly adequate. Cattle producers were moving cows to winter pastures. Good growing conditions this summer have provided adequate feed supplies for the winter.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1986



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1986

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	73	23	46	--	T
Scottsbluff	74	23	45	+2	.04
Sidney	75	26	46	--	--
NC Ord	--	--	--	--	--
Valentine	80	21	46	+4	0
NE Norfolk	77	29	48	+3	.01
Sioux City	75	24	47	+2	.04
CEN Grand Island	77	26	48	+2	.13
EC Lincoln	77	30	49	+1	.19
Omaha	71	29	49	+2	.14
SW Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
North Platte	79	30	48	+5	.10

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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