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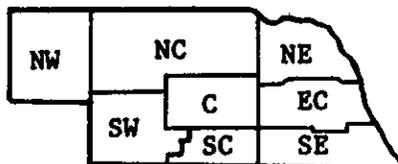
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WEATHER

Snowfall at the beginning of the week measured up to two-tenths of an inch of moisture. It was a cold week with many record-breaking low temperatures. Average temperatures ranged from nine to twenty degrees below normal.

GENERAL

Winter-like weather conditions across the State slowed harvesting of row crops in many areas. Harvest was halted early in the week by snowfall, but began again by midweek. The extreme cold temperatures firmed up some low-lying wet ground and allowed farmers to harvest. Producers took advantage of the harvest slowdown to dry and move grain. The recent snowfall and cold temperatures may limit any additional fall tillage. The number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 4.8.

Topsoil moisture rated 78% adequate and 22% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2% short, 80% adequate and 18% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 58% adequate and 42% surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 6% short, 87% adequate and 7% surplus.

CROPS

Winter wheat crop condition rated 18% fair, 64% good and 18% excellent.

Corn harvested for grain stood at 80%, same as the average but ahead of 75% last year. High corn moisture levels remain a hindrance to harvest progress in some areas of the State.

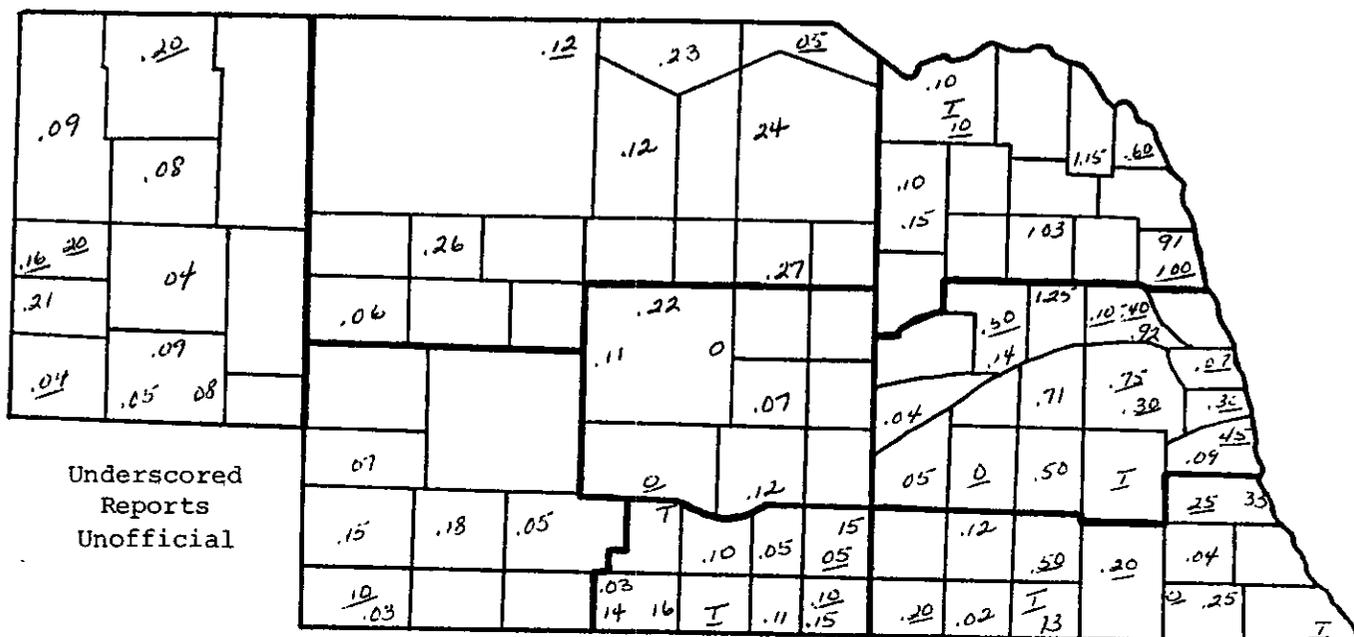
Soybeans harvested progressed slowly to 94% compared to 97% a year ago and 99% average. Soybean harvest is nearing completion across the State except for the southeast which is lagging behind.

Sorghum harvested advanced to 90%, behind both 95% last year and the 91% average.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated mostly adequate. Cold temperatures slowed weight gains and stressed livestock last week. The cold weather along with snowfall forced some cattle producers to supplement feed hay.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1986



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1986

Station	Temperature			Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	
	Max	Min			Total Inches <u>1/</u>
NW Chadron	46	-20	19	--	.17
Scottsbluff	60	-1	27	-9	.11
Sidney	64	-5	28	--	T
NC Ord	--	--	--	--	--
Valentine	48	-17	15	-20	.12
NE Norfolk	51	-13	18	-19	.16
Sioux City	47	-8	18	-19	.15
CEN Grand Island	53	-8	20	-18	.09
EC Lincoln	47	-1	23	-16	.05
Omaha	45	-3	20	-19	.07
SW Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
North Platte	61	-8	22	-14	.08

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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