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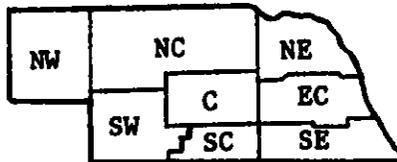
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## WEATHER

The week was cool and relatively dry. Temperatures averaged ten degrees below normal. Light precipitation occurred toward the end of the week with amounts less than a tenth of an inch.

## GENERAL

Favorable weather accelerated fall harvest progress in all areas of Nebraska. Cool, dry conditions helped reduce the moisture content of corn, soybeans and sorghum to acceptable levels for harvest. Dry beans, potatoes, alfalfa seed, and sunflowers were being harvested by Western Nebraska farmers. Snow flurries late in the week only dampened the soil as the combining of fall crops continued. Fall tillage was underway on harvested row crop fields. Days suitable for fieldwork averaged 7 days for the State.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 57% short and 43% adequate. Subsoil moisture rated 17% short, 81% adequate and 2% surplus. Last year, topsoil moisture rated 2% short, 49% adequate and 49% surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 4% short, 71% adequate and 25% surplus.

## CROPS

Corn condition rated 7% fair, 69% good and 24% excellent. Harvest progress, at 45% complete, is significantly ahead of last year's 18% and the average of 20%. Combines were rolling out in force in all areas of the State. Ear droppage was

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evident in the north central and south central areas due to high winds and corn borer damage.

Soybean condition rated 14% fair, 68% good and 18% excellent. Leaves have dropped on all of the crop, slightly ahead of last year and the average. Harvest has been completed on 65% of the acres, more than two weeks ahead of last year and the average, both at 25%.

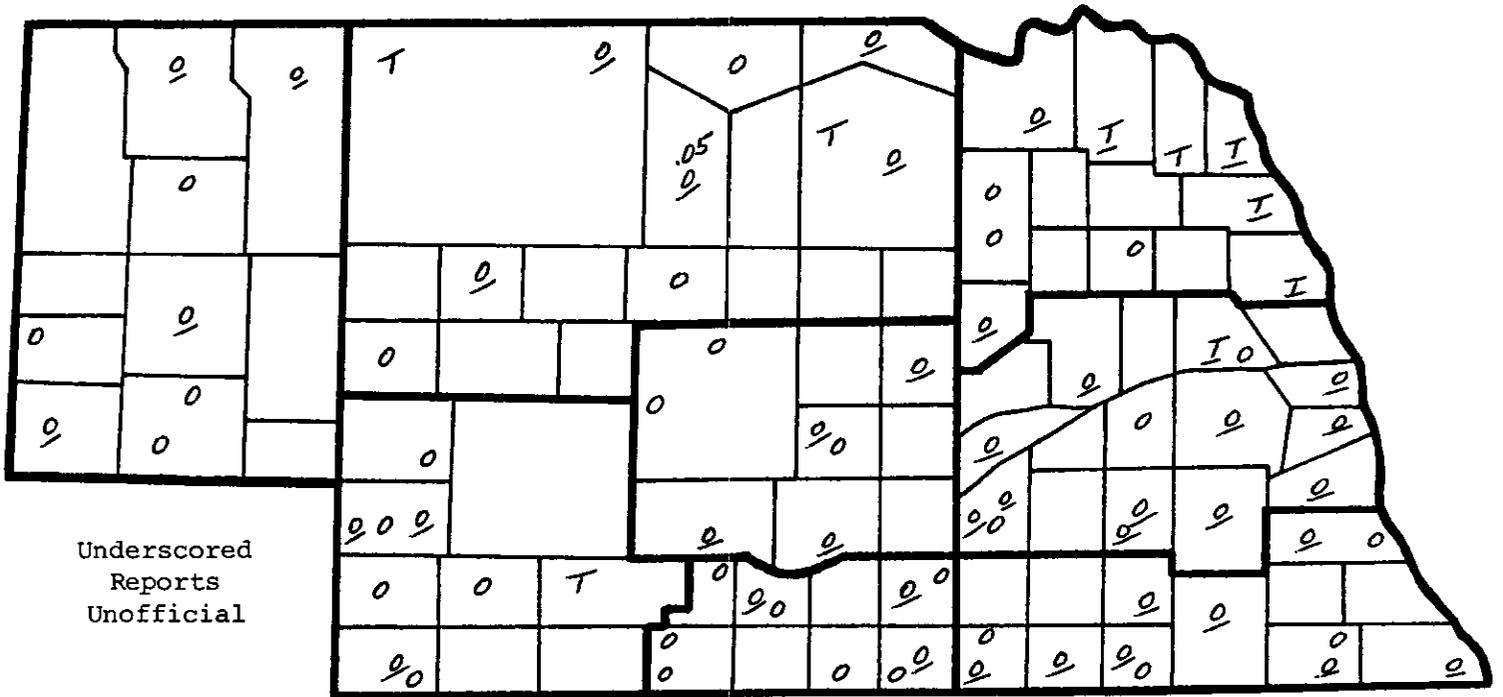
Sorghum condition rated 9% fair, 78% good and 13% excellent. Harvest has spread rapidly into the growing regions, with 60% combined by the end of the week. This is three weeks ahead of last year's pace of 17% and the average of 21% complete.

The winter wheat seedings condition rated 35% fair, 63% good and 2% excellent. Emergence increased to 95% of the crop, compared to 88% last year and an 82% average. Some areas in the Panhandle, south central and east central counties report stress and uneven stands due to the lack of moisture.

## LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture feed supplies rated 19% short, 77% adequate and 4% surplus. Although grazing conditions have decreased, the availability of stalk and stubble fields has increased with the advanced harvest. Hay was being moved to winter feeding areas, calves weaned, and pastured sprayed for thistles during the week.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1987



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TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1987

Station	Temperature			Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	74	18	43	--	T
Scottsbluff	74	16	45	-9	.01
Sidney	74	18	47	--	.02
NC Ord	71	24	46	--	0
Valentine	70	25	44	-9	.09
NE Norfolk	70	18	46	-10	T
Sioux City	69	19	44	-12	T
CEN Grand Island	70	22	46	-11	.08
EC Lincoln	71	21	47	-11	.03
Omaha	68	23	47	-10	.03
SW Imperial	76	28	48	--	0
North Platte	78	20	45	-9	.08

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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