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WEATHER Temperatures across Nebraska last week averaged from one to seven degrees below normal, the largest departures from the norm reported in the east. Only the southeast quarter of the State received near normal amounts of rainfall last week, most of it falling on the 9th.

The week end of the 14th saw cool weather prevalent in most areas of the State, with scattered light showers reported in the west and southeast.

CROPS Cloudy, damp weather last week slowed harvest activities in the eastern two-thirds of Nebraska. Grain dried little, and moisture content of sorghum increased during part of the week. Warm, dry weather is needed in most areas except the Panhandle. That area was favored by dry, warm weather last week.

The main farm activities centered around fall grain harvest when weather permitted last week. However, silage harvest continued in many areas, as did some late hay harvest. Farmers are geared up to harvest corn, sorghum and soybeans just as soon as weather permits.

Corn for grain harvest is 13 percent completed, compared to 28 percent on this date last year and the normal of 15 percent. Moisture content is averaging 24 percent, about 2 percentage points above a year ago. Farmers are anxious to harvest this year's bumper crop as rapidly as weather conditions permit. Stalk rot is evident in some areas. Damage to date has been minimal, although some stalk breakage did occur in south central Nebraska following winds the middle of last week.

Grain sorghum is 25 percent harvested. Last year 72 percent was harvested and normal for this date is 32 percent. Harvesting is most advanced in the southeast. Moisture content averages 20 percent, compared to 15 percent a year ago. Soybean harvest is 40 percent completed, against 72 percent last year and normal of 58 percent. Moisture content averages 13 percent, nearly as low as on this date last year.

Most wheat is making good growth and will go into the winter with adequate cover. Surface moisture is short in the Panhandle, southwest and southeast, but moisture is adequate for wheat growth in all areas except the southeast. Late seeded wheat in the southeast came up somewhat spotty and needs moisture.

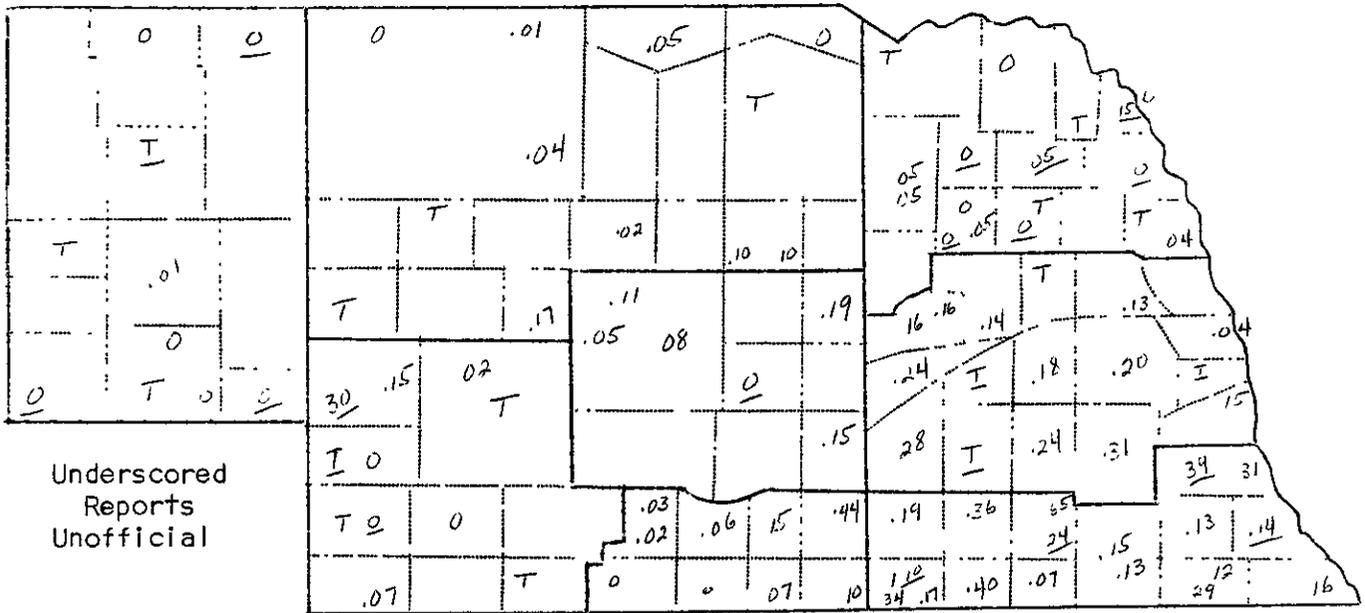
Sugar beet harvest is about 25 percent completed. Yields are excellent, and sugar content is reported to be above a year ago. Dry bean harvest is in the tail-end stage.

LIVESTOCK Livestock are in good condition. There is no real push to get cattle off ranges yet.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING 10/15/72

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.15	Burwell	--	Chadron	T
Lincoln	.33	North Platte	.10	Imperial	0
Norfolk	0	Valentine	.01	Scottsbluff	T
Omaha	.07			Sidney	T
Sioux City	0				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 13, 1972



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Daytime highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
Nighttime lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CDT)

		October 9th		10th		11th		12th		13th		14th		15th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	80	47	82	36	66	28	73	37	65	35	42	38	70	40
	Scottsbluff	79	47	78	41	65	40	70	39	79	41	53	41	69	42
	Sidney	77	47	78	41	63	33	65	37	75	37	52	39	74	43
NC	Burwell	63	52	70	43	56	34	52	31	73	42	56	39	61	--
	Valentine	71	56	76	41	52	29	65	37	75	41	49	39	67	37
NE	Norfolk	64	54	70	48	57	35	58	37	73	47	58	32	55	39
	Sioux City	69	55	71	53	58	39	58	36	70	49	47	30	48	36
CEN	Grand Island	64	55	75	48	55	41	54	42	69	49	56	38	58	42
EC	Lincoln	71	54	79	58	59	40	55	34	61	46	58	33	57	37
	Omaha	67	53	70	59	57	39	58	36	56	48	55	36	50	40
SW	Imperial	66	51	79	45	58	36	60	33	79	44	53	44	72	44
	North Platte	62	50	73	43	57	39	59	30	73	43	55	44	70	37

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