

# Nebraska Weekly Weather & Crop Report



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## WEATHER

A few scattered light rain showers occurred late in the week over the northern third of the State with rainfall amounts from a tenth to as much as a third of an inch. The rest of the State remained quite dry.

Temperatures were 5 to 15 degrees above normal most of the week, cooling off to 5 to 10 degrees below normal by Friday and Saturday.

## CROPS

Farmers made tremendous progress in harvesting sorghum and soybeans as excellent harvesting weather continued. Corn harvest is lagging mainly because farmers are allowing corn to dry down in the field in order to conserve supplies of fuel for drying.

Corn for grain is 25% harvested which is behind the 30% a year ago and the 40% average. Moisture content of grain being harvested averaged 22%, down 1 point from a week earlier but the same as a year ago. Some corn is down as a result of strong winds. There are reports of a higher than normal percent of corn being picked and stored in the ear in order to conserve fuel for drying.

Sorghum harvest is about 75% complete, well ahead of the 50% a year earlier and 60% average. Moisture content averaged 16%, the same as a week earlier but 1 point above a year ago. Late harvested sorghum continues to show less damage than early harvested grain.

Soybeans are about 85% harvested compared with 75% a year ago and 85% average. Moisture content averaged 13%, 1 point below a week earlier but 1 point above last year. Some shattering is reported.

Wheat condition improved and continues good with 21% of counties excellent, 54% good, 21% fair and 4% poor. Considerable wheat was seeded in the Southeast where unfavorable weather did not permit seeding earlier.

Sugar beet harvesting is about 75% complete with final harvest expected this week if weather continues favorable.

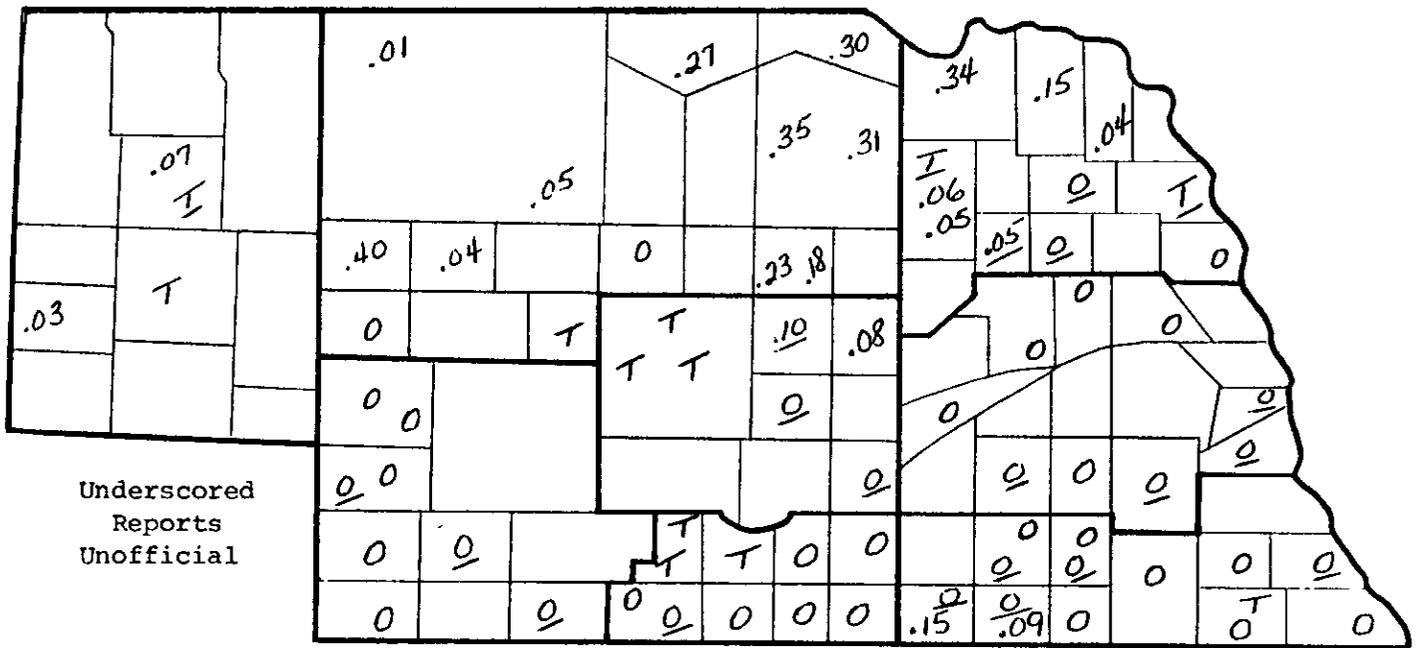
Soil moisture supplies declined during the week. Topsoil supplies were surplus in 10% of reporting counties and adequate in 90%. Subsoil supplies were rated surplus in 19% of counties and adequate 81%.

Main farm activities have been harvesting row crops but there was some seeding of wheat, haying and putting up silage. Seven days were suitable for fieldwork.

## RANGE & LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture conditions remain mostly average with 27% of counties rated above average, 68% average, and 5% below average. Hay and forage supplies are excellent in 15% of reporting counties, average 82%, and below average 3%. Some cattle are being moved into fields to glean stalks.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1973



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1973

Station	Temperature				Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>	
	Max	Min				
NW	Chadron	82	20	49	--	T
	Scottsbluff	78	26	43	-4	.03
	Sidney	80	22	49	--	T
NC	Burwell	81	28	51	--	.14
	Valentine	84	23	50	+5	.24
NE	Norfolk	80	35	52	+3	.07
	Sioux City	80	36	55	+5	.03
CEN	Grand Island	80	32	53	+4	T
EC	Lincoln	80	33	55	+4	.03
	Omaha	77	37	55	+5	T
SW	Imperial	83	22	50	--	0
	North Platte	82	20	48	+1	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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