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WEATHER

Although the week began with temperatures slightly above normal, by the end of the week temperatures had turned much colder and averaged 20-30 degrees below daily normal resulting in an average 5-11 degree weekly departure for the entire State.

Snow was received over the Panhandle and northwest portion of the State. Twelve inches of snow were reported at Alliance by Sunday morning with amounts of 1 to 5 inches over the rest of the Panhandle.

CROPS

Good drying and harvesting weather for three solid weeks has resulted in near completion of fall harvesting except for corn. Corn harvest is behind normal because farmers are allowing the crop to dry down in the field to conserve drying fuel.

Corn for grain is about 45% harvested according to County Agents, which is ahead of 35% a year earlier but below the 50% average for this date. Moisture content of grain being harvested is 21%, down one point from both a week earlier and a year earlier.

Sorghum is about 95% harvested, far ahead of the 50% a year ago and 70% average. Moisture content is 15%, 1 point less than a week earlier and 3 points less than a year earlier. Shortages of both storage space and grain cars combined with record crops and rapid harvest is resulting in considerable quantities of sorghum being piled on the ground.

Soybean harvest is over 95% complete with 80% in 1972 and 90% average. Moisture content averaged 13%, the same as a week earlier but 2 points under a year ago.

Wheat condition declined with 52% of counties reported good, 28% fair and 20% poor. Wheat is in all stages of growth in some counties due to late planting, particularly in the Southeast. Late plantings need more growth before winter.

Sugar beet harvest was almost completed before the snow hit. The little remaining acreage must wait for fields to dry.

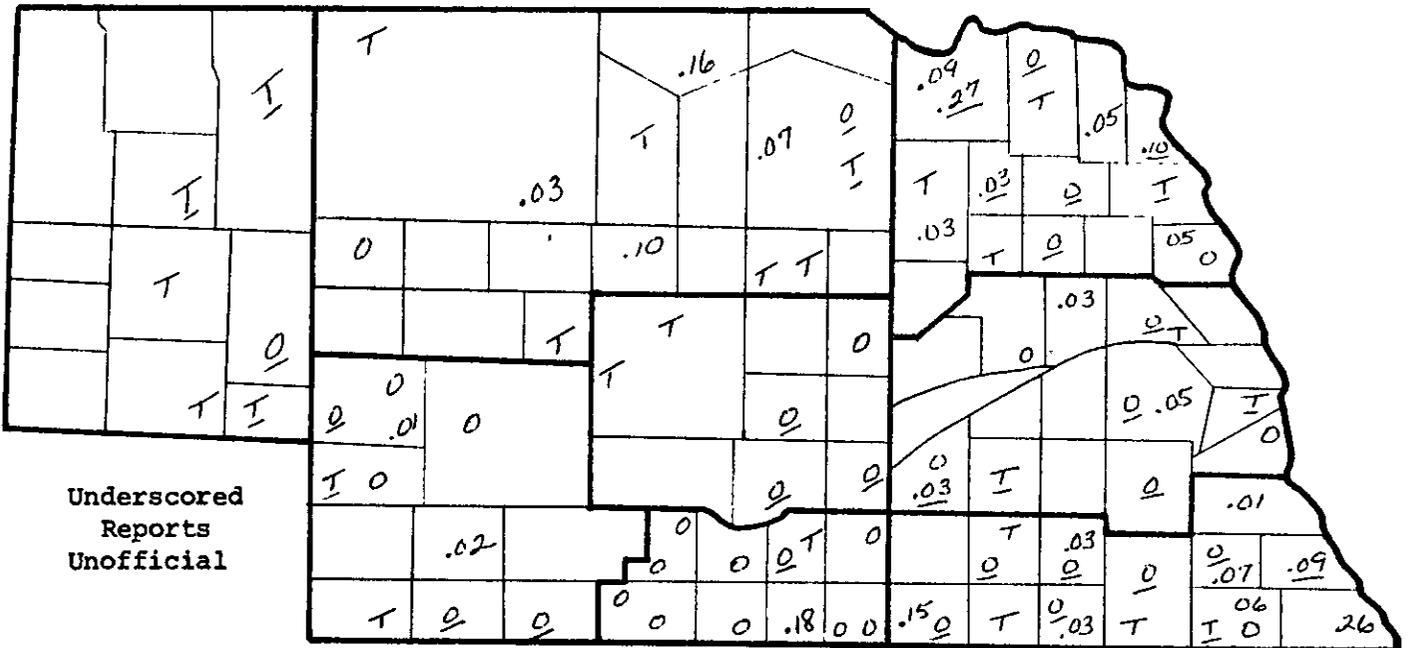
Soil moisture supplies declined during the week ending Friday. Topsoil supplies were surplus in 8% of reporting counties, adequate 90% and short 2%. Subsoil supplies were surplus in 10% of counties and adequate 90%.

Main farm activity has been harvesting row crops but there was some seeding of wheat, putting up silage, haying, applying fertilizer, and fixing fences so fields can be gleaned. Seven days were suitable for fieldwork.

LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture conditions remain mostly average with 78% of counties rated above average, 17% average and 5% below average. Cattle are being moved into fields to glean stalks.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1973



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1973

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches ^{1/}
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	62	14	33	--	.47
Scottsbluff	65	22	31	-11	.93
Sidney	71	17	35	--	.52
NC Burwell	63	24	39	--	T
Valentine	67	21	34	-7	.53
NE Norfolk	57	20	38	-7	.05
Sioux City	59	25	40	-5	.14
CEN Grand Island	59	25	40	-5	T
EC Lincoln	60	24	41	-6	0
Omaha	56	29	40	-6	T
SW Imperial	61	28	38	--	T
North Platte	62	25	37	-6	.12

^{1/} Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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