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# Nebraska Weekly Weather & Crop Report



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## WEATHER

Temperatures averaged well above normal throughout the period. Precipitation was below normal with little or no rainfall reported.

## CROPS

Dry weather conditions again this past week aided harvesting throughout the State. Excellent progress has been made with less fuel required for artificial drying than normal.

Main activities for Nebraska farmers and ranchers have been harvesting fall crops, moving cattle to corn and milo stalk fields, and some fall fieldwork.

The entire week was suitable for fieldwork during the survey period (October 19-25). Topsoil moisture supplies are short in 99% of the counties reporting as of last Friday. Subsoil moisture supplies are also short in 99% of the counties reporting. Moisture continues to be very short and is needed in all counties for adequate wheat and pasture growth.

Corn harvest is continuing at its record pace over the State. About 65% of the crop has been harvested to date, compared to the normal of 40% and 25% for a year ago. The central and south central districts report over 70% harvested. Moisture content was averaging about 18%, down 4 points from last year. Yields are still varying considerably. Some farmers are stacking stalks for winter roughage.

Sorghum harvest is also progressing well ahead of normal over the State.

Nearly 75% has been harvested by now; normal is 60% and a year ago harvest was the same as now at 75%. The north central district reports over 85% harvested. Moisture content of the counties reporting averaged 19%, up 3 points from a year ago. Reports indicate that milo is still testing out light.

Soybean harvest is progressing well in all areas of the State. Over 90% has been harvested to date, slightly ahead of normal and the 85% of a year ago. Over 95% has been harvested in the northeast and south central districts of Nebraska. Moisture content averaged about 11%, 2 points below last year at this time.

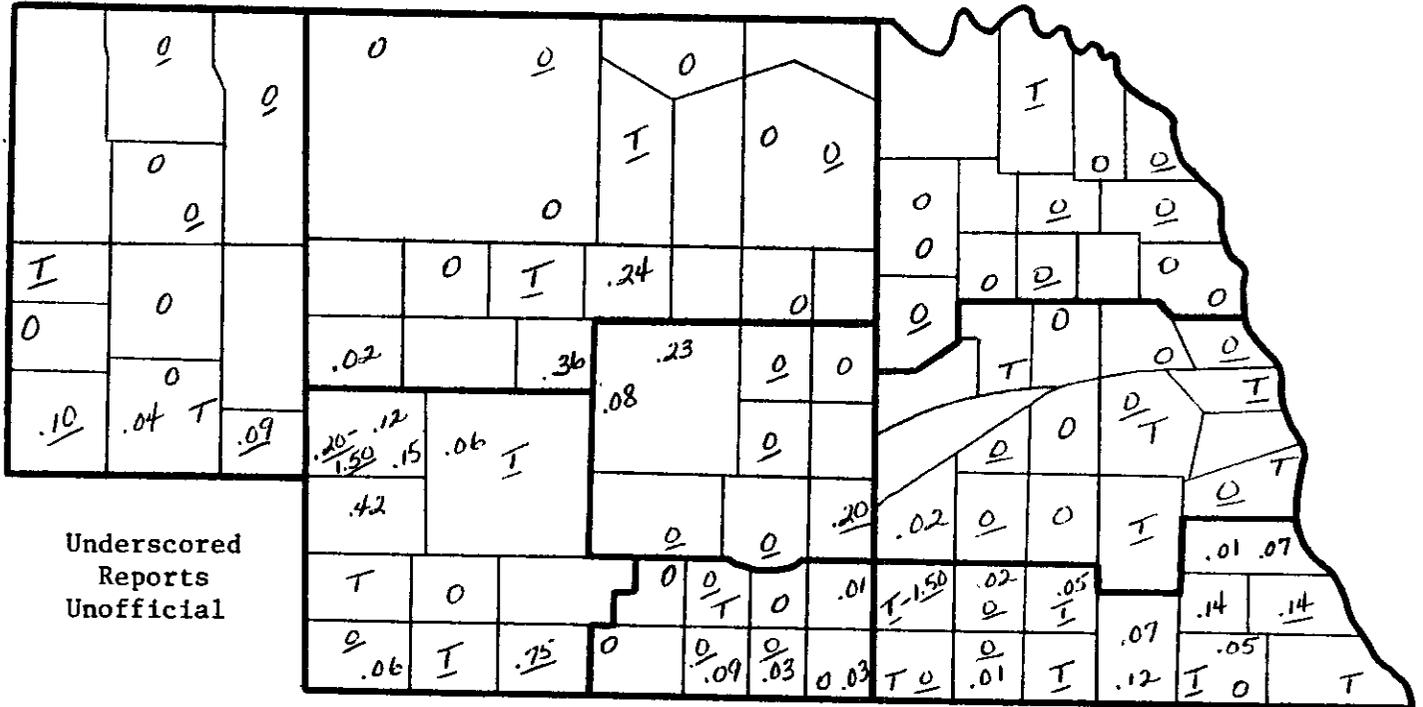
Sugar beet harvest is moving along very well in western Nebraska. Over 75% has been harvested with yield and sugar content reported to be good.

Wheat condition over the State has been hampered by the continuously dry weather. Of the counties reporting, 39% assess condition as poor, 49% as fair, 10% as good, and 2% as excellent. Reports indicate poor germination in some areas with poor stands in other areas. Moisture is needed in all areas of the State to assure adequate growth before winter.

## LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture feed supplies are short in 98% of the counties reporting. Many farmers and ranchers are moving cattle to corn and milo stalk fields as soon as they are available. Some are feeding hay and silage until fields are ready. Due to short pasture and hay supplies in some areas, farmers and ranchers continue to cull herds.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1974



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1974

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	83	25	53	--	0
Scottsbluff	79	30	51	+4	T
Sidney	--	--	--	--	--
NC Burwell	78	40	56	--	0
Valentine	78	29	53	+6	.03
NE Norfolk	77	35	56	+6	T
Sioux City	78	30	57	+7	T
CEN Grand Island	75	42	57	+4	.02
EC Lincoln	77	39	59	+7	.02
Omaha	77	42	61	+8	T
SW Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
North Platte	81	37	55	+7	.08

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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