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## WEATHER

Temperatures averaged below normal the first and mid-portions of the period and averaged as much as 15 to 22 degrees above normal the latter portion. Rainfall was rather general but light over the State with the exception of the extreme southeast where up to an inch of precipitation was reported.

## CROPS

Moisture this past week generally improved fall seeded crops and pastures, but slowed harvest in some areas. Farmers and ranchers have been harvesting row crops, harvesting crop residues, doing fall fieldwork, and moving and caring for livestock. Due to the recent rains, farmers lost an average of one day's fieldwork during the survey period (November 9-15). Topsoil moisture supplies were short in 57% of the counties reporting as of last Friday. Subsoil moisture supplies were still short in 99% of the counties. Additional moisture is still needed for fall seeded crops and pastures in most areas.

Corn harvest progressed well this past week with over 90% harvested to date, well ahead of the normal of 75% and a year ago at 80%. All districts are at least 85% complete and most are over 90% complete. Moisture content of corn increased in some areas and decreased in others, but averaged 18%, one point below last week and last year at this time.

Sorghum harvest also progressed well this past week with over 95% harvested by now, compared to the normal of 80%. A year ago at this time harvest was practically complete. All districts report over 90% harvested as of last Friday. Moisture content averaged 19%, the same as last week. Some fields that will not be harvested for grain are being grazed.

Wheat condition generally improved over the State with recent rains. Of the counties reporting, 12% assess the condition as poor, 67% as fair, 20% as good, and 1% as excellent. The Panhandle and the east district report mostly good conditions, while the other districts report mostly fair conditions with good to excellent wheat in the extreme southeast corner. Wheat fields receiving moisture showed good improvement with wheat in some fields still sprouting. Additional moisture is still needed in most areas.

## LIVESTOCK

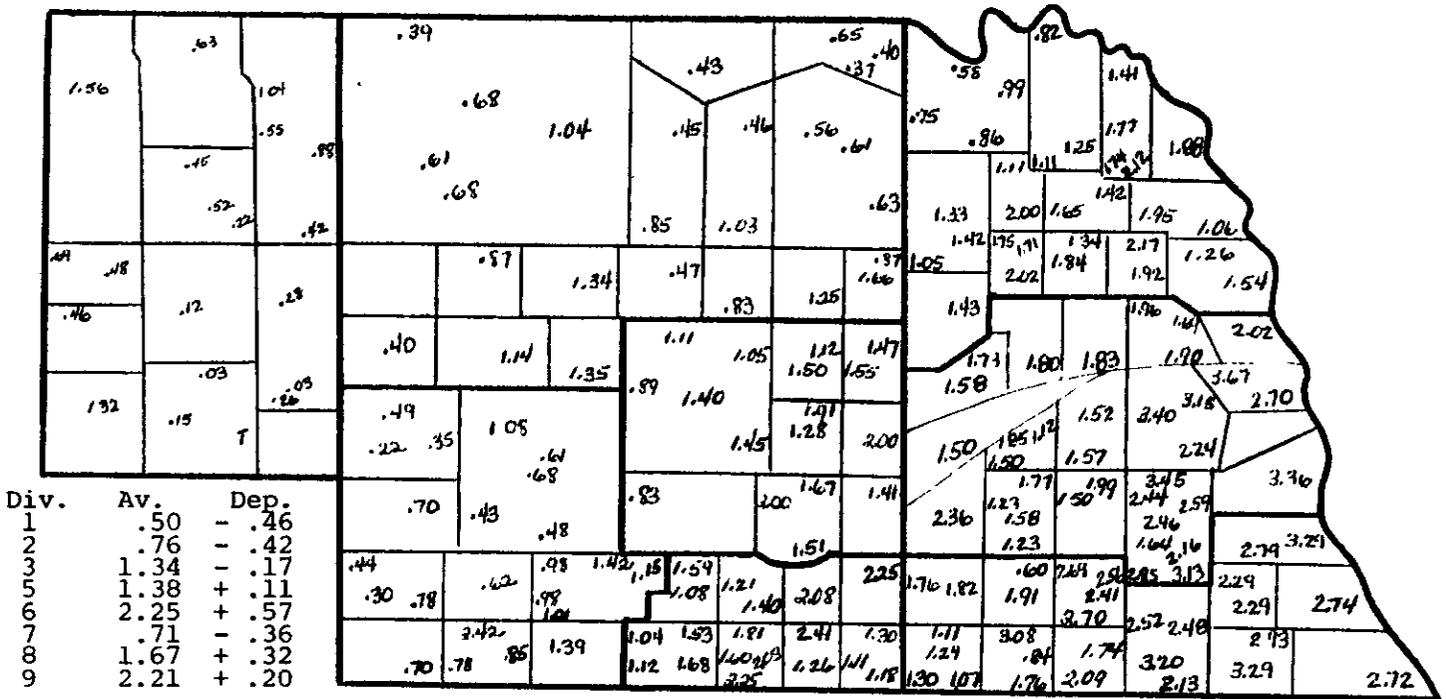
Range and pasture feed supplies are now short in 92% of the counties reporting. Cattle on stalk fields are reportedly making good use of the crop residues, reducing the need for supplemental feeding. Culling is continuing over the State, especially where winter feed supplies are short.

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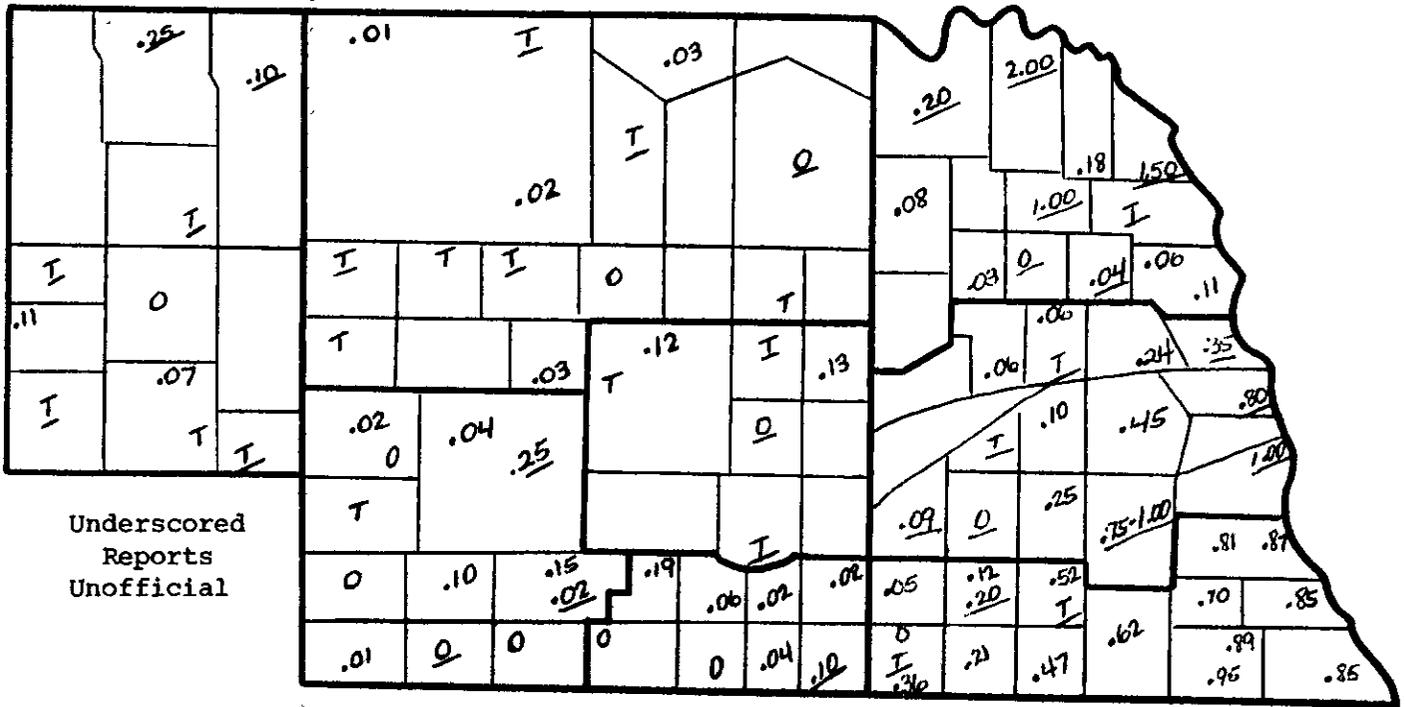


PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 1974 1/



1/ Courtesy of Conservation & Survey Division, University of Nebraska.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1974



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1974

Station	Temperature				Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/	
	Max	Min				
NW	Chadron	58	9	37	--	.02
	Scottsbluff	62	13	37	0	T
	Sidney	63	15	38	--	T
NC	Burwell	65	18	37	--	T
	Valentine	59	21	35	0	.07
NE	Norfolk	67	20	36	-1	.03
	Sioux City	60	13	35	-2	.12
CEN	Grand Island	67	20	38	-1	0
EC	Lincoln	64	19	38	-2	.02
	Omaha	68	19	39	-2	.01
SW	Imperial	65	13	38	--	0
	North Platte	67	12	35	-2	.02

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.