

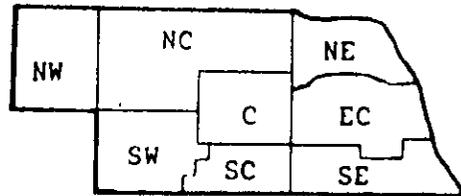
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# NEBRASKA

## WEEKLY WEATHER & CROP REPORT

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### WEATHER

Below normal temperatures prevailed except for the last two days when warming took place. A few brief periods of rain occurred mid-week; however, amounts averaged less than a tenth of an inch.

### CROPS

Dry weather continues to be ideal for harvesting of fall crops. Hot winds have helped lower moisture content but some areas report that it is almost too dry for harvest with the dry winds causing ears to fall from stalks and beans to shatter.

Nearly the entire week was suitable for fieldwork, stopped only by intermittent showers in some parts of the State. Topsoil and subsoil moisture supplies are short in almost all of the counties. A year ago topsoil was 94% short and subsoil was short in all of the counties reporting.

Corn harvest is progressing well with over 55% harvested. This is ahead of last year's 45% and normal of 25%. Moisture content is reported running from a low of 11% up to 23%. The low grain moisture content is using less fuel for drying.

Sorghum harvest is now nearly 90% completed. This compares to 55% last year and 40% for normal. Moisture content is running from 11 to 20%.

### CROPS (Cont.)

Soybean harvest has moved to over 85% completed. Last year 75% was harvested at this time. Normal is 65%.

Wheat seeding is almost finished except for those fields that might be planted after fall row crop harvest. Condition is reported as 24% poor, 61% fair, and 15% good. Some counties report spotty stands and below normal growth; others report no sprouting on late planted wheat. High winds in the Northwest and Southwest Districts caused some wind erosion in wheat fields. Moisture is needed throughout the State before cold weather sets in.

Dry bean harvest is almost complete except for a few frost damaged fields. Quality has been good but yields are down from last year.

Sugar beet harvest is about 50% complete but has been slowed by the possibility of spoilage during the hot weather.

### LIVESTOCK

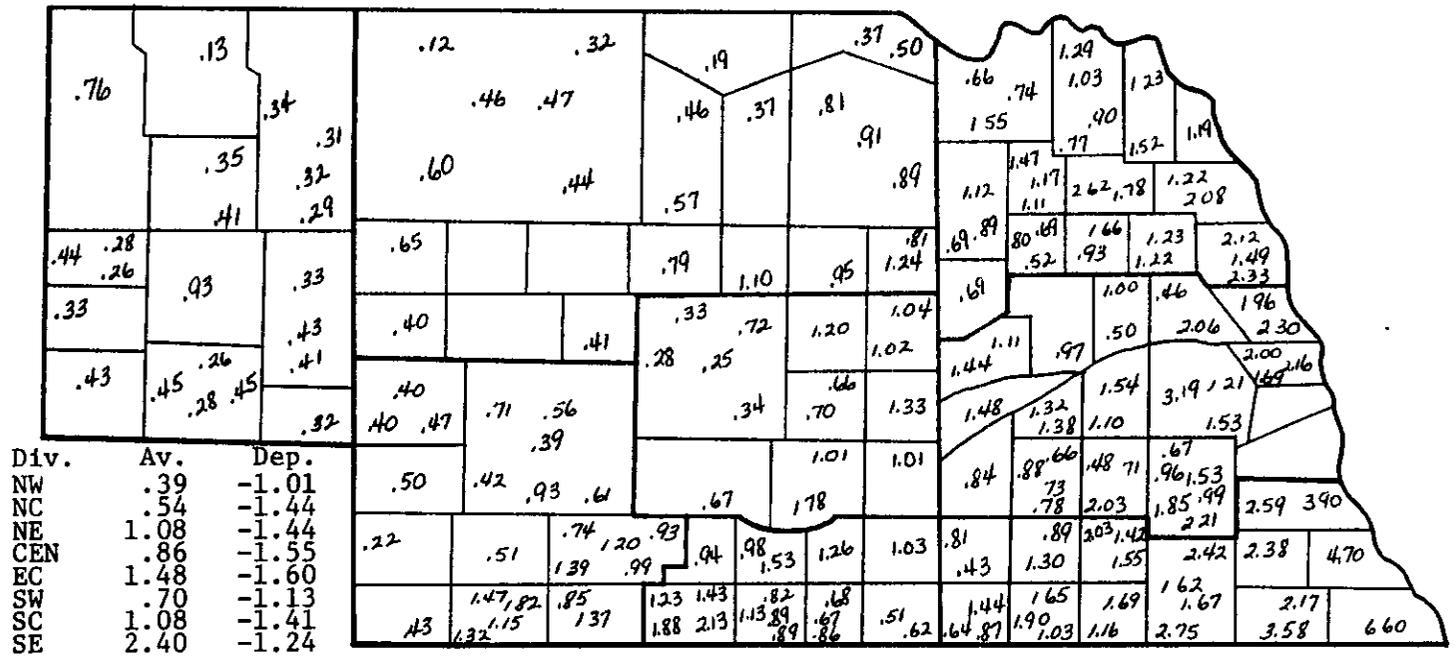
Pasture and range feed supplies are short in 90% of the counties reporting. Cattle are being moved to stalk fields as soon as they become available because pasture feed is short. There have been reports of range fires and the fire hazard in range areas continues to be high.

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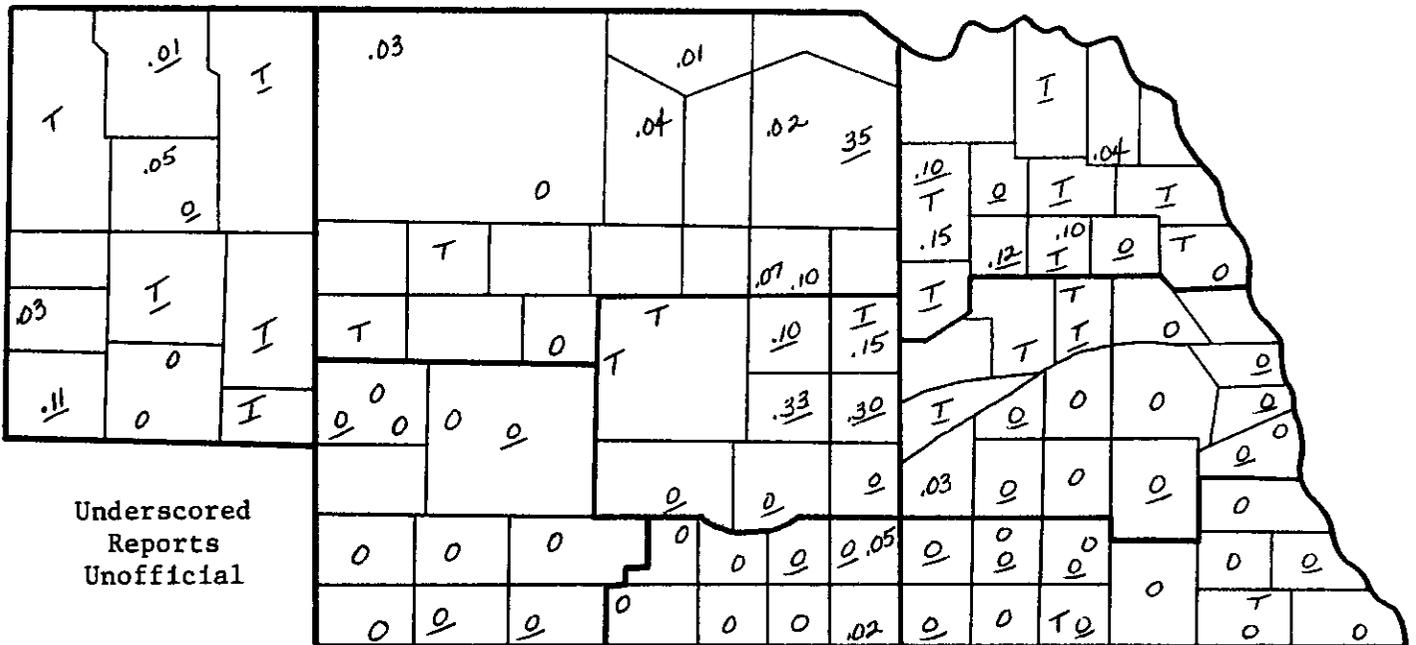


PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1975 1/



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

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1975



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1975

Station	Temperature				Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/	
	Max	Min				
NW	Chadron	84	26	50	--	.20
	Scottsbluff	80	22	50	-1	.03
	Sidney	77	19	49	--	T
NC	Burwell	73	29	50	--	.07
	Valentine	76	25	48	-2	T
NE	Norfolk	90	31	53	0	.06
	Sioux City	92	31	54	0	.03
CEN	Grand Island	91	32	54	0	T
EC	Lincoln	92	28	56	+1	0
	Omaha	92	31	57	+1	T
SW	Imperial	75	26	52	--	0
	North Platte	76	22	48	-3	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.