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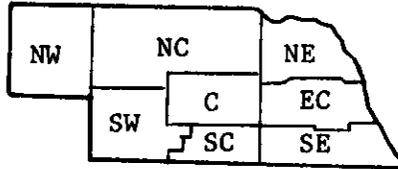
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WEATHER

Temperatures were above normal the first part of the week. Colder temperatures prevailed over the east and central the remainder of the week with temperatures averaging two to six degrees below normal. Temperatures averaged three to five degrees above normal in the Panhandle for the entire period. Little or no precipitation occurred.

GENERAL

Many farmers completed fall harvest this past week as favorable weather conditions were experienced statewide. While harvest was slowed in some areas due to elevators filling their storage capacities or field grain moisture remaining above safe storage levels, some farmers performed other fieldwork during the good weather.

Topsoil moisture supplies declined sharply from last week as virtually no moisture was received. As of last Friday, 92% of the counties reporting had short supplies with 8% adequate. Subsoil moisture supplies declined further to 95% short and 5% adequate. A year ago, topsoil was 94% short and subsoil was 99% short.

CROPS

Corn harvested for grain continues to move along well ahead of normal with over 85% harvested statewide. This compares to 70% for normal and 95% for last year at this time. Moisture content

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remains mostly in the upper teens with some farmers waiting for more field drying before completing harvest. Areas of the Southeast and East Districts are nearly complete.

Sorghum harvest is nearly completed over the State with over 95% harvested to date. This is well ahead of the 85% normally taken at this time, but behind last year's 100% completion.

Soybean harvest is virtually complete at this time. This is very near the normal and last year's completion.

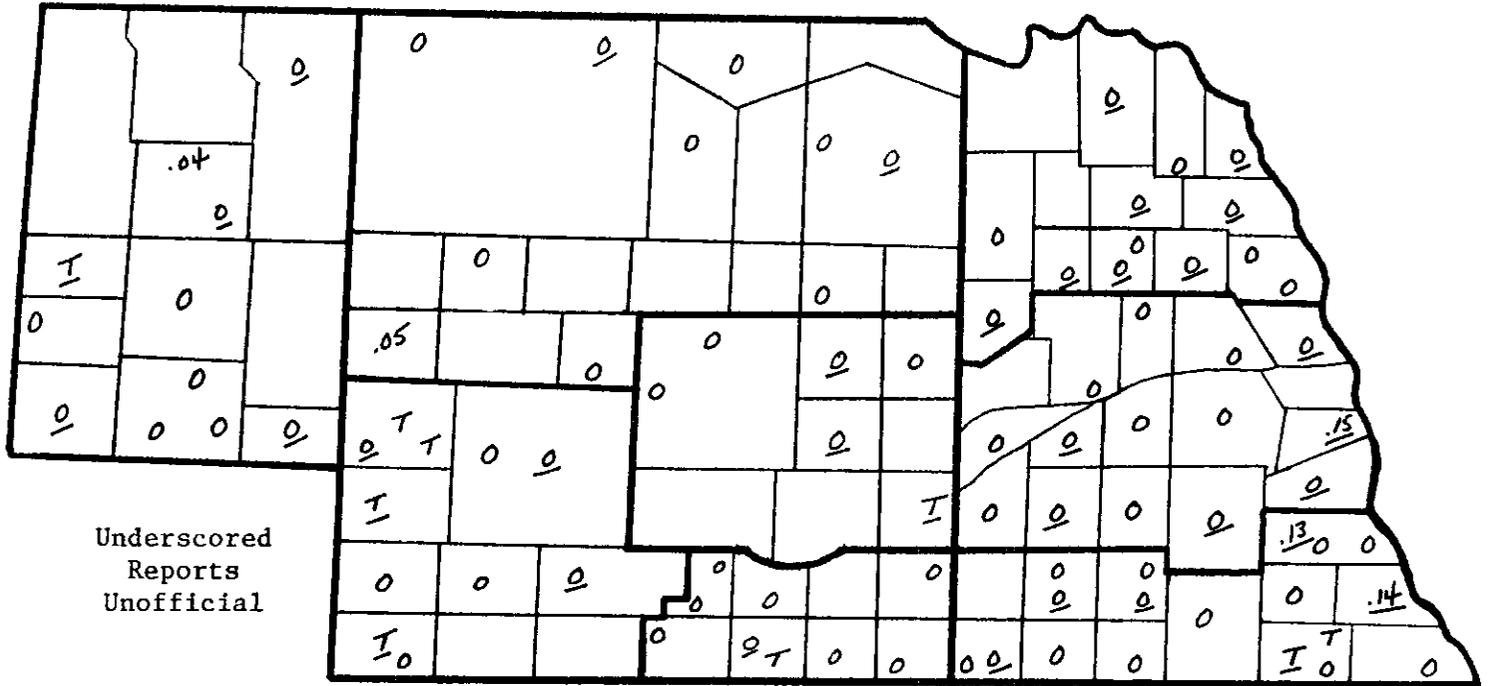
Sugar beet harvest is virtually complete in western Nebraska.

Wheat condition once again declined last week due to the absence of moisture across the State. Although wheat fields reportedly still look good in many areas, moisture is needed statewide for continued adequate growth. Condition is reported to be 6% poor, 50% fair, 38% good, and 6% excellent. This compares to a year ago at 30% poor, 63% fair, and 7% good. Currently, reports indicate the South Central District has the most favorable wheat condition.

LIVESTOCK

Cattle continue to glean corn and sorghum stalk fields as the fields become available. Those remaining on short pastures continue to receive supplemental feed.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1976



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TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1976

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	72	13	41	--	T
Scottsbluff	71	18	44	+3	T
Sidney	68	14	42	--	0
NC Burwell	73	9	40	--	0
Valentine	71	9	38	-2	0
NE Norfolk	66	18	40	-2	T
Sioux City	65	18	38	-5	T
CEN Grand Island	74	17	42	-2	0
EC Lincoln	66	18	39	-6	0
Omaha	68	18	40	-6	0
SW Imperial	71	17	43	--	0
North Platte	74	11	32	-9	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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