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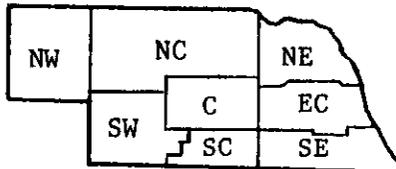
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WEATHER

Minimum temperatures reached freezing or below the last portion of the period. Rainfall averaged less than a tenth of an inch west and southwest and up to 1.30 east.

GENERAL

Rainfall slowed harvest progress across much of the State. Topsoil moisture was rated as surplus in 24% of the counties, adequate in 67%, and short in 9%. A year ago, 48% was rated adequate and 52% was considered short. Subsoil moisture is now rated adequate in 93% of the State and short in 7%. Last year at this time, subsoil moisture levels were rated as adequate in only 9% of the counties and short in the remaining 91%. Hail in southwest Nebraska damaged crops in Hayes and Hitchcock counties.

CROPS

Corn harvest moved ahead with nearly 30% harvested as compared with 25% a year ago. Normally, about 20% is harvested by this time. Corn borer damage remains an item of concern for some producers. Virtually all of the crop is mature.

CROPS (Cont.)

Grain sorghum harvest advanced slowly with over 30% now combined as compared with 50% a year ago and 30% normal. Late growth and wet weather continue to hamper harvest. Nearly 90% of the crop is ripe.

Soybean harvest is now over 20% completed as compared with 55% at this time a year ago and normal of 35%. About 90% of the soybean crop is mature.

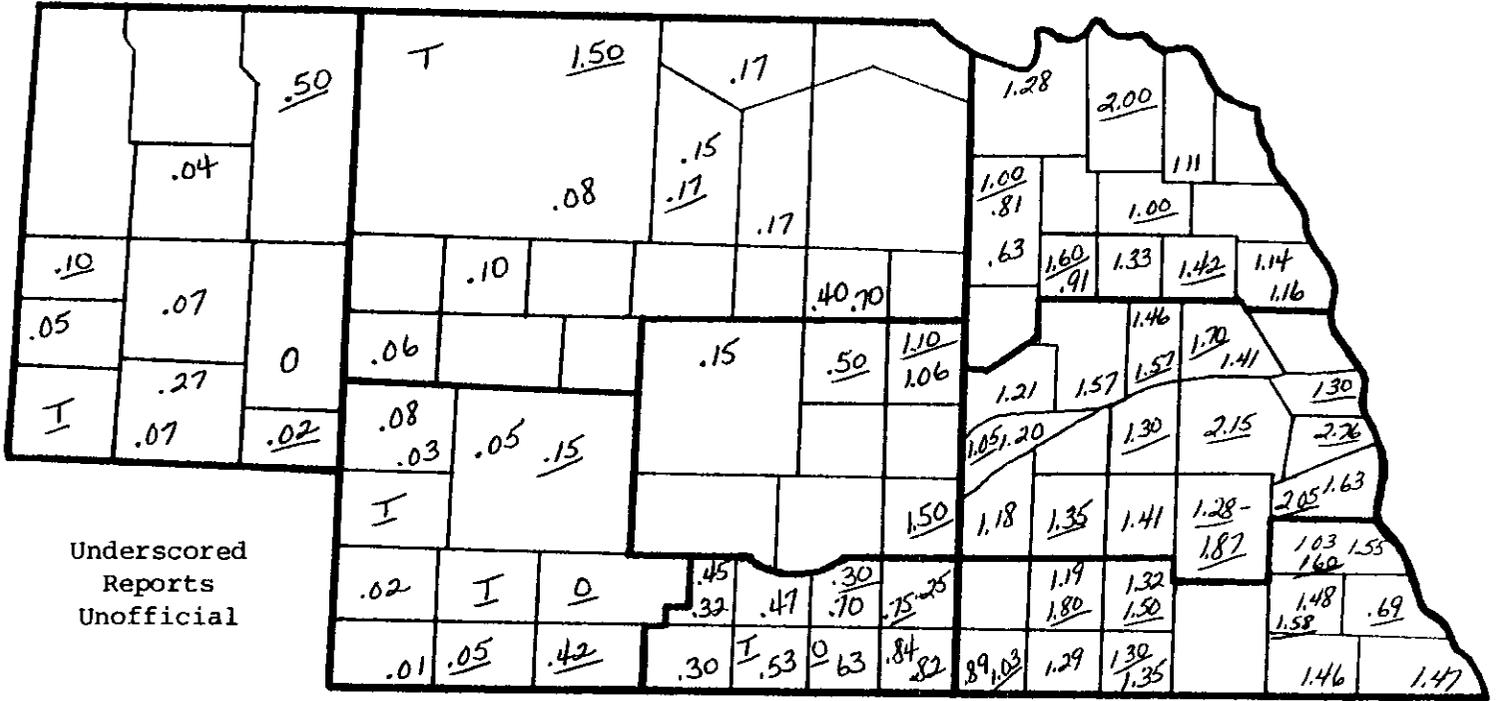
Winter wheat seeding is nearing completion as 90% is now planted, the same as a year ago.

Sugar beet harvest is beginning in western Nebraska as processing plants began opening.

LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture feed supplies are rated adequate in 97% of the counties and short in the remaining 3%. A year ago, only 15% was rated adequate with 85% considered short. Cattle movement has increased as stalk fields are becoming available. Most cattle are in good condition following the excellent grazing season.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1977



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1977

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	74	33	52	--	.11
Scottsbluff	71	30	51	-3	.09
Sidney	72	24	49	--	.06
NC Burwell	72	29	47	--	.40
Valentine	70	31	47	-7	.01
NE Norfolk	69	29	50	-7	.90
Sioux City	68	30	49	-8	.84
CEN Grand Island	73	32	52	-6	1.05
EC Lincoln	66	30	50	-9	1.34
Omaha	64	32	50	-9	1.41
SW Imperial	74	30	51	--	0
North Platte	73	27	50	-5	.07

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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