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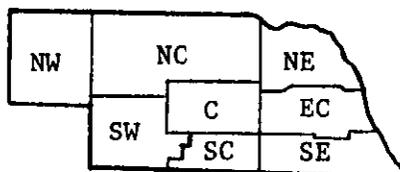
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WEATHER

Precipitation was confined to the Panhandle and along the northern edge of the State with amounts generally less than a tenth of an inch. Temperatures were about 5 to 10 degrees below normal.

GENERAL

Harvest continued to move toward completion the past week. Cold temperatures froze the ground allowing harvesting of many wet areas. Where the ground is not frozen, farmers are leaving wet spots and harvesting the remainder. Drifted snow is still causing harvesting problems in northeast Nebraska fields. When temperatures permitted, stalk cutting, discing and some fall fertilizing continued. Grain storage is still a problem with some elevators not accepting any more grain at the present time.

Topsoil moisture supplies declined slightly this past week and are now short in 29% of the counties reporting, adequate in 59% and surplus in the remaining 12%. Subsoil moisture is rated short in 26% and adequate or better in the remaining 74% of the counties. A year ago, topsoil and subsoil moisture supplies were rated short in all counties.

CROPS

Corn harvest is now 95% completed, behind last year's pace when harvest was virtually completed. Normally, 90% is harvested by this date. Harvest advanced in all areas of the State.

Grain sorghum harvest advanced slowly and is 95% finished, near normal but behind last year when harvest was completed.

Soybean harvest is 95% completed, behind last year when combining was done and slightly behind normal.

Winter wheat condition is rated at fair in 14% of the counties, good in 70%, and excellent in 16%. A year ago, under much drier soil conditions, the crop was rated mostly fair.

LIVESTOCK

Harvested fields are providing good grazing with no supplemental feeding required. In some localities, there appears to be a surplus of fields for grazing. Livestock movement to market is normal. Feed supplies are adequate for the winter.

