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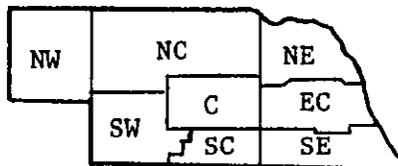
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WEATHER

Temperatures were near or a little above normal except about 5 to 10 degrees above normal over the extreme western portion. Precipitation averaged about a tenth of an inch over most of the State, with the south central portion receiving isolated reports above one-fourth inch.

GENERAL

Precipitation in the form of rain or snow over much of the State delayed fieldwork. High winds caused isolated damage to wheat in the Panhandle. Much of the southwestern Panhandle needs additional moisture to improve the wheat crop prospects. Harvest of row crops moved ahead and is nearing completion in the State. Generally, the only remaining fields are in the north and northeast crop reporting districts and wet fields in the east where farmers have not been able to operate machinery in muddy fields. Frozen ground aided in finishing some wet spots.

Topsoil moisture supplies are now rated short in 25% of the counties, adequate in 69% and surplus in 6%. Subsoil moisture is short in 30% of the State and adequate in the remaining 70%. A year ago, topsoil and subsoil moisture was short in 99% of the counties and adequate in only 1%.

CROPS

Corn harvest is virtually complete with over 95% harvested. A year ago, harvest was finished and normally it is over 95% completed by this date. All districts were nearly complete except the north and northeast which had 95% complete.

Grain sorghum harvest is nearly complete except for isolated spots. A year ago harvest was over by this time and normally it is nearly complete by this date.

Soybean harvest has approached 100% completion with only isolated acres remaining.

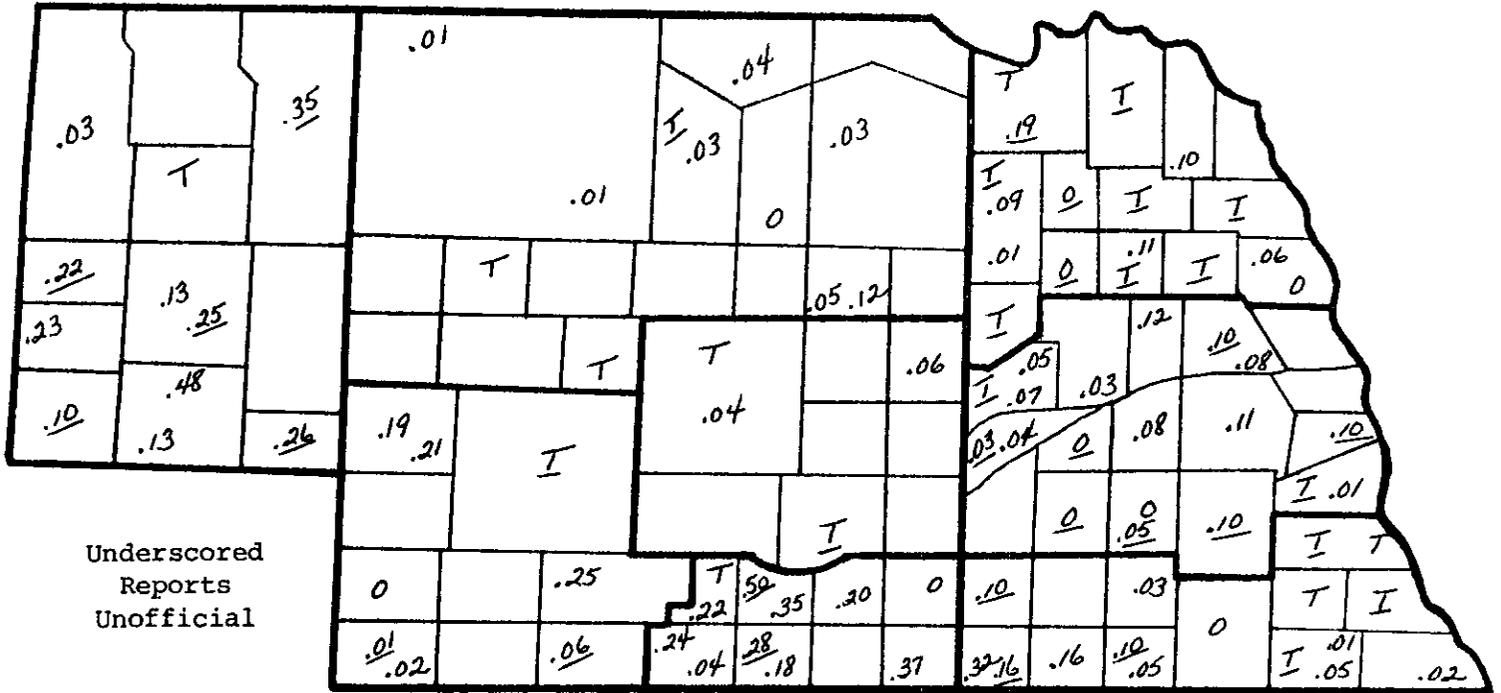
Winter wheat condition declined with 31% rated fair, 59% good, and 10% excellent. A year ago, most wheat was rated in fair condition.

LIVESTOCK

Corn and sorghum stubble has generally provided good quality forage and livestock remain in fields. Many farmers and ranchers have been moving hay supplies closer to feeding areas in preparation for winter snow.

Weekly reports are being discontinued and the report will be issued once a month until early spring. The next report will be released January 9, 1978.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1977



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1977

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <sup>1/</sup>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	53	21	35	--	.01
Scottsbluff	62	20	39	+8	.13
Sidney	56	18	36	--	0
NC Burwell	49	12	33	--	T
Valentine	53	9	29	+1	.13
NE Norfolk	46	14	31	+2	.18
Sioux City	46	13	31	+2	.09
CEN Grand Island	48	20	36	+4	.02
EC Lincoln	48	14	33	+1	.09
Omaha	47	20	31	0	.14
SW Imperial	62	22	40	--	0
North Platte	56	16	35	+5	0

<sup>1/</sup> Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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