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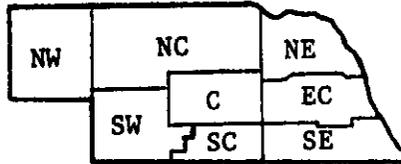
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WEATHER

Temperatures were below normal the middle of the week and above normal the remainder of the period. Precipitation the first and middle of the week averaged from less than a tenth of an inch in the Panhandle to more than four inches in the southeast.

GENERAL

Harvesting of the State's soybean and corn for grain crops started on a limited scale last week. Most row crops were still needing more drying weather to reach maturity. The season's first light frost occurred at mid-week in the western Panhandle, followed by warm drying weather which promoted maturity of fall crops statewide.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated adequate in 50% of the counties and short in all others. Subsoil moisture levels were adequate in 65% of the counties and short in 35%. A year ago, topsoil moisture was adequate in 85% of the counties and short in only 15%. Subsoil moisture was also adequate in over 85% of the State.

CROPS

The corn crop was mature on 60% of the State's acreage, behind last year's 80% and 75% normal. Last week, a few fields were harvested in about one-third of the counties.

The sorghum acreage was 50% ripe, equal to the normal rate but still slightly behind last year when 70% was ripe.

Leaves were shedding on 65% of the soybean crop, comparable to last year and the normal rate. Harvesting started in a few areas last week.

Winter wheat seeding progressed well late in the week with 65% now completed compared with 55% last year and normal of 65%.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated adequate in 70% of the counties. Feeder cattle sales activity continued to progress throughout the week.

Precipitation, April 1 - September 22, 1978

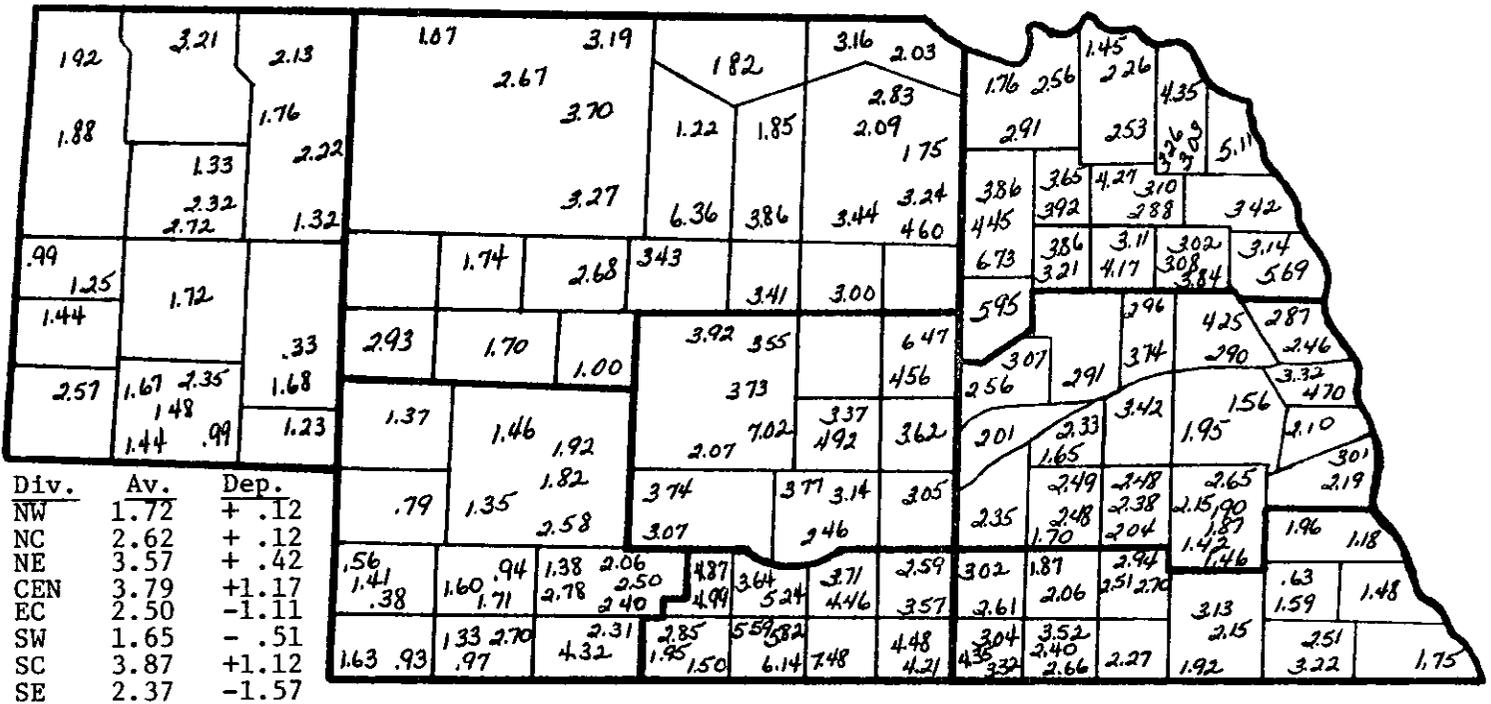
	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week10	.40	.30	.30	1.80	.20	.60	4.10
Total since April 1	13.20	15.20	16.70	15.90	22.10	10.30	15.90	27.50
Normal since April 1	13.44	16.15	19.23	17.86	21.06	15.00	18.34	22.68

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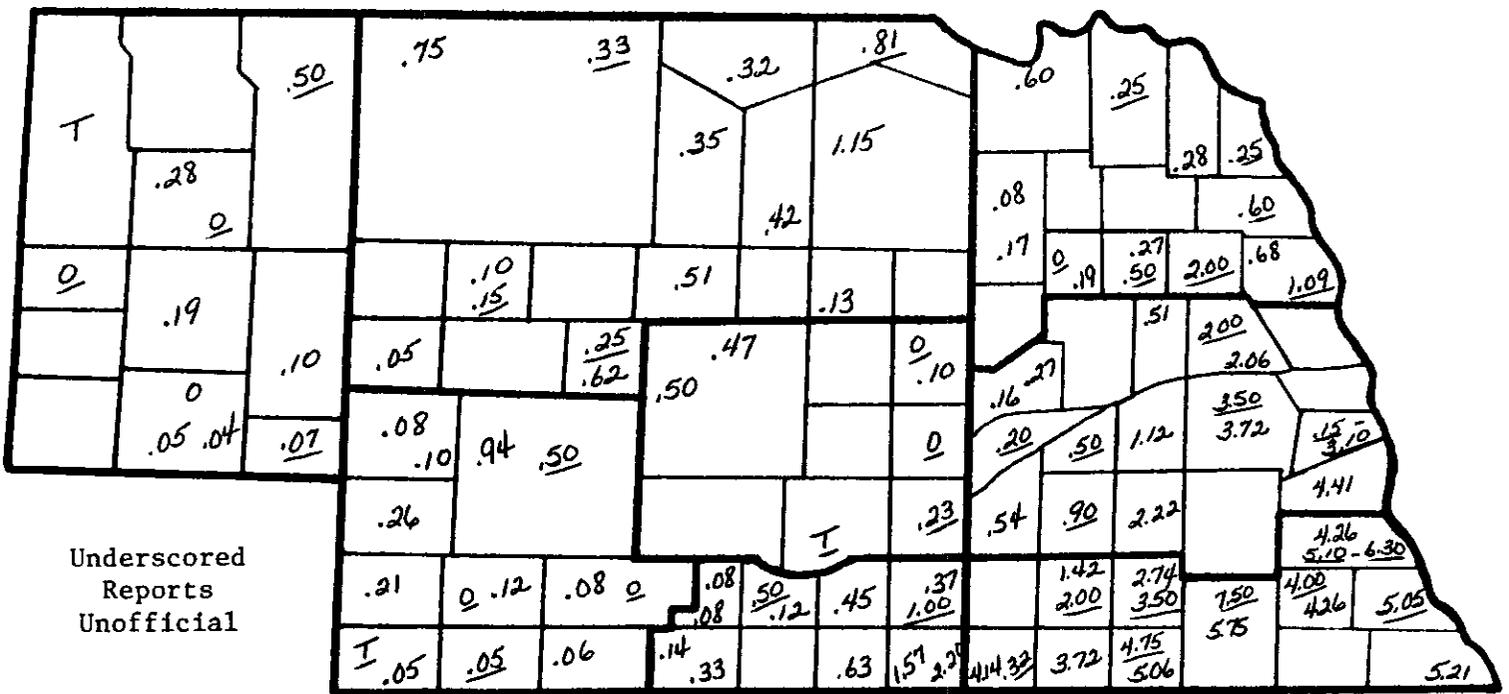


PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 1978 1/



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

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1978



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1978

Station	Temperature			Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	
	Max	Min			Total Inches 1/
NW Chadron	87	32	57	--	T
Scottsbluff	88	32	56	-3	T
Sidney	85	32	55	--	.04
NC Burwell	85	31	57	--	.13
Valentine	88	32	57	-2	.01
NE Norfolk	88	37	63	+2	.01
Sioux City	87	40	62	+1	.21
CEN Grand Island	90	37	62	0	.07
EC Lincoln	88	40	62	-2	1.26
Omaha	88	45	63	0	1.12
SW Imperial	89	35	60	--	0
North Platte	89	28	58	-2	.02

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.