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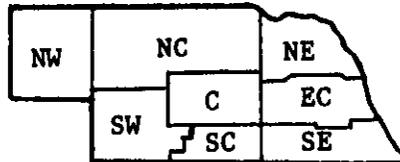
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WEATHER

Precipitation fell early in the week ranging from near a tenth of an inch over the northwest to an inch in the southeast. Local amounts around two inches fell in the east central and southeast sections. Temperatures were three to five degrees above normal with cool nights and warm days producing good drying conditions for most of the week.

GENERAL

A week of above normal temperatures statewide encouraged maturity of the State's row crops. However, continued warm, dry conditions are needed as development continues about a week behind normal. Silage cutting spread into most areas of the State with northeastern and east central counties in full swing. Preparation for wheat seeding neared completion in central counties as planting activities neared completion in some areas of the Panhandle. Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.4.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 10% short and 90% adequate. Subsoil moisture was 21% short and 79% adequate. A year ago, topsoil moisture supplies were 71% short and 29% adequate. Subsoil supplies were 68% short and 32% adequate.

CROPS

Wheat seeding neared 30% completion, equal to normal progress but slightly behind the 35% progress of a year earlier.

Corn crop condition rated mostly good to excellent, with little change from last week. Virtually all the crop was in dough stage or beyond compared to 100% previous year and normal. Denting, at 75% complete, compared to 90% last year and normal. Fifteen percent of the crop was mature, behind 30% last year and 40% normal.

Soybean crop condition continued mostly good to excellent. Fifty percent of the acreage was turning color, compared to 60% last year and 75% normal. Soybeans shedding leaves were at 10%, behind both 25% last year and 30% normal.

Sorghum crop conditions show little change and were mostly good. The percent of sorghum acreage coloring advanced closer to normal and stood at 80% compared to 94% last year and 85% normal. However, only 5% was ripe, well behind the 45% of last year and 25% normal.

The third cutting of alfalfa neared completion with fourth cuttings underway in some areas.

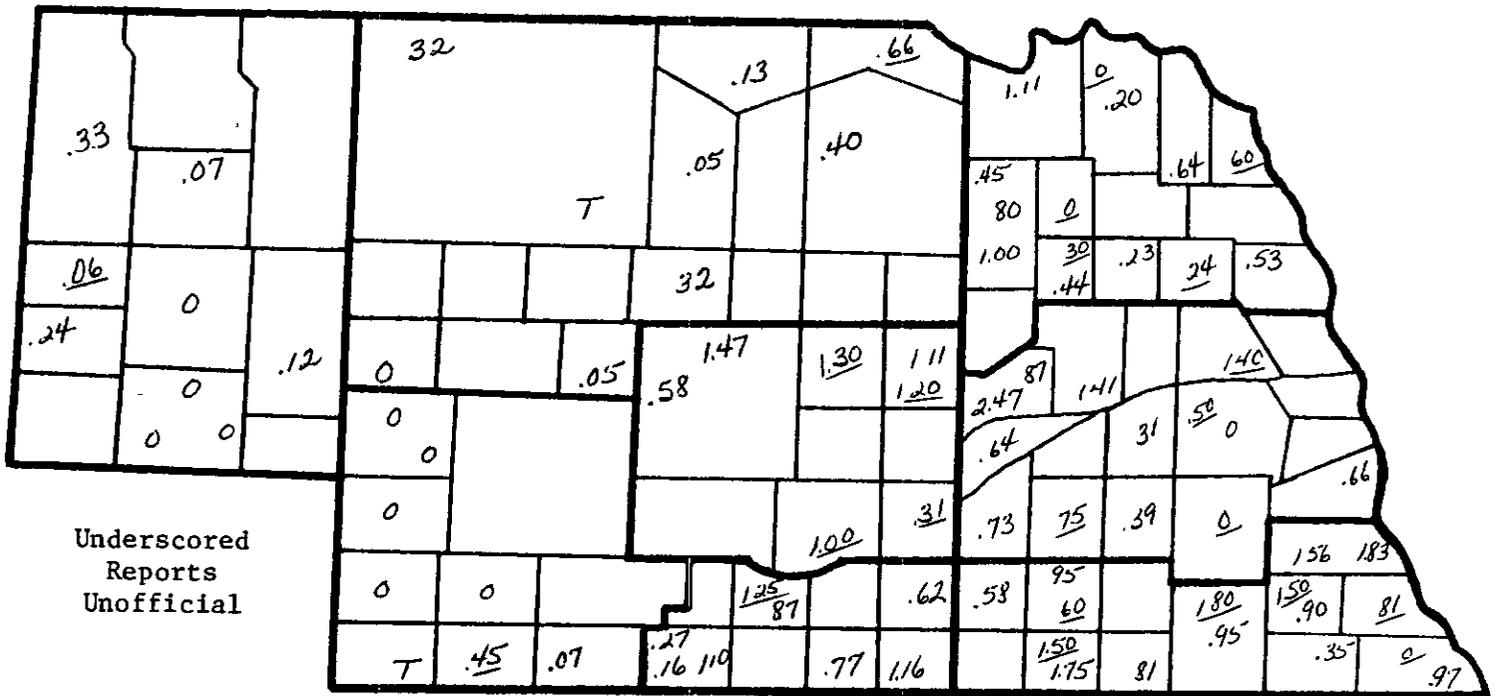
LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies continued mostly adequate. Fly control continues to be a concern in some areas.

Precipitation, April 4 - September 11, 1981

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week10	.20	.70	.70	.80	.00	.70	1.00
Total since April 4	12.10	15.60	15.50	17.00	19.20	17.50	19.20	21.00
Normal since April 1	12.89	15.42	18.29	16.99	19.91	14.34	17.42	21.35

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1981



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1981

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	98	44	71	--	0
Scottsbluff	94	48	70	+7	0
Sidney	--	--	--	--	--
NC Valentine	99	44	70	+7	0
NE Norfolk	92	46	69	+4	T
Sioux City	95	48	71	+6	.04
CEN Grand Island	92	49	69	+3	0
EC Lincoln	91	50	69	+2	.61
Omaha	88	56	71	+5	.81
SW Imperial	93	46	69	--	0
North Platte	91	43	67	+3	0

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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