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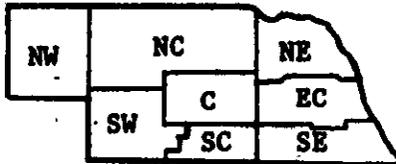
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged twenty degrees below normal over the Panhandle and extreme north and about seventeen degrees below over the remainder of the State. Precipitation ranged from near a quarter of an inch over the east to less than a tenth over the rest of Nebraska.

GENERAL

Row crop harvesting remained slow and difficult in Nebraska last week with producers focusing their attention on corn and sorghum when able to get into the fields. Rain, snow, and freezing drizzle interrupted the limited harvesting activities at various times as winter conditions continued to bear down on the State. Dryer activity was steady as farmers reduced corn moisture to safe storage levels. Many producers turned their attention to machinery repair, livestock care and other various odd jobs. The number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 3.7.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 77% adequate and 23% surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 6% short, 84% adequate and 10% surplus. A year ago, topsoil and subsoil moisture rated 21% short and 79% adequate.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 27% fair, 56% good and 17% excellent.

Corn harvest edged forward to 80% complete, behind 95% last year and 91% average. Drying of most shelled corn was still required as moisture levels were generally above safe storage levels. Most harvest progress last week was made in the northeastern counties as frozen grounds allowed progress.

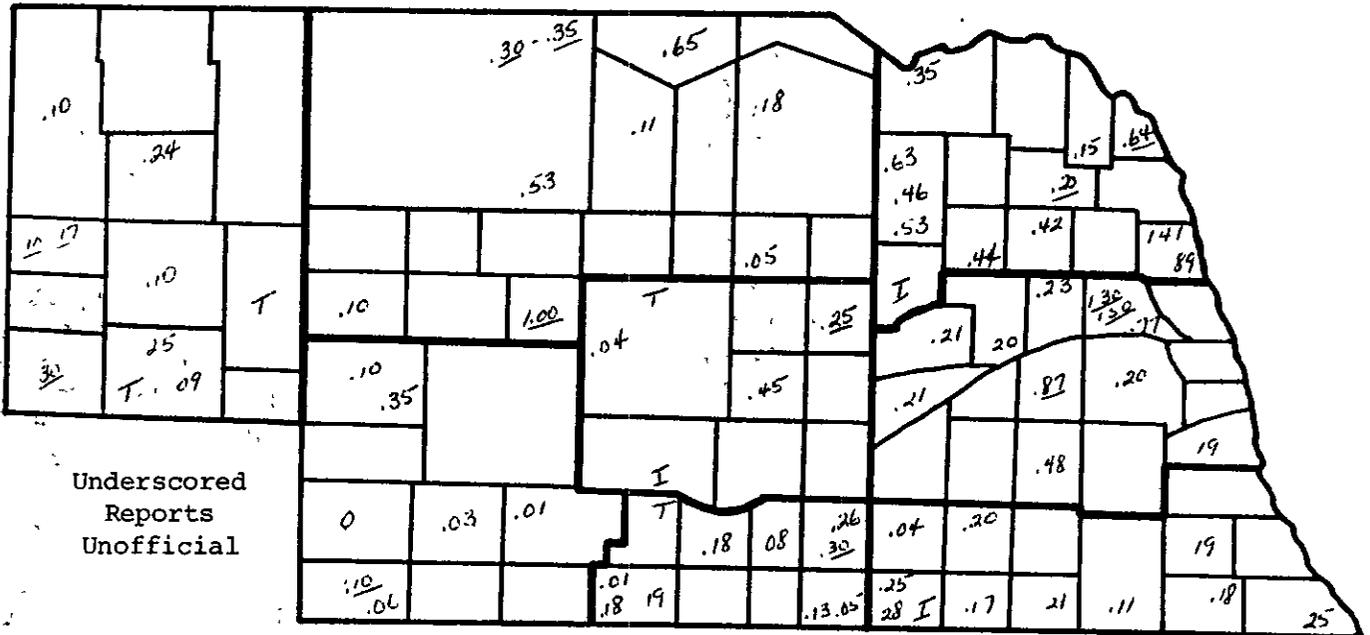
Soybean harvest remained unchanged at 98%, compared to 97% last year and 100% average. Snow cover has delayed soybean harvest completion temporarily.

Sorghum harvest inched ahead to 98% complete, equal to last year and the 5-year average.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated 32% short, 61% adequate and 7% surplus. Supplemental feeding of hay continued in areas with heavy snow cover, especially in north central counties. Cattle were being moved to stalk fields with some producers still weaning and working calves. The cold weather has stressed young livestock.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1985



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1985

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	25	-9	8	--	.21
Scottsbluff	29	-9	12	-21	.18
Sidney	28	-9	12	--	T
NC Ord	29	-1	13	--	0
Valentine	31	-16	5	-26	.07
NE Norfolk	33	0	15	-18	.22
Sioux City	40	2	17	-16	.29
CEN Grand Island	33	5	17	-18	.12
EC Lincoln	54	1	18	-20	.37
Omaha	64	4	19	-16	.20
SW Imperial	33	2	19	--	0
North Platte	31	1	16	-16	.04

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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