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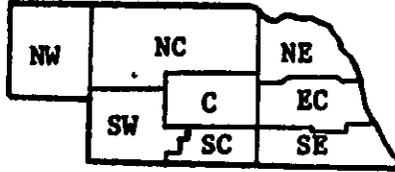
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WEATHER

Temperatures were near or slightly above normal. Precipitation averaged around .2 to .4 of an inch, however, some thunderstorms produced an inch and one-half at Scottsbluff and Grand Island.

GENERAL

Farm activities proceeded at a rapid pace last week. In eastern counties, planting of row crops was in the cleanup stage with cultivation and weed control underway. In the west, dry edible bean planting was active and summer fallow tillage operations continued. The harvest of first cutting of alfalfa was just beginning in the west, with eastern areas nearly finished. The number of days suitable for fieldwork were 5.4.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 18% short, 72% adequate and 10% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 4% short, 88% adequate and 8% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 22% short, 76% adequate and 2% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 8% short, 90% adequate and 2% surplus.

CROPS

Corn crop condition rated 6% fair, 75% good and 19% excellent. Ninety-eight percent of the crop had emerged, with 99% last year and 80% average. The flight of first generation corn borer moths are being reported. Farmers were being encouraged to scout fields for corn borer egg masses and possible treatments.

CROPS (Cont.)

Sorghum planting was nearing completion at 94%, compared to 95% last year and 70% average. Emergence was 80% complete, just behind 85% last year but well ahead of 45% average.

Soybean planting was 95% complete, with 96% last year and 75% average. Seventy percent was emerged, with 85% a year ago and 45% being average.

Winter wheat crop conditions rated 1% poor, 23% fair and 76% good. Ninety-two percent was headed, compared to 99% last year and 85% average. Five percent was beginning to turn color, behind both 25% last year and 9% average. The moderate decline in condition rating was due to wheat leaf rust infecting many south central and southeastern fields. Take-all was also being evidenced in scattered fields.

Alfalfa condition rated mostly good to excellent. The harvest of first cutting of alfalfa was 55% complete, with 75% last year and 45% average.

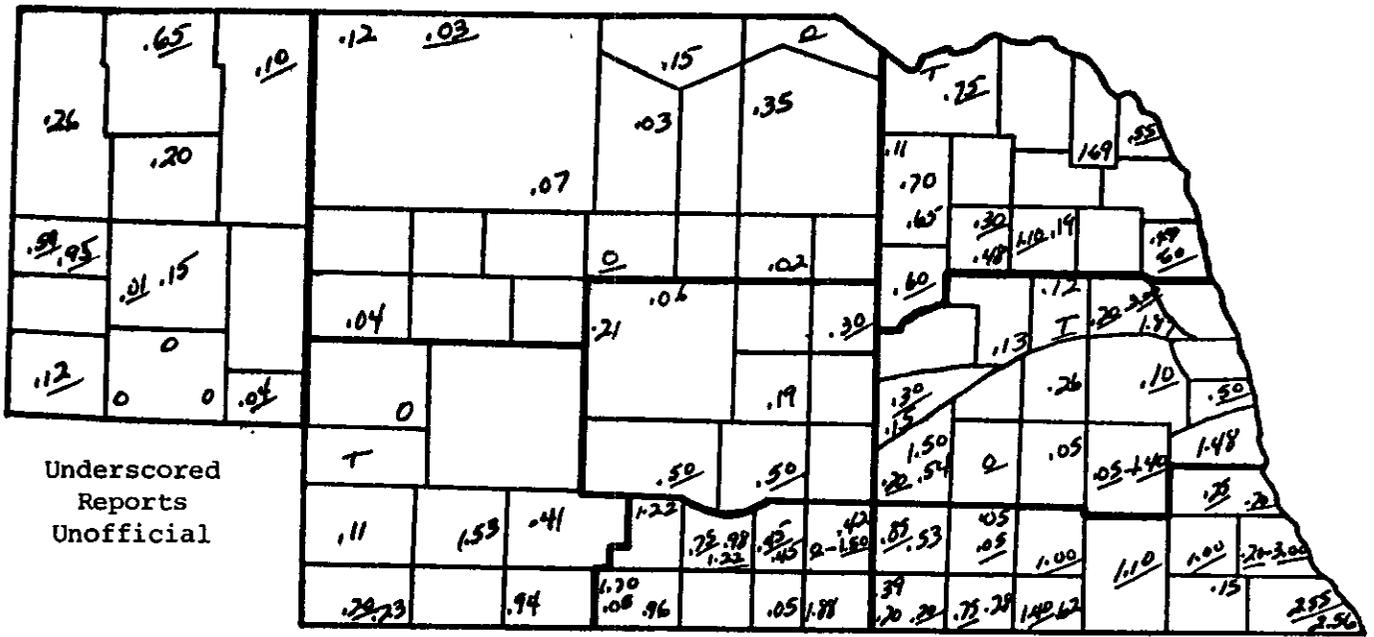
LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated mostly adequate to surplus. In western counties, some rangeland was sitting idle due to the good growing conditions this spring and the decrease in cattle numbers. Calf branding was near completion in most parts of the State.

Precipitation, April 1 - June 6, 1986

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week10	.11	.54	.15	.38	.46	.86	.60
Total since April 1	5.59	6.92	8.65	8.21	8.96	5.73	6.84	8.19
Normal since April 1	5.65	6.07	7.20	6.65	7.45	5.69	6.76	7.81

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1986



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 1986

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	90	50	66	--	.70
Scottsbluff	88	52	67	+3	1.72
Sidney	91	50	65	--	.07
NC Ord	85	49	65	--	0
Valentine	90	46	66	+1	.01
NE Norfolk	85	51	68	0	.22
Sioux City	86	53	69	+1	.55
CEN Grand Island	86	53	71	+3	1.59
EC Lincoln	90	54	72	+3	.44
Omaha	88	55	70	+2	.42
SW Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
North Platte	87	52	66	+1	.87

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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