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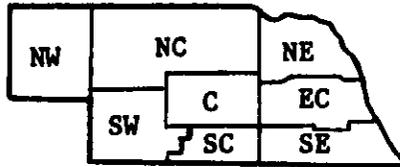
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged two to four degrees below normal. Precipitation occurred the first part of the week and averaged from a tenth of an inch in the northwest up to an inch and a half in the east central and southeast.

GENERAL

Scattered showers and cooler temperatures combined to limit field work activities last week. Overall, crop progress remains ahead of normal but has slowed due to the cooler temperatures. Ground preparation for winter wheat seeding has begun in many areas of the State. The irrigation season is drawing to a close in the southeast and east with some farmers picking up pipe. Other activities of the week consisted of harvesting of hay and alfalfa, moving grains off the farm, and putting up permanent and temporary grain storage facilities. The number of days suitable for fieldwork was 4.2.

Topsoil moisture rated 25% short, 45% adequate and 30% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 18% short, 65% adequate and 17% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 25% short, 65% adequate and 10% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 22% short, 76% adequate and 2% surplus.

CROPS

All corn crop condition rated 7% fair, 40% good and 53% excellent. Virtually all of the irrigated crop was rated

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good to excellent, while 93% of the dryland crop had the same rating. Corn reaching the dough stage or beyond, at 90%, compared to 85% a year ago and 75% average. Corn denting moved ahead to 40%, far ahead of 25% last year and 20% average. Our first report of corn mature stood at 1% compared to zero for last year and the average.

Soybean crop condition rated 5% fair, 58% good and 37% excellent. Soybeans setting pods stood at 97%, same as last year but ahead of the 92% average. Leaves were beginning to turn color on 8% of the acreage compared to last year and average at 2%.

Sorghum crop condition rated 4% fair, 58% good and 38% excellent. Our last report of sorghum headed stands at 98%, compared to 94% last year and 91% average. Sorghum turning color is far ahead of normal at 35%, compared to 10% last year and 15% average.

Third cutting alfalfa advanced slowly to 50% harvested, same as the average but behind last year's 60%. Alfalfa crop condition rated mostly good to fair.

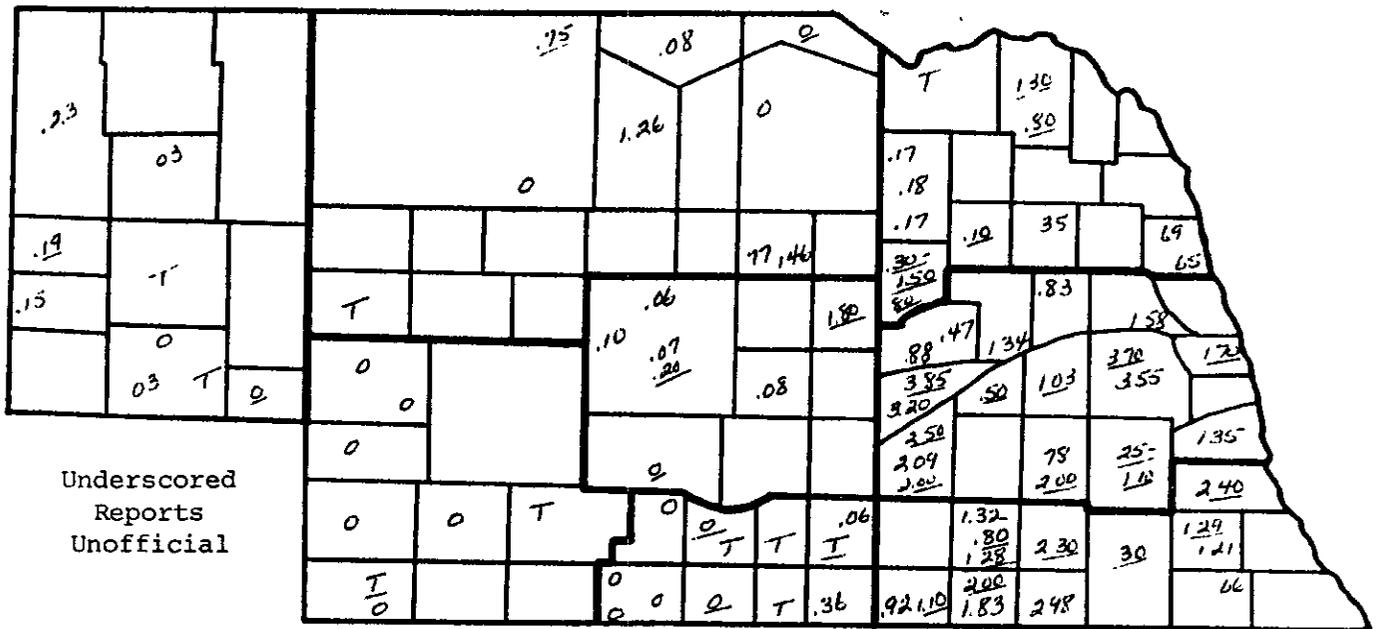
LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed conditions rated mostly adequate. Horn fly numbers were reported to be on the increase in the southwest.

Precipitation, April 1 - August 22, 1986

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week06	.51	.32	.08	1.61	.00	.05	1.49
Total since April 1	13.85	16.57	18.77	14.73	21.31	11.91	13.92	23.17
Normal since April 1	11.95	13.97	16.40	15.20	17.60	13.06	15.65	18.58

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 1986



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 1986

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	102	47	72	--	.01
Scottsbluff	99	49	71	0	.19
Sidney	96	50	71	--	T
NC Ord	87	51	71	--	1.10
Valentine	93	40	69	-2	.72
NE Norfolk	85	50	69	-4	.15
Sioux City	83	51	70	-3	.01
CEN Grand Island	86	50	70	-4	.78
EC Lincoln	86	56	72	-2	3.12
Omaha	83	55	71	-2	1.54
SW Imperial	92	55	72	--	--
North Platte	93	44	70	-2	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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