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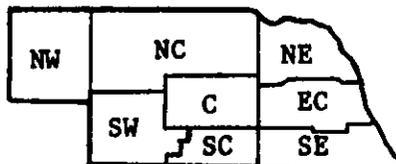
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WEATHER

The week started out warm and dry but ended cold and wet. Snow fell in the west and flooding occurred in the southeast. Precipitation ranged from a half inch in the west up to five inches in the southeast. The southeast rains occurred over the weekend. Average temperatures ranged from five to seven degrees below normal.

GENERAL

Clear, dry weather at the beginning of the week was welcomed by crop producers. Harvesting of row crops progressed with some producers switching between corn and soybeans. A killing freeze over the weekend should stop most row crop growth and help the drying of grains. Rains on Saturday virtually stopped fieldwork activities, especially in eastern areas, and made already wet field conditions worse. Producers continued to harvest sugar beets and dry beans in the Panhandle. Some unharvested dry beans may be damaged by recent wet weather. The number of days suitable for fieldwork was 4.2.

Topsoil moisture rated 2% short, 49% adequate and 49% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 4% short, 71% adequate and 25% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 2% short, 40% adequate and 58% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 4% short, 73% adequate and 23% surplus.

CROPS

All corn crop condition rated 1% poor, 1% fair, 58% good and 40% excellent. Virtually all of the irrigated crop was rated good to excellent, while 95% of the dryland crop had the same rating. Corn harvested for grain progressed to 20% compared to 10% last year and 20% average. Corn producers were harvesting fields damaged by stalk rot and corn borer as soon as possible to limit field losses.

Soybean crop condition rated 4% fair, 71% good and 25% excellent. Ninety-eight percent of the soybeans were dropping leaves compared to 100% last year and 96% average. Harvest of soybeans progressed to 25%, ahead of 10% a year ago but behind the 30% average.

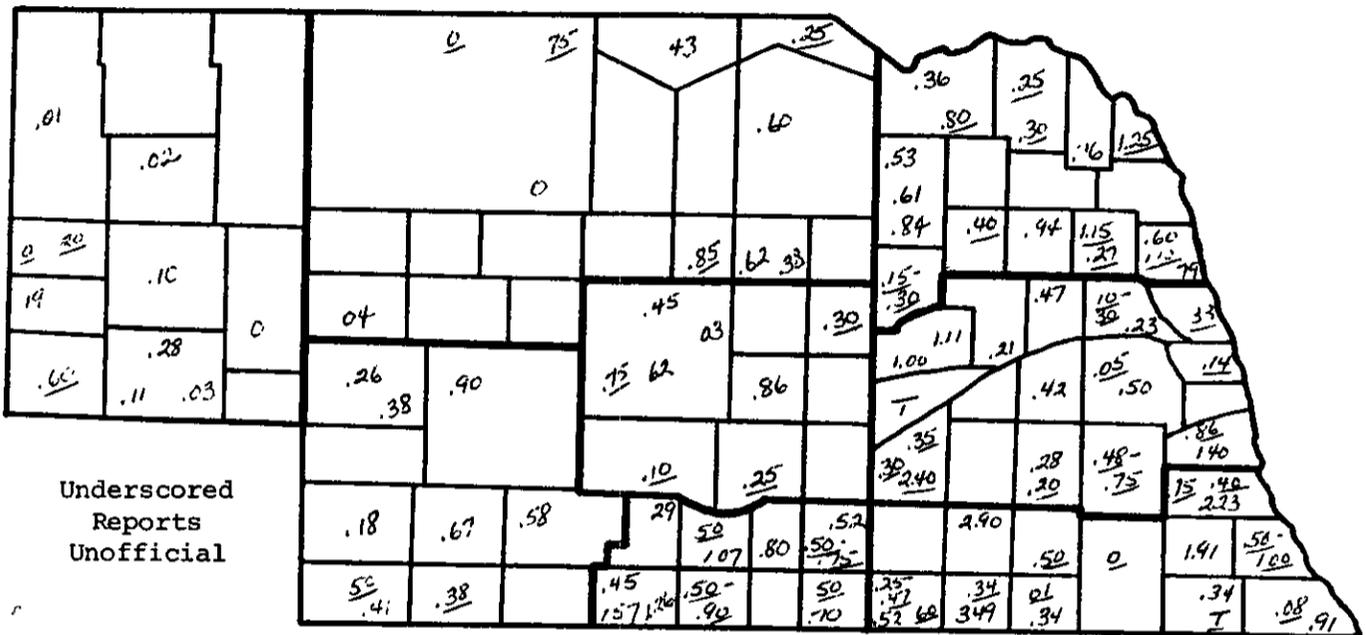
Sorghum crop condition rated 9% fair, 46% good and 45% excellent. Sorghum mature rose to 98% compared to 99% last year and 85% average. Sorghum harvested stood at 20%, same as the average but ahead of 8% a year ago.

Winter wheat condition rated 8% fair, 67% good and 25% excellent. Seeding neared completion at 98%, compared to 92% last year and 100% average. Wheat emerged stood at 92% compared to 75% last year and average. Recent heavy rains caused soil erosion in some southeastern wheat fields.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated mostly adequate. Cattle producers are taking advantage of the above normal range feed supplies by leaving their stock on pastures longer.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1986



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1986

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	73	25	46	--	--
Scottsbluff	74	24	46	-7	.36
Sidney	--	--	--	--	--
NC Ord	80	30	47	--	--
Valentine	79	25	47	-6	.15
NE Norfolk	80	29	50	-5	.95
Sioux City	80	32	50	-6	1.29
CEN Grand Island	80	30	50	-7	1.41
EC Lincoln	78	34	52	-5	3.50
Omaha	77	33	52	-5	2.73
SW Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
North Platte	81	20	48	-6	.33

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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