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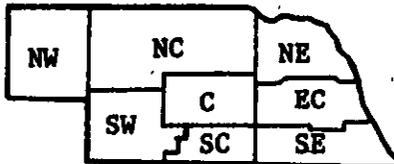
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged from 5 degrees above normal in the northwest up to 10 degrees above in the eastern half of the State. Precipitation occurred at the beginning and end of the week. Amounts varied from 1.4 inches in the north central to less than a tenth in the east.

GENERAL

Fall harvest activity was near completion across Nebraska as good drying conditions during the week kept progress well ahead of normal. Early completion of harvest in most areas saw more producers out working fields with fall tillage and fertilizer applications. Grain storage and livestock management were also of major concern during the week. Many elevators still have large amounts of grain piled outside awaiting transportation or available elevator space. Days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.0 days for the State.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 34% short, 63% adequate and 3% surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 29% short and 71% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture rated 72% adequate and 28% surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 4% short, 74% adequate and 22% surplus.

CROPS

Corn harvest continued at a rapid pace reaching 96% complete by the end of the week. Grain harvest is three weeks ahead of last year's 68% and the 72% average.

Soybean harvest was completed during the week. Last year, 87% was harvested and the average is 91% for this time of year.

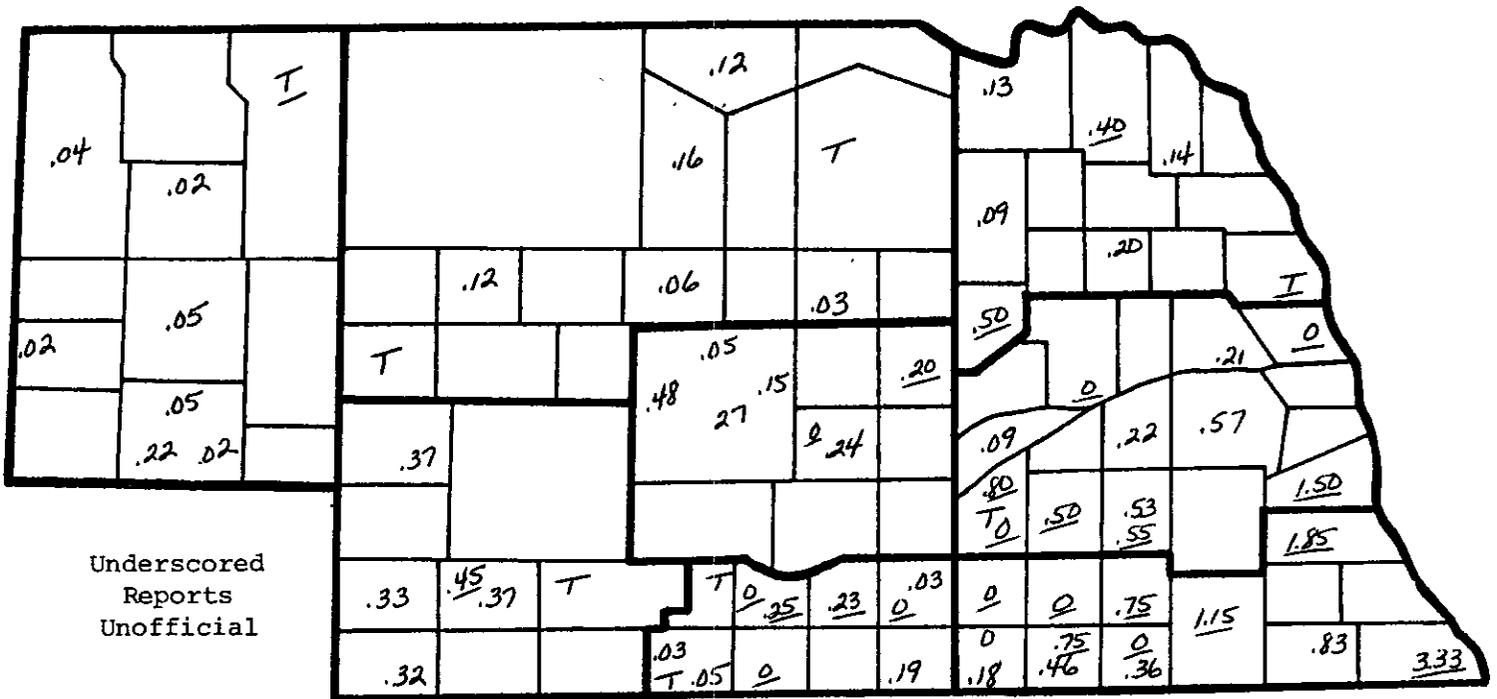
Sorghum harvest is near completion with 99% combined compared to 79% last year and an 84% average.

Winter wheat condition improved slightly during the week to 10% poor, 44% fair, 44% good and 2% excellent. Uneven stands caused by dry fall weather are reflected in the poor to fair conditions in areas of the west and southwest.

LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture feed supplies rated 14% short, 77% adequate and 9% surplus. Stalk and stubble fields remain well utilized by livestock. Hay was moved into winter feeding areas.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1987



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1987

Station	Temperature			Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	
	Max	Min			Total Inches <u>1/</u>
NW Chadron	68	21	45	--	.24
Scottsbluff	71	26	45	+5	.26
Sidney	--	--	--	--	--
NC Ord	75	28	50	--	0
Valentine	65	26	46	+7	1.44
NE Norfolk	72	28	50	+9	.01
Sioux City	69	26	52	+10	.01
CEN Grand Island	76	30	53	+10	.01
EC Lincoln	74	28	54	+10	.01
Omaha	72	31	54	+11	.01
SW Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
North Platte	76	28	49	+9	.35

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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