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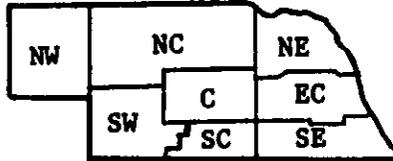
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## WEATHER

There were light showers midweek; otherwise, mild weather prevailed. Rainfall amounts were mostly less than a tenth of an inch. Average temperatures ranged from three to eight degrees above normal.

## GENERAL

Row crop harvest was virtually complete across the State with only scattered areas still having crops to harvest, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Mainly areas in the west still had some later season corn acreage to combine. Producers were concerned about their winter wheat acreage as there was generally insufficient soil moisture received this fall. Although the crop looks good, some precipitation will be needed in the next few weeks and adequate snow this winter for the crop to be in good condition next spring. Russian wheat aphid was noted as only a slight problem for western Nebraska producers. Some very high winds over the weekend caused field loss to some corn in the Panhandle and erosion problems for fall tilled fields of central and eastern Nebraska. Sugar beet harvest was completed in the western counties. Other field activities across the State consisted of: disking, deep-chiseling, and applying fall fertilizer. The number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.8.

Topsoil moisture level rated 87% short and 13% adequate. Subsoil moisture level rated 76% short and 24% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture level rated 34% short, 63% adequate and 3% surplus,

## GENERAL (Cont.)

while subsoil moisture level rated 29% short and 71% adequate.

## CROPS

Corn harvest was approaching completion and was considered 96% complete, compared to 92% last year and 77% average. High winds in western Nebraska were damaging corn still in the fields. Excellent field drying of corn has reduced the need to dry the grain in the bin and keeping expensive drying costs to a minimum.

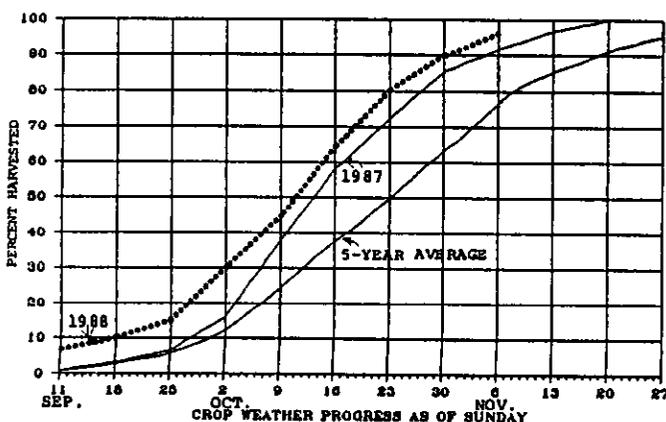
Sorghum harvest was virtually complete at 99%, compared to 96% last year and 87% average. Soybean harvest was considered complete. Only a few scattered fields of soybeans and sorghum remain unharvested.

Winter wheat condition rated 3% poor, 20% fair and 77% good. Limited moisture supplies were stressing the wheat crop and were a concern to producers. Russian wheat aphid was cited as just a slight problem in western counties and the potential for wheat streak mosaic next year was reported.

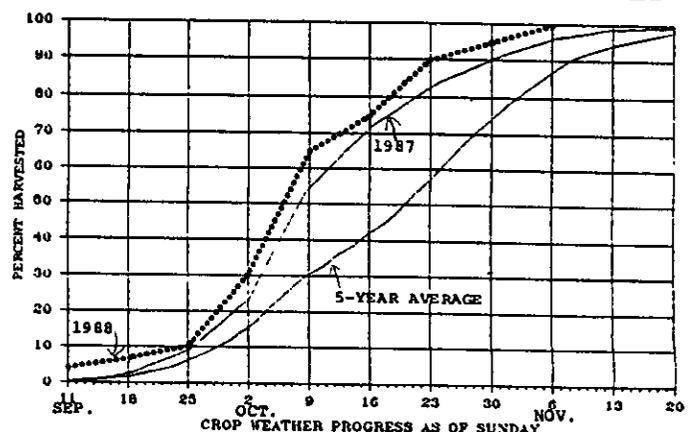
## LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated 4% very short, 32% short, 63% adequate and 1% surplus. Hay supplies may be a concern if a hard winter is received. Cattle continue to graze stalks now that most row crop fields have been harvested. Many producers have been weaning calves and moving them to sales at favorable prices.

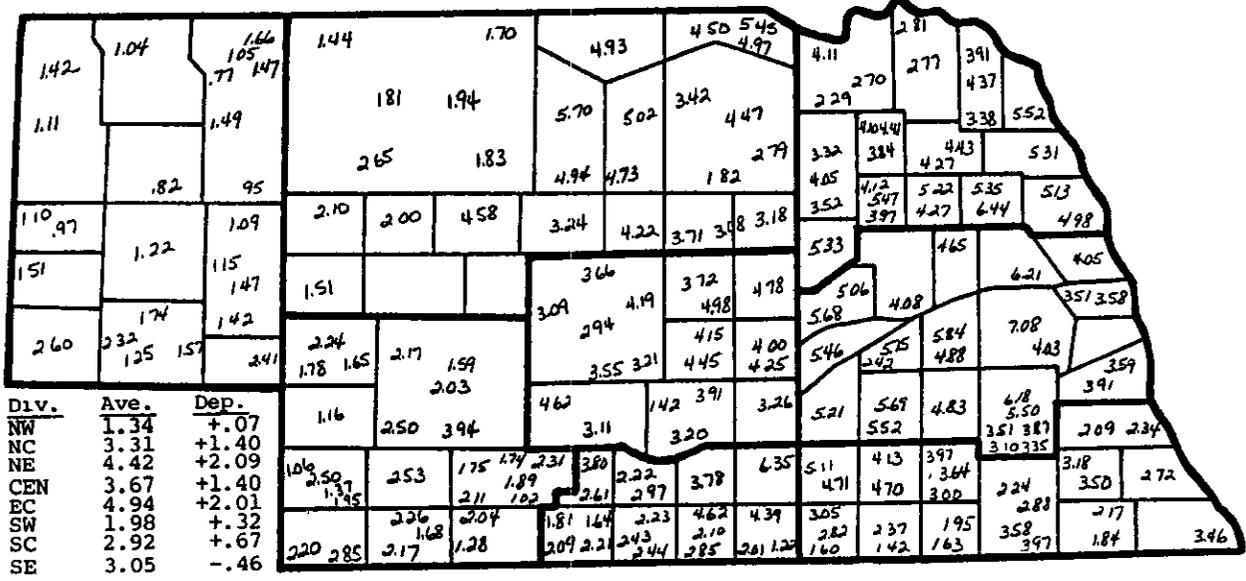
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NEBRASKA -- SORGHUM HARVESTED

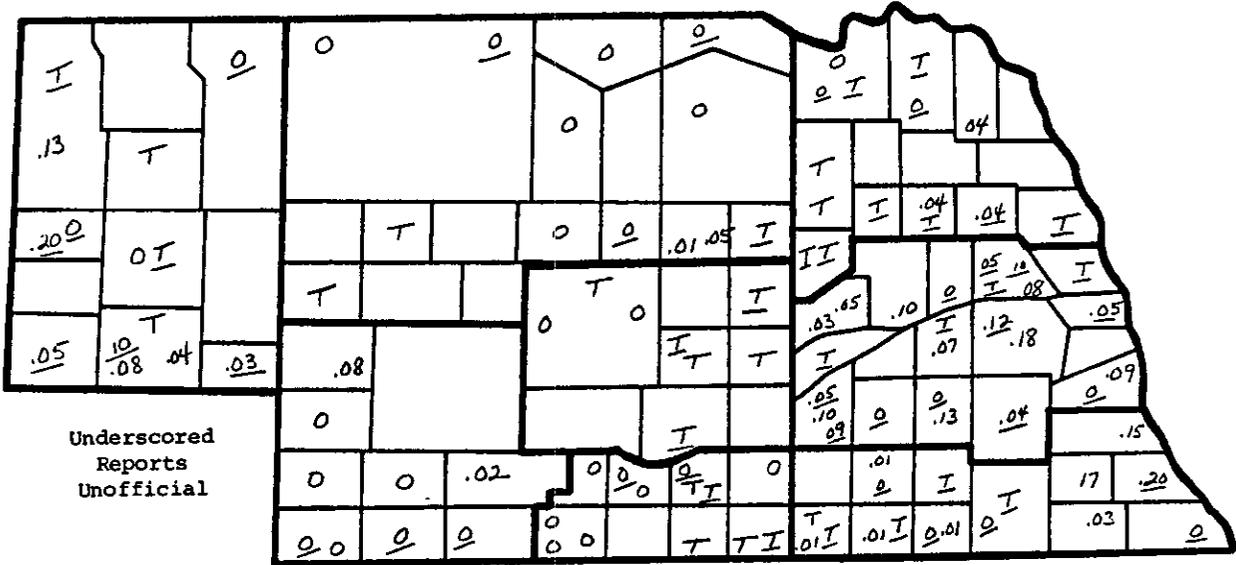


PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1988 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Center for Agricultural Meteorology and Climatology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1988



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1988

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	77	20	50	--	0
Scottsbluff	78	24	49	+8	.05
Sidney	76	22	49	--	.03
NC Ord	70	23	47	--	0
Valentine	75	14	45	+5	T
NE Norfolk	67	31	47	+5	.08
Sioux City	67	29	46	+3	.13
CEN Grand Island	70	25	47	+3	.05
EC Lincoln	72	32	49	+4	.09
Omaha	69	31	49	+5	.11
SW Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
North Platte	78	21	47	+6	.01

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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