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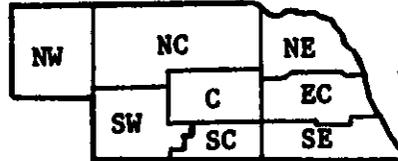
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## WEATHER

The first taste of winter hit the State last week with temperatures dropping into the teens over the west and twenties in the east. A quick warmup followed with temperatures in the mid-50's and lower 60's by week's end. Overall, temperatures averaged two to four degrees above normal. Much of the State received light rains with amounts over a half inch in the east.

## GENERAL

Weather conditions continued to favor Nebraska producers as they finished their row crop harvest, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Areas of the northwest received some snow last week and the rest of the State's producers were busy in anticipation of a widespread snowfall. Most producers are trying to complete as much fall tillage as possible and many are also applying fertilizer. Livestock producers were working and marketing their cattle as their feedlots were being filled for the winter months. General farm chores and machinery upkeep were the main farm activities. The number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.8.

Topsoil moisture level rated 93% short and 7% adequate. Subsoil moisture level rated 75% short and 25% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture level rated 52% short and 48% adequate. Subsoil moisture level last year rated 36% short and 64% adequate.

## CROPS

Corn harvest was virtually complete across the State except for some late season harvesting being done in the west. Harvest was 99% complete, compared to 97% last year and 85% average.

Sorghum harvest is complete, compared to 99% last year and 94% average. Soybeans are also completely harvested, equal to last year but ahead of the 96% average.

Winter wheat condition rated 1% very poor, 3% poor, 32% fair, 62% good and 2% excellent. Precipitation in the form of rain or snow would greatly improve the winter wheat acreage in Nebraska. Local areas in western Nebraska reported significant amounts of Russian wheat aphid populations.

## LIVESTOCK

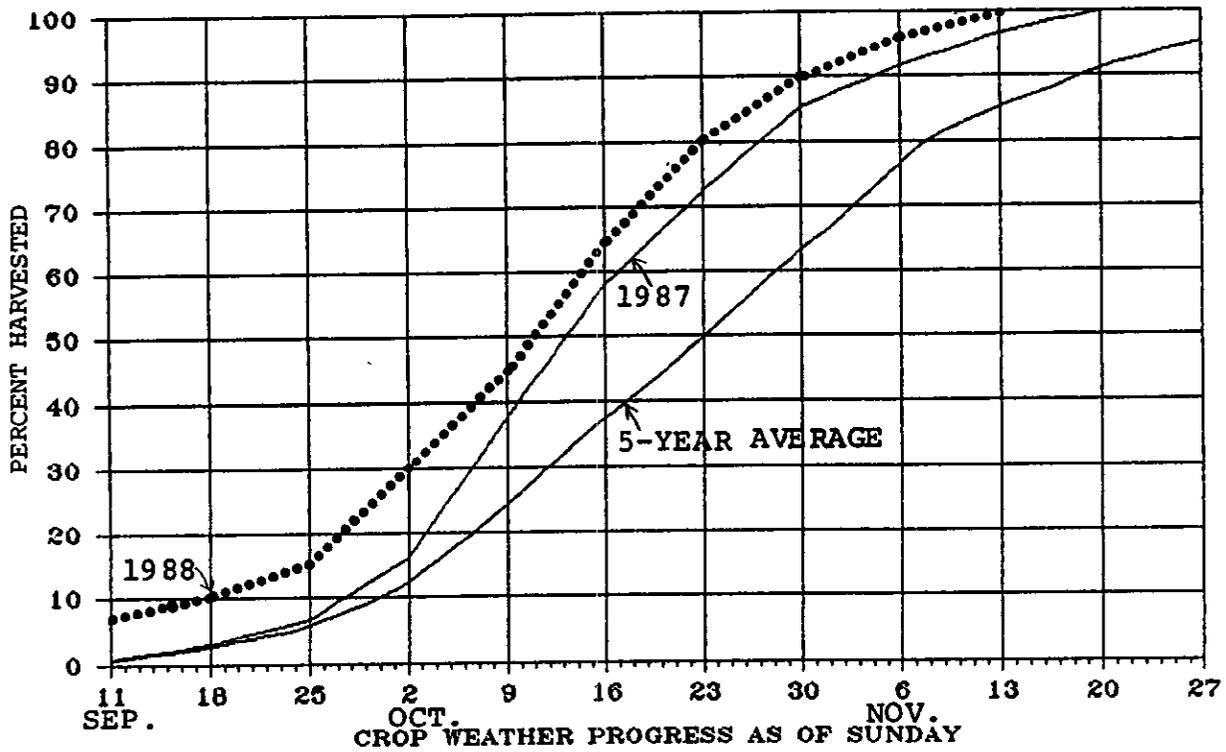
Pasture and range feed supplies rated 8% very short, 30% short and 62% adequate. Cattle continue to graze corn stalks while many producers are bringing their cattle into the feedlots. Calves are being weaned and some marketing is occurring. Areas of the eastern one-third of the State were reporting very low critical supplies of hay as they were approaching winter.

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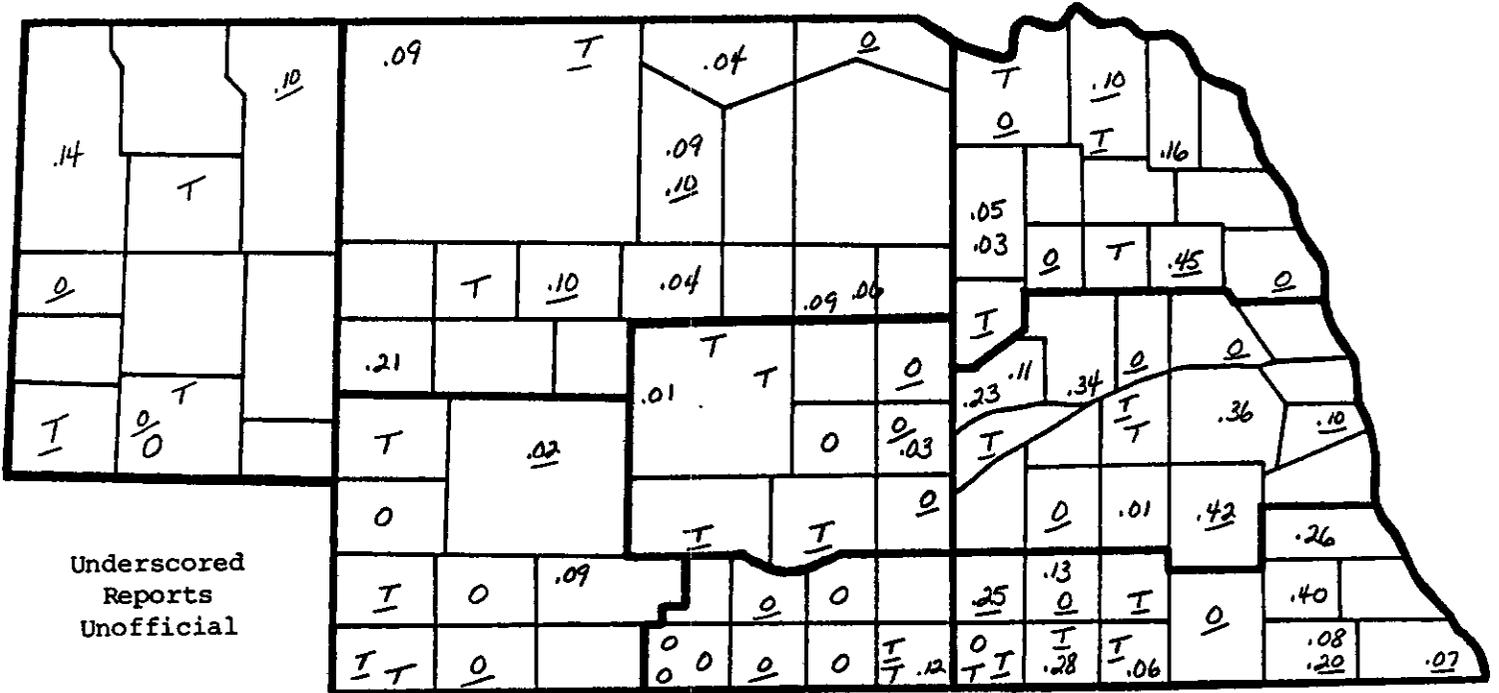
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# NEBRASKA -- CORN HARVESTED



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1988



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1988

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	62	15	40	--	.30
Scottsbluff	63	13	41	+3	.05
Sidney	66	14	41	--	.01
NC Ord	63	21	43	--	0
Valentine	62	18	40	+3	.30
NE Norfolk	59	24	42	+3	.23
Sioux City	57	23	41	0	.63
CEN Grand Island	63	25	43	+3	.15
EC Lincoln	65	26	45	+4	.37
Omaha	61	28	43	+2	.82
SW Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
North Platte	60	18	41	+4	.09

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.