

# Crop damage

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"I was only seven or eight years old and I can remember waking up and looking out the window. All I saw on the ground were drifts of red dust that had blown up from Oklahoma," he said.

Lemke said he also grows soybeans, wheat, milo and alfalfa. He said his soybean production will be down this year and his milo production will be half the amount it was last year. But Lemke said his participation in the payment-in-kind program and a good wheat yield will offset the financial loss from his crop damage.

Lemke said a good yield for all of his crops might net around 80 to 90 bushels per acre but he said he expects only 30 bushels this year.

"For the past three years my crop production has been going down, and financially, things have been a little tough," he said. "The high cost of operation is getting to me."

Most of Lemke's concern stems from the severe shortage of topsoil and subsoil moisture in his fields. Bill Dobbs, statistician for the Nebraska Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, said topsoil moisture in Nebraska was rated as 10 percent short and subsoil moisture was 71 percent short.

Dobbs said the dryland corn in southeastern Nebraska looks bad, but added that the state as a whole will come out fairly well.

"The good crop productions in nor-

theast Nebraska will offset the crop loss figures in the southeast part of the state," he said.

"There are some (wheat) farmers reporting a total corn crop loss," Dobbs said, "but the good wheat yields are making up for the below-average yields overall."

The condition of combined dryland and irrigated corn in Nebraska before last week's rains was rated as 13 percent, poor; 25 percent, fair; 61 percent, good and 1 percent, excellent.

Dobbs said nearly 40 percent of the dryland crop was rated in poor condition, while three-fourths of the irrigated crop rated good. All of southeastern Nebraska's dryland corn was listed in poor condition.

"The rain will give the corn a breather, but the main help will be for the soybeans and sorghum," he said.

Sorghum conditions in the state were rated as 38 percent, poor; 46 percent, fair; and 16 percent, good. The state's soybeans were rated as 19 percent, poor; 59 percent, fair; 21 percent, good; and 1 percent, excellent, Dobbs said.

Dobbs said soybeans can still make a fairly good harvest if sufficient rain falls in the next few weeks.

"More rain is definitely needed," said Dobbs. "Those soybean fields which received two inches of rain in the last 10 days will need about two more inches in the next two to three weeks."

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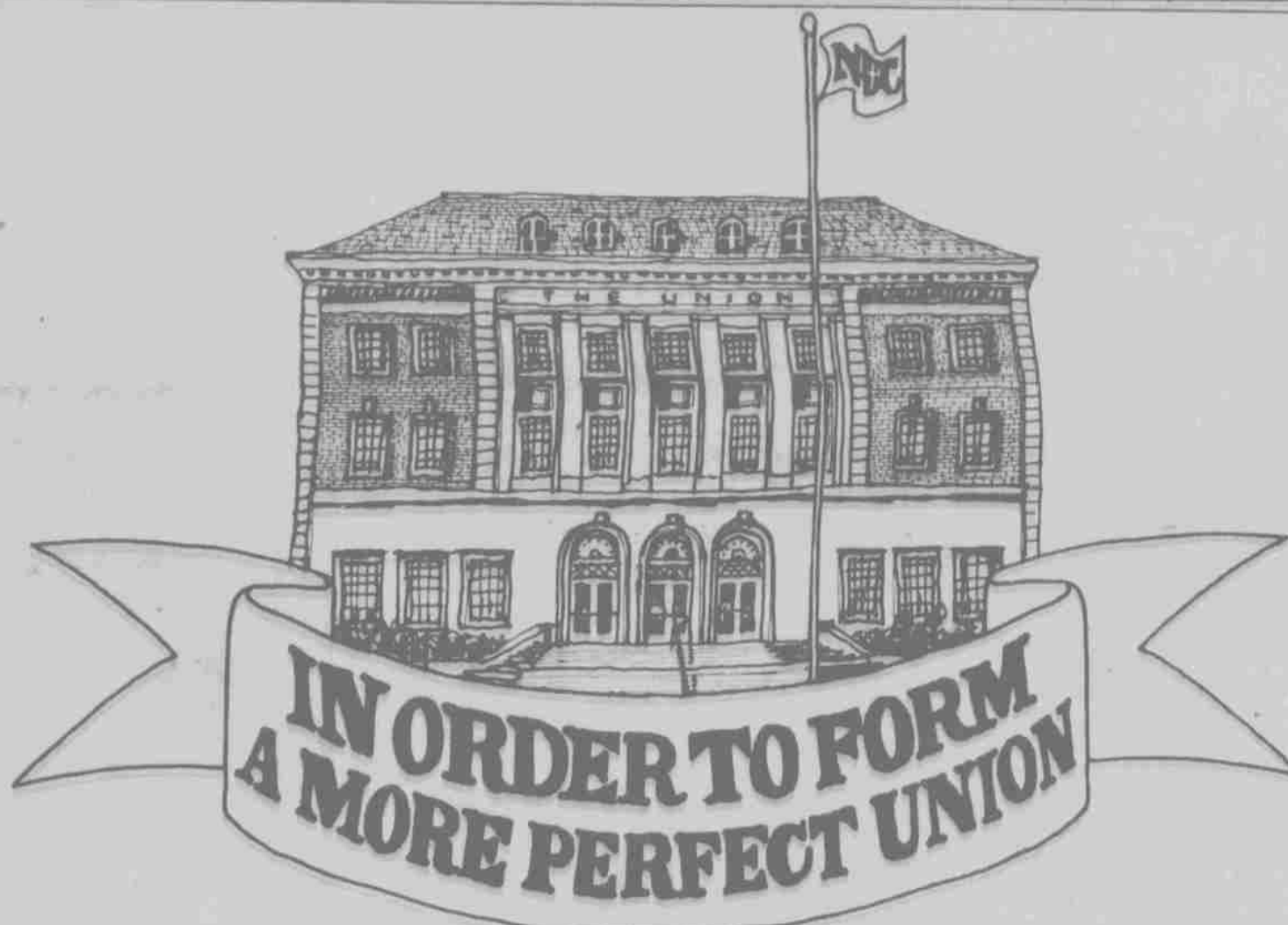
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