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WHEAT PASTURE: About 10 percent of the winter wheat seeded in the three-State area of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas had sufficient growth to support grazing on November 1. This is about 4 percentage points more than last year. About 4 percent of the acreage was being grazed compared with less than 1 percent last year. The wheat forage supply rated mostly poor. It is estimated that 7.8 acres of wheat pasture are needed to carry a 400 pound calf, somewhat less than last year when 8.2 acres were required.

KANSAS (WESTERN): About 98 percent of the intended fall sown wheat had been planted by November 1, ahead of last year but equal to the average. Growers estimate 9 percent of the acreage had enough growth to support livestock grazing, up 4 points from last year. However, only about 1 percent of the acreage was being grazed as few stands have sufficient rooting to allow pasturing. Although August precipitation brought much needed rains to Kansas, dry weather during September and October continued to hamper fall seeded wheat germination and growth.

OKLAHOMA (WESTERN): Farmers had planted about 85 percent of the 1981 crop winter wheat by November 1, 5 percent less than last year and 10 percent later than average. About 3 percent of the acreage had sufficient growth to provide pasture. Seeding of the crop was slowed by lack of moisture and even the early plantings lack growth and proper root development to support grazing. Rainfall is needed throughout the State.

TEXAS (PANHANDLE AND LOW PLAINS): About 81 percent of the wheat had been sown by November 1, compared with 90 percent last year. An estimated 67 percent had emerged, compared with 64 percent a year ago. About 22 percent of the acreage would support grazing and growers estimate 14 percent of the acreage was being grazed on November 1 compared with 4 percent last year. Many dryland fields were "dusted" in because of the lack of rainfall and stands are poor. Irrigated fields are in fair condition, and many are being grazed.

AVAILABLE WHEAT PASTURE - NOVEMBER 1, 1979-80

STATE	PERCENT OF SEEDED WHEAT WITH SUFFICIENT GROWTH TO PASTURE		PERCENT OF SEEDED WHEAT BEING PASTURED		ACRES OF WHEAT PASTURE REQUIRED TO CARRY A 400 POUND CALF	
	1979	1980	1979	1980	1979	1980
WESTERN KANSAS	5	9	*	1	9	8
WESTERN OKLAHOMA	4	3	*	1	8	8
TEXAS PANHANDLE	11	22	4	14	8	7
AVERAGE FOR WHEAT PASTURE REGION	6.0	9.7	0.9	3.6	8.2	7.8

* LESS THAN 0.5 PERCENT.

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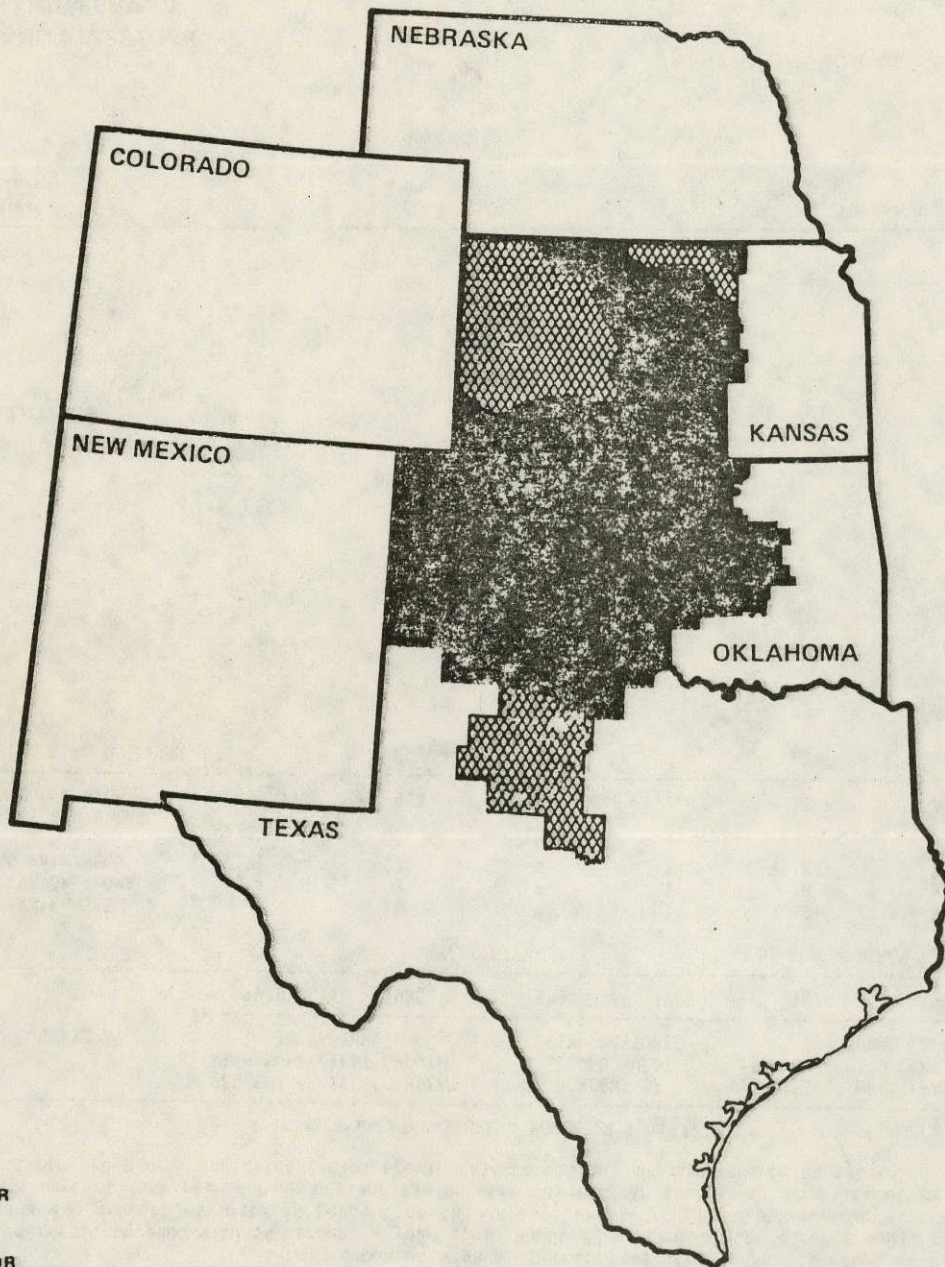
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WINTER WHEAT—TOP GROWTH AVAILABLE FOR GRAZING*
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*RELATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF TOP GROWTH AS REPORTED BY FARM AND RANCH OPERATORS

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