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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal, with no unusual extremes. There was considerable cloudiness, winds were light, and humidity was rather high. A few light showers occurred at the beginning of the week over the eastern portion of the State at the beginning of the week, in the extreme southeast, in the middle, and in the north-central portion at the close, but no rain was reported from the western and south-central portions of the State. No frost was observed during the week.

CROPS Wheat in the Panhandle was sown about the usual time and is making splendid progress. A little reseeding had to be done because of heavy local rain. While the bulk of the wheat in southern Nebraska has been seeded there was considerable delay due to rain and volunteer wheat.

The long summer drouth was broken about September 19, which started the volunteer wheat. After the volunteer wheat was disced up, heavy rains again around September 25 and 26 made the fields too wet for seeding which delayed planting. However, the balance of the seeding should be completed by the close of this week if weather permits. In the southwest, some wheat had to be reseeded because of washing rains and heavy rains that packed the seeded wheat.

A little corn picking was started last week but some of the grain carried too much moisture for cribbing. Yields are very spotted, depending on whether local rains were received or not. In other cases only low spots in the field produced grain. Some counties are reporting a little more corn than expected.

The Panhandle has an excellent crop of corn and practically all of it has matured. There has been no killing frost yet. Irrigated corn in the North Platte Valley is excellent. Some spots in southwestern Nebraska have fair to good corn while other areas range from poor to failure. Most of the irrigated corn is good. Eastern Nebraska will have some corn.

Grain sorghum in most of southern Nebraska is very spotted. Much of it did not head. Sorghum is quite promising in the Panhandle, but some of it has not matured. Irrigated sorghum is very good. Soybeans are very spotted, but some fields will range from fair to good. The average yield will be low.

The rains that occurred during the last 11 or 12 days of September started the pastures and alfalfa to green up. Except for the eastern portion, the sand hill grass is still green. Rains have softened the range feed. Pastures in the Panhandle are green.

Sorghum for forage in the Panhandle and parts of southwestern Nebraska is good. While considerable of the corn was cut for silage in central and eastern Nebraska, percentagewise, the amount cut is not large. The rain may yet increase the alfalfa hay production. Wild hay is very short in the northeastern portion of the sand hills, but elsewhere in the sand hills and the Panhandle the crop ranges from fair to good.

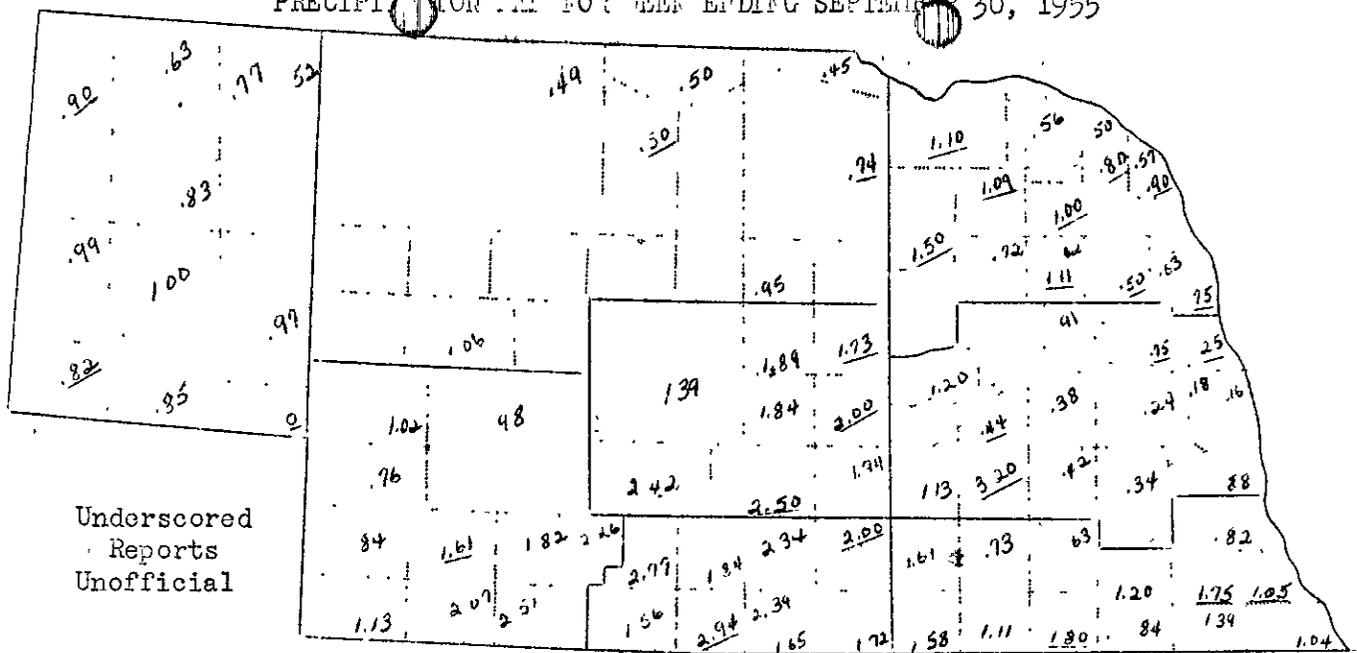
Rains have delayed the harvest of dry edible beans, in western Nebraska. The crop is good and even the late planted beans have matured. With few exceptions, the potato harvest in western Nebraska has not started because the plants are not mature. Prices are so low -- around 50 cents per hundred pounds -- that some of the crop may not be harvested. The outlook for sugar beets is good and the harvest may start next week. The harvest of safflower has started with the delivery of some to the new processing plant at Sidney, Nebraska.

LIVESTOCK Lack of feed has forced sale of cattle in southern and eastern areas.

Sales of cattle in the sand hills are increasing. August cattle slaughter was up considerably from that of a year ago. The slaughter for the first eight months of the year totaled 1,226,000 head, or about 86,000 head above the same period in 1954. Hogs are causing considerable concern to the farmers who are short of corn. Reports show considerable reduction in the prospective cattle feeding. There is some hesitancy to buy lambs for feeding at the present price levels.

Dairy products manufactured last year and in 1953 are as follows: Creamery butter, 78,198,000 and 76,988,000 lbs.; American cheese, 449,000 and 1,839,000 lbs.; cottage cheese, creamed, 5,726,000 and 5,248,000 lbs.; non-fat dry milk solids, 5,417,000 and 7,899,000 lbs.; ice cream, 6,384,000 and 5,925,000 gals.; ice milk 1,717,000 and 1,554,000 gals.

PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1955



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Highs for 2 1/2 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. (CST))

		Sept.				Oct.									
		27th		28th		29th		30th		1st		2nd		3rd	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	67	42	74	52	83	43	63	34	64	38	65	42	63	55
	Scottsbluff	69	37	74	45	82	38	65	35	66	37	67	50	60	53
	Sidney	62	41	71	40	78	42	65	36	66	43	67	48	61	51
NC	Burwell	--	--	--	--	77	52	68	38	66	39	71	40	72	60
	Valentine	56	42	74	47	78	47	64	44	66	47	62	45	69	60
NE	Norfolk	55	49	76	43	78	58	70	42	61	42	71	45	72	62
	Sioux City	57	49	76	46	79	62	68	43	66	40	73	49	74	60
CEN	Grand Island	54	49	77	45	75	58	70	43	64	44	70	49	70	62
EC	Lincoln	58	53	79	55	78	68	72	45	65	44	72	56	71	61
	Omaha	57	50	77	50	77	65	70	42	62	45	69	50	71	58
ST	Imperial	53	40	74	45	78	48	65	38	65	39	64	54	65	57
	North Platte	51	37	76	43	75	47	68	40	65	44	66	49	64	61

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3, 1955

Eastern Division		Central Division		Western Division	
Grand Island	.03	Burwell	.12	Chadron	0
Lincoln	.07	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	.06	Valentine	.13	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.03			Sidney	0
Sioux City	.18				

Precipitation, April 1-September 30, 1955

	Eastern Div.	Central Div.	Western Div.
Total past week	.85	1.58	.96
Total since April 1	14.82	12.81	14.02
Normal since April 1	20.79	17.36	13.72

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