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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged considerably below normal during the week. Thursday morning was particularly cool, with low readings ranging from 33° at Sidney to 44° at Lincoln. The first part of the week was rather cloudy, but clear weather overspread the State during the week-end, and brought welcome sunshine. Rainfall varied from heavy in the north-central to very light in the southeast and south-central portions of the State. Most of the rain fell on Monday in the eastern portion of the State, and from Thursday through Saturday in the west and central.

CROPS Farm work was slowed by rains at the beginning of the week, but by Wednesday many fields in the eastern area were dry enough for planting corn or preparation for planting other crops. Field activity was at a peak by the close of the week with tractors running late into the night and on Sunday as farmers attempted to catch up with seasonal operations. Many areas of the State had over 50 percent of their corn planted by the end of the week, but the percent for the State is low for this time of year. Some early planted corn is up but has a poor color, while some fields will need to be replanted because washing rains thinned stands.

Sorghum planting began last week in some eastern counties and in a few other scattered localities. Seed-bed preparation is complete. Wet spots in fields, however, continue to be thorns in the farmer's side.

Winter wheat continued to make excellent progress. Warm, dry weather is now needed for the best development of the crop. Early varieties in southeastern and southern Nebraska are headed and most other areas report the crop as being in the boot stage. More sunshine is needed for a satisfactory development of oats and barley. Sugar beet planting is virtually completed and a satisfactory stand reported in most areas. In a few localities some replanting will be necessary because of washing rains.

The first cutting of alfalfa is under way with prospects for an excellent tonnage. A week of dry, warm weather is now needed for curing the crop. A few areas have reported some leaf spot disease, but continued warm weather and sunshine will check damage from this cause. Native and introduced grasses are continuing to make excellent progress, but wild hay needs sunshine and warm weather to promote development.

Demand for additional farm labor will be increased materially if warm, dry weather continues.

LIVESTOCK Wet weather has delayed sheep shearing. Some areas are reporting many sheep yet to be shorn. Unfavorable weather has caused some difficulty in the care of new-born livestock.

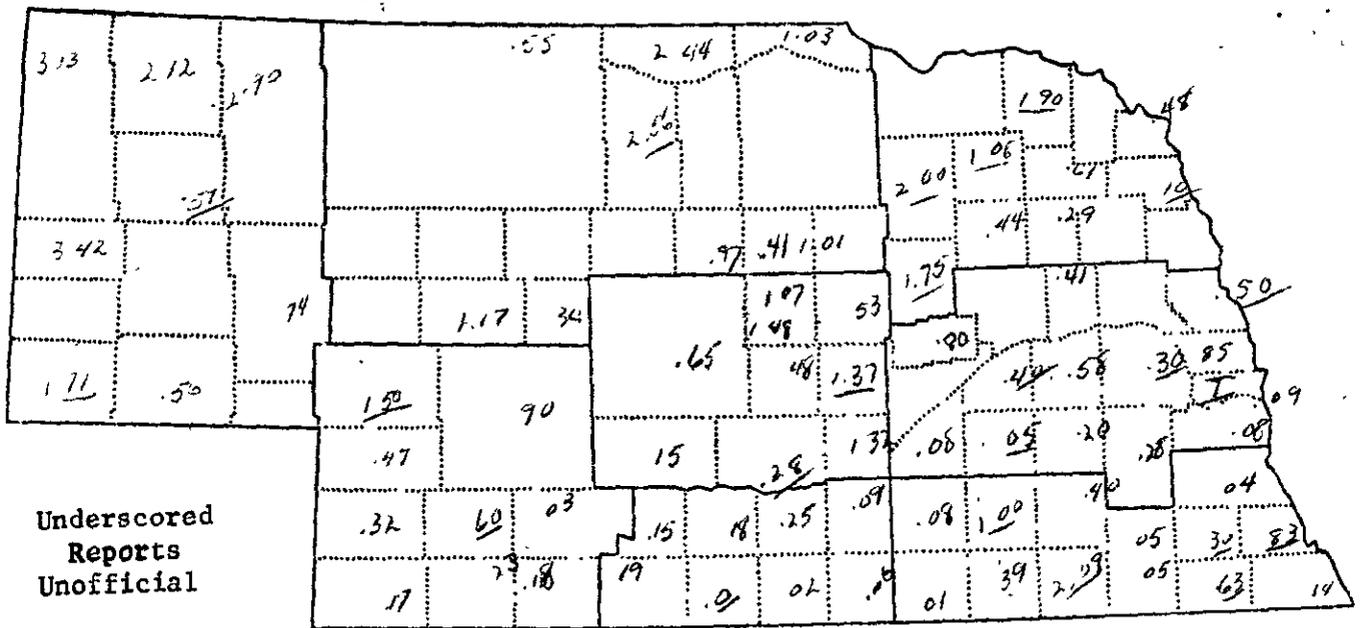
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 27, 1957

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Grand Island	1.42	Burwell	1.41	Chadron	1.47
Lincoln	.27	North Platte	.90	Imperial	.32
Norfolk	.45	Valentine	.56	Scottsbluff	1.31
Omaha	2.34			Sidney	.54
Sioux City	.51				

Precipitation, April 1 - May 24, 1957

	NW	NC	NE	Cen	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total Past Week	1.95	1.18	.45	.81	.37	.35	.13	.15
Total Since April 1	6.91	7.64	4.82	9.33	5.89	8.56	8.32	7.10
Long-time Avg. Since April 1	4.04	4.43	4.89	4.60	5.12	4.34	4.90	5.63

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 24, 1957



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		May 21		22		23		24		25		26		27	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	65	46	55	42	57	33	63	43	63	41	69	--	--	46
	Scottsbluff	64	45	62	40	53	40	67	46	64	43	68	--	--	46
	Sidney	62	43	63	37	53	33	63	48	63	38	66	--	--	45
NC	Burwell	59	49	69	41	59	35	69	47	68	50	64	--	--	--
	Valentine	60	48	60	41	53	38	--	51	64	45	64	43	69	39
NE	Norfolk	58	48	74	45	57	40	70	49	74	56	72	51	63	40
	Sioux City	59	52	74	47	57	42	71	48	77	60	76	51	61	41
Cen	Grand Island	62	49	72	43	59	42	68	52	70	50	70	50	71	42
EC	Lincoln	72	54	75	50	63	44	71	54	76	65	77	55	71	45
	Omaha	61	53	73	46	61	43	70	52	74	64	76	51	64	42
SW	Imperial	67	46	70	37	60	34	66	49	63	40	69	--	--	44
	North Platte	71	47	70	38	58	38	65	52	65	45	67	43	73	43

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