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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 10-5-57

WEATHER Average temperatures ranged from 4° above normal in the east to 8° above in the west, with warm weather until the end of the week, when a change to cooler occurred over the western third of the state. Clear skies and full sunshine, with low humidity prevailed until the week-end, when cloudy weather moved over the state, with light showers over the eastern portion of the state, and the south-central and extreme northwest.

September was cool, with average temperatures of 2° to 6° below normal. Total precipitation ranged from rather light over the Panhandle and the southern third of the state to very heavy in the central and northeastern portions. Cloudy weather with frequent showers prevailed until the 21st, but the last 3 days were clear with practically full sunshine and rather low humidity.

CROPS Most of the corn and sorghums were well out of danger from frost damage following another week of ideal drying weather. Some late planted sorghum may yet be caught by killing frosts, but the bulk of the crop is just about ready for combining. Moisture content of both corn and sorghums is a little too high for full scale harvesting. However, farmers were beginning to open fields and those equipped with drying facilities were starting to harvest in spite of the high moisture content.

Only about 2 percent of the corn and sorghum acreage was harvested by the end of last week. Very little harvesting was underway in the central district, but several counties in the southern districts have harvested about 5 percent of this acreage. Yields are turning out exceptionally good and fully meeting expectations.

Soybean harvest started in earnest last week. Activity was rather general in the central irrigated sections and in several eastern counties. Soybean yields were turning out surprisingly good, especially the irrigated crop. Some farmers are still cutting hay. A fourth cutting of alfalfa is adding further to the record hay tonnage this season. Corn and sorghums cut for silage are yielding a heavy tonnage this season.

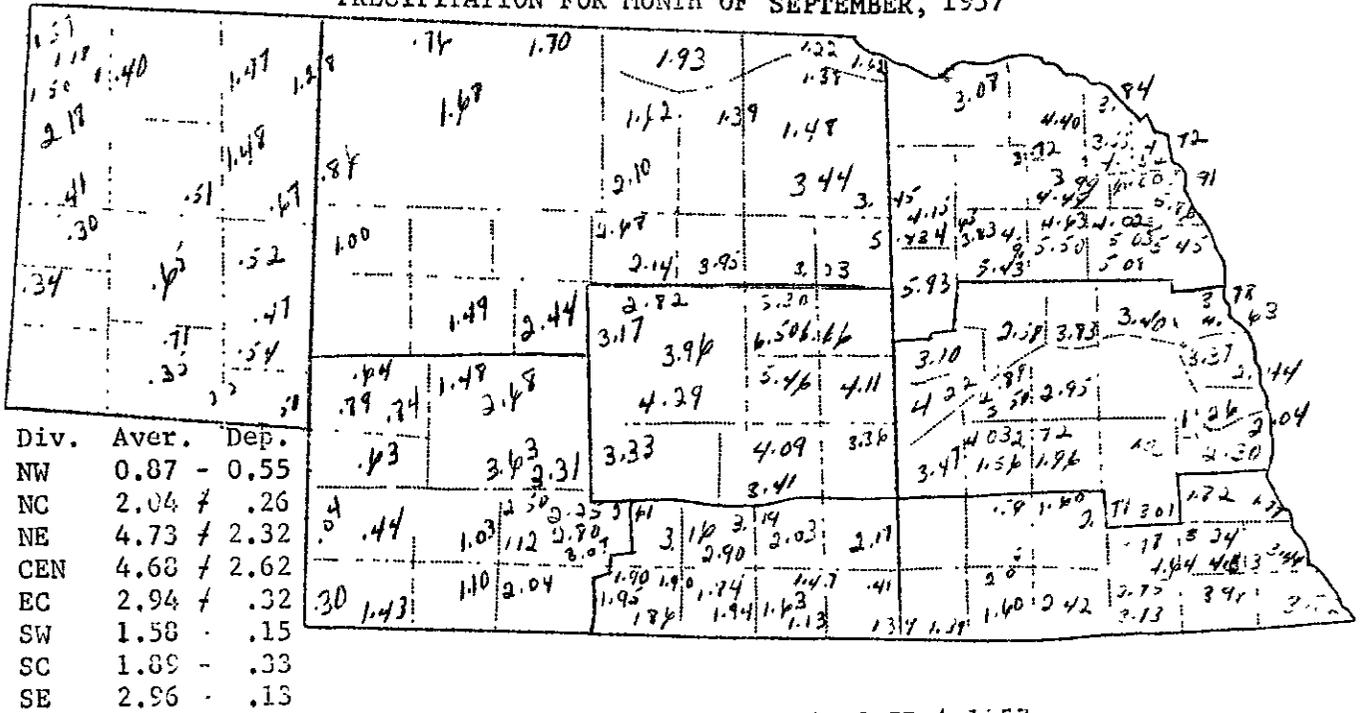
Winter wheat seeding was virtually complete. Nearly all of the crop was up and making good to excellent progress. Most areas could use a rain to replenish surface moisture which has been depleted during the past few weeks of warm dry weather. About half of the counties report short surface moisture, but most of them report ample subsoil moisture supplies.

LIVESTOCK Feeder livestock is moving into the feeding areas of the state in increasing numbers. Demand for both breeding and feeding stock is picking up as normal feed supplies are restored through the bountiful harvest this year.

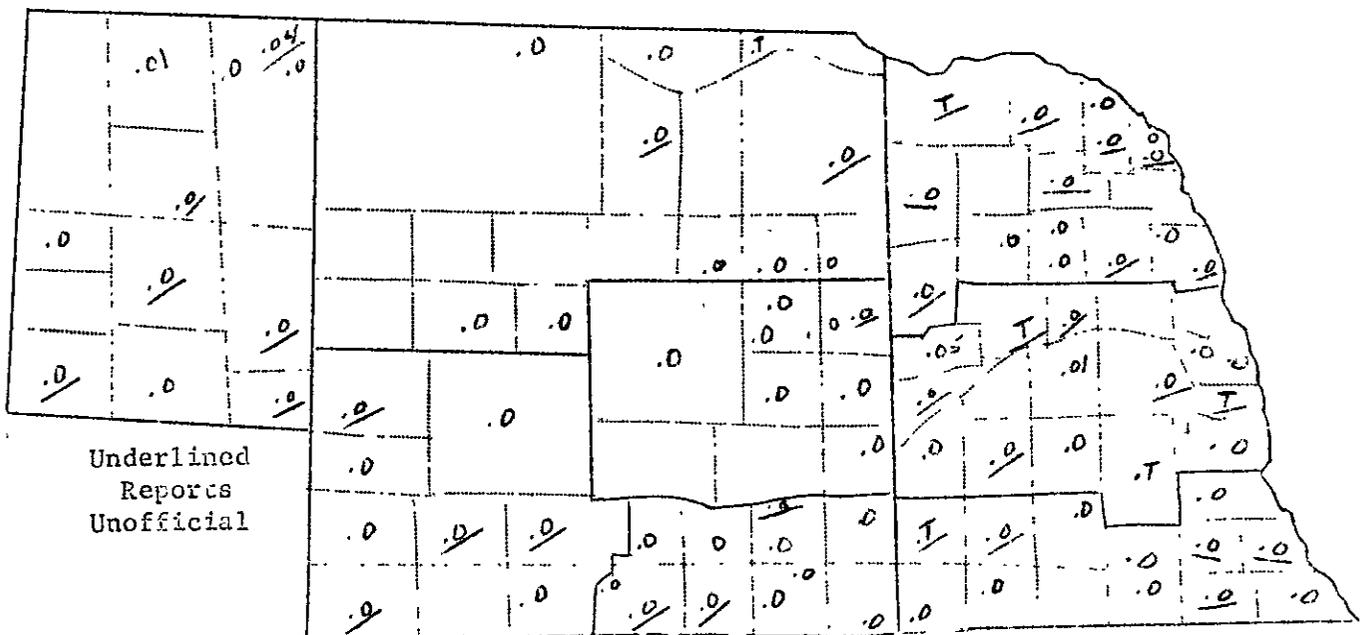
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING 10-5-57

	<u>East</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>West</u>
Grand Island	.02	Burwell .15	Chadron .48
Lincoln	T	North Platte .05	Imperial 0
Norfolk	.39	Valentine 0	Scottsbluff 0
Omaha	.04		Sidney 0
Sioux City	.02		

PRECIPITATION FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1957



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 4, 1957



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

		October 1st		2d		3d		4th		5th		6th		7th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	85	44	83	65	85	60	80	56	71	46	61	52	75	43
	Scottsbluff	87	47	87	53	85	52	82	48	75	45	68	48	69	47
	Sidney	86	47	88	51	85	47	81	50	75	45	68	46	74	40
NC	Burwell	84	42	81	42	79	45	78	50	72	52	76	50	82	54
	Valentine	85	43	..	..	..	..	80	59	77	51	59	44	67	51
NE	Norfolk	84	47	78	46	77	52	78	53	74	54	73	53	77	58
	Sioux City	87	49	79	49	71	49	77	51	72	50	72	58	71	56
CEN	Grand Island	84	51	79	46	79	50	80	55	79	55	73	58	84	62
EC	Lincoln	85	54	80	51	77	54	79	52	75	54	74	57	81	62
	Omaha	81	51	76	49	74	52	77	50	73	50	73	55	72	54
SW	Imperial	92	42	84	49	84	48	84	55	85	45	76	49	72	47
	North Platte	85	43	80	49	78	51	78	48	78	48	76	59	71	58