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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The week was cooler than normal, but becoming warmer at the close. Heavy snow fell over the southern Panhandle Tuesday and Tuesday night, where Sidney accumulated seven inches on the ground. The southwestern portion of the state received some rain mixed with wet snow on that date also. Elsewhere the week was dry, with a few light local showers Wednesday. Skies were generally cloudy during the first half of the week, but mostly clear from Thursday on.

CROPS Field work got underway in a number of eastern counties toward the end of the week, but soils were still too wet for tillage in the central counties. Some seed-bed preparation was starting in scattered areas of the west, but outside of the North Platte Valley activity was light.

Not quite 15 percent of the oats and only 10 percent of the barley acreage in the state was seeded by last Saturday. Normally, about 70 percent of these crops are planted by the second week of April. Planting is fairly well advanced in the extreme southeastern counties and in counties along the Missouri River, northward to Thurston county. Other counties bordering this area started seed-bed preparation and seeding on a limited scale. All told, the east and southeast districts had a little more than a fourth of their seeding finished, and the northeast was 15 percent done. Elsewhere, progress was negligible with only isolated exceptions. Fair weather this week will encourage a burst of activity in all but some soggy sections of the southcentral counties. Nevertheless, the delay is causing some changes in cropping plans, shifting some acreage intended for oats and barley to corn, sorghums and soybeans.

Early seeded oats in the extreme southeast are just coming up. Alfalfa and pastures are starting nicely, though somewhat later than usual. Winter wheat made good progress during the week, maintaining its high condition. Soil-borne mosaic was showing up in a few fields in southeastern counties, but on the whole, the crop is uniformly excellent throughout the state.

LIVESTOCK Livestock conditions improved as feed lots and farm yards dried. Cold, wet weather has slowed development of new-born livestock. More than the usual losses have been reported from some counties that experienced extended periods of bad weather. Farmers were feeding high moisture corn and sorghums wherever possible.

In spite of more liberal feeding rations from the abundant feed supplies in the state, it has been difficult to maintain high level production rates for livestock and poultry during recent weeks. Both milk and egg production rates during March fell below last year's level.

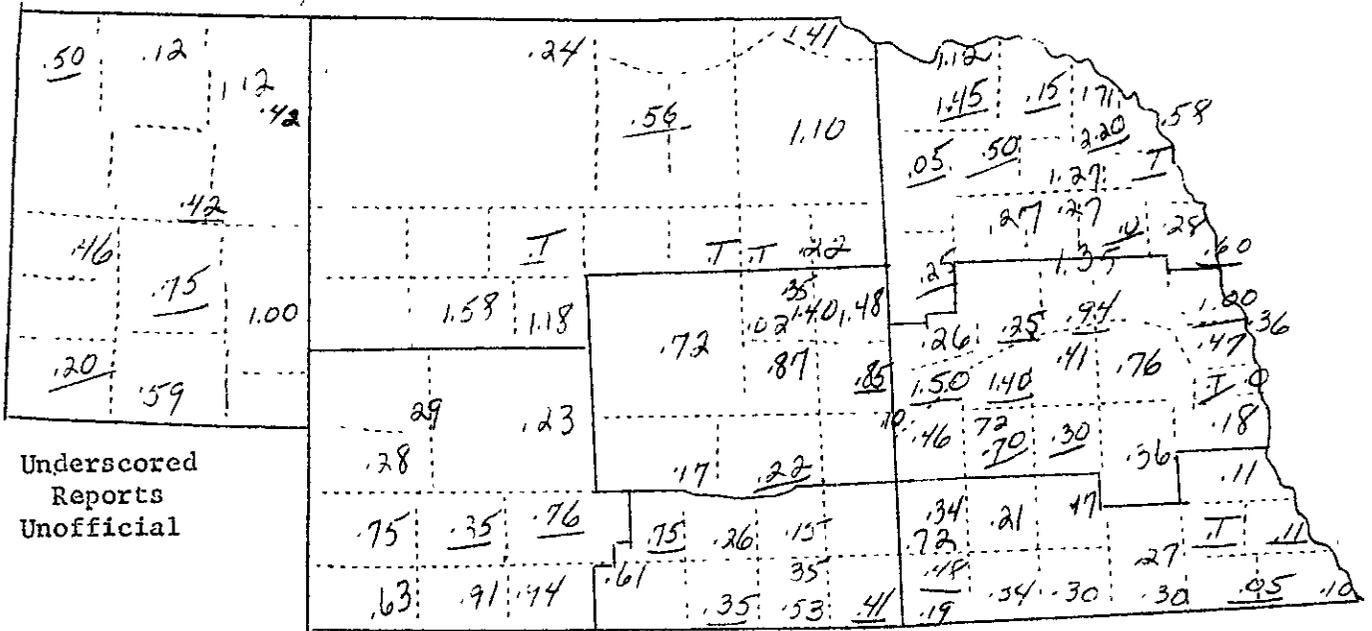
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 14, 1958

	<u>East</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>West</u>
Grand Island	.16	Burwell 0	Chadron .06
Lincoln	.05	North Platte .15	Imperial .25
Norfolk	.01	Valentine 0	Scottsbluff .43
Omaha	0		Sidney .98
Sioux City	0		

PRECIPITATION, APRIL 1-11, 1958

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total Past Week	.54	.72	.78	.64	.50	.51	.44	.28
Total Since April 1	1.08	1.56	2.32	1.55	1.58	.88	.85	.96
Long-time Avg. Since April 1	.66	.66	.70	.69	.72	.62	.72	.81

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 14, 1958



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)

		April 8th		9th		10th		11th		12th		13th		14th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	52	40	46	35	49	25	49	37	49	32	53	29	66	34
	Scottsbluff	50	34	38	32	45	31	46	33	50	28	50	27	62	29
	Sidney	44	31	34	32	42	21	43	32	50	26	50	29	59	29
NC	Burwell	50	35	54	37	53	35	54	28	59	30	54	31	65	38
	Valentine	56	39	57	37	54	34	57	31	56	29	55	28	66	32
NE	Norfolk	54	34	56	41	54	36	54	31	61	37	55	32	64	37
	Sioux City	55	32	60	42	54	34	55	30	64	41	57	30	66	36
Cen	Grand Island	55	38	54	40	50	38	53	30	62	35	59	42	63	39
EC	Lincoln	56	40	50	44	52	40	54	35	63	43	60	40	64	41
	Omaha	54	35	57	43	53	34	54	35	60	40	59	40	64	39
SW	Imperial	47	31	43	32	43	32	50	31	55	33	56	28	63	29
	North Platte	51	35	45	36	48	37	52	28	57	29	56	32	63	35

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