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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 9/30/68

WEATHER Seasonal weather prevailed in Nebraska the past week. Temperature averages ranged from 1 degree above normal in the southeast to 2 - 3 degrees below normal in the north and west. Scattered light frost was reported in the Sandhills and Panhandle with readings of 30 - 32 degrees at some points. Precipitation was confined to widely scattered very light showers. The showers of the previous Sunday (22nd) left amounts ranging from an inch to an inch and a half in a narrow band from Webster, Nuckolls, and Thayer Counties northeastward to Dakota County. Some hail fell in Nance County.

CROPS Danger of frost damage was minimized as many fields of row crops have reached maturity. About 90 percent of the corn has ripened as compared to 55 percent last year. Progress to date is about 8 points below normal for this time of year. Silage cutting is well underway with much of the drought corn already cut. A few small fields of corn have been harvested for grain, but moisture content of grain remains too high for immediate storage.

Sorghums and soybeans have advanced to 75 percent maturity. Last year only 50 percent of the sorghums and 40 percent of the soybeans were ripe. Harvesting of both sorghums and soybeans got underway as the crops became dry.

Wheat planting is about 85 percent complete. Most of the western areas have finished planting, but the southeast is behind because of wet field conditions. Early seedings are up to good stands in all areas.

Dry bean harvest is nearing completion with mostly late plantings remaining for harvest. Potato diggings progressed with good yields and quality reported. Weather for sugar beet development was quite favorable and diggings should start in a couple of weeks. Fourth crop alfalfa is about half cut. Pastures and ranges are still providing adequate feed in many areas.

LIVESTOCK Livestock conditions were generally good. Feed lots dried out aiding the comfort and gains of fat animals.

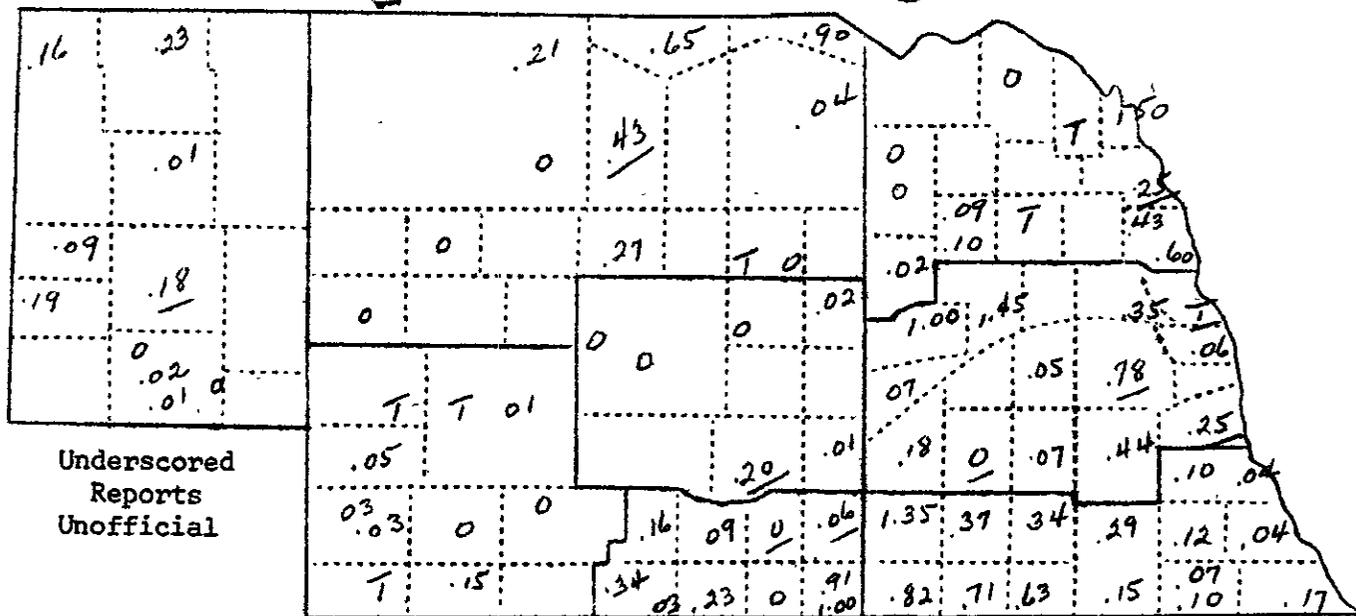
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 1968

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	T	Chadron	0
Lincoln	.01	North Platte	.25	Imperial	0
Norfolk	.09	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.05			Sidney	0
Sioux City	.12				

Precipitation, April 1 - September 27, 1968

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.09	.21	.24	.02	.45	.05	.21	.38
Total since April 1	14.48	15.91	17.59	19.09	21.50	12.93	18.60	22.80
Normal since April 1	12.56	15.27	18.20	16.69	19.65	14.36	16.86	21.56

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 27, 1968



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		September													
		23rd		24th		25th		26th		27th		28th		29th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	71	38	75	35	80	36	79	36	80	42	66	35	71	42
	Scottsbluff	69	39	70	39	78	39	79	36	80	45	68	42	63	39
	Sidney	68	35	71	36	78	34	79	33	85	49	67	47	59	33
NC	Burwell	75	40	70	36	77	38	80	38	77	56	69	50	57	--
	Valentine	71	43	70	35	75	40	78	38	79	50	63	47	68	42
NE	Norfolk	78	47	71	41	75	44	80	43	75	57	66	50	68	50
	Sioux City	78	47	70	44	75	45	77	43	75	55	60	51	70	53
CEN	Grand Island	78	47	75	43	80	45	82	45	80	58	83	47	69	48
EC	Lincoln	75	52	73	47	79	50	79	54	78	54	82	54	76	59
	Omaha	75	49	71	45	75	50	78	49	75	56	76	52	70	57
SW	Imperial	73	39	74	37	80	41	84	40	89	57	66	45	59	41
	North Platte	74	35	74	35	79	35	81	35	85	57	67	47	59	40

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