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WEATHER

A major storm moved into Nebraska during the middle of the week and brought precipitation and some damaging winds. Most wind damage was reported over the eastern end of the State.

Precipitation was quite general last weekend but was very variable during the mid-week storm. The heaviest precipitation occurred over the eastern third of the State with amounts near an inch to as much as one and one-half inches. The central and western portions had from a half to nearly one inch.

Snow was reported over the Panhandle during the mid-week storm. Harrisburg had three inches.

Temperatures averaged a little above normal. The highest maximum temperatures occurred on Monday and Tuesday with readings in the 70's. Minimum temperatures remained cold on weekends.

CROPS

Farmers were able to get into fields early last week but rain late Wednesday or Thursday stopped most field work for a couple of days. Field work consisted mostly of discing, plowing, shredding stalks, spreading fertilizer, harvesting remaining crops and some seeding. About three days were suitable for field work

with the fewest days in southeastern counties. Other farm work consisted of caring for livestock, fencing, cleaning lots, and moving cattle to pasture.

Farmers are especially anxious to get land prepared for planting row crops since they will have more land in production this year. Talk of possible fuel shortages is causing apprehension since fuel needs will be larger than last year.

Winter wheat condition continues to be generally good to fair. Surface and subsoil moisture conditions are favorable.

Grain sorghum harvest is 97% completed and corn harvest is nearly complete.

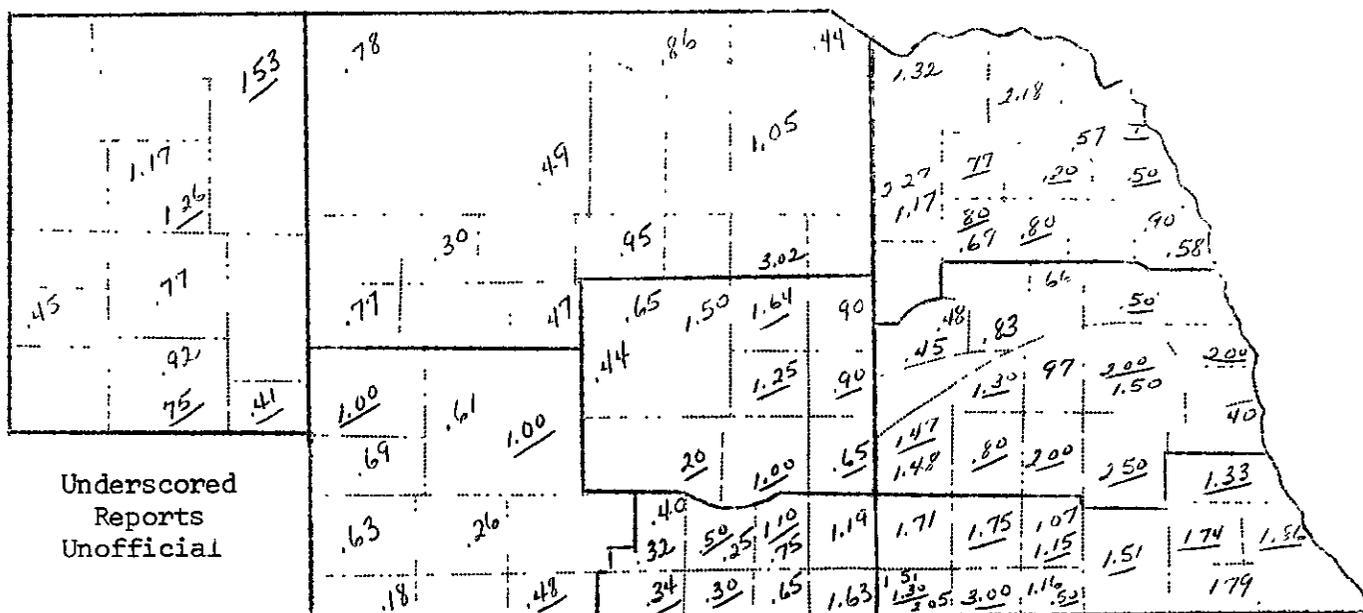
Sugar beet planting is 55% complete. Seeding of small grains, grasses and legumes is progressing. Corn planting has just begun with only a few fields completed.

LIVESTOCK

Feedlot condition is improving but some feedlots remain very muddy.

Cattle are being moved to pastures although grazing is limited. Frequent storms and wet weather have been difficult for young livestock. Calving operations are completed on some ranches.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 20, 1973



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 1973

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Inches
	Max	Min			Total <u>1/</u>
NW Chadron	72	22	46	--	1.01
Scottsbluff	70	18	44	-4	.75
Sidney	71	20	44	--	.15
NC Burwell	75	23	52	--	.42
Valentine	75	19	50	+2	.92
NE Norfolk	75	29	54	+4	.39
Sioux City	79	33	58	+7	.09
CEN Grand Island	71	29	52	0	.68
EC Lincoln	77	33	55	+2	.92
Omaha	74	32	56	+4	.25
SW Imperial	76	22	50	--	.65
North Platte	75	19	51	+1	.48

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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