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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Mild weather prevailed until the last few days of the week, when a change to cooler occurred. Heavy rains fell on Friday over most of the south-eastern portion of the State, moderate rains in most of the central and east-central portions, and light precipitation elsewhere, in the form of snow over the Panhandle.

CROPS Most of the winter wheat in the eastern third of the State is in good shape now as far as soil moisture is concerned. Generally, in this eastern area, the growth has been quite satisfactory despite the long period of dry weather, and with the rain of the last two weeks, considerable improvement is expected. Some of the wheat is being pastured.

The central third of the State received a little more rain than earlier reports indicated, and it will give considerable relief to wheat; however, more rain is needed badly, also, good weather for growing to help it make more growth before freezing stops it. There is very little chance for winter wheat pasture in this portion of the State.

In the southwestern area of the western third of the State, the precipitation so far has been too light to be of material benefit. High winds did some further damage last week. In the Panhandle area of the western third of the State, the situation is better than in the central area because of the rain a week ago. Last week's rain and snow was too light to help. Winds did considerable damage and most of the snow that fell drifted badly. The winter wheat in the northern portion of the Panhandle is in much better condition and received more rain a week ago than that in the southern portion. However, the western third of the State, as well as the central third, has very little chance for any winter wheat pasture, except north of the North Platte River.

Corn picking is nearing completion in many counties. Rain has delayed picking somewhat, but after the fields dried sufficiently the mechanical pickers did much better work. Yields are reported up to expectations, or better, some say the best in history. Reports indicate that much of the corn will go into storage under loan. Some of the local prices being paid last week vary from \$1.13 to \$1.25 per bushel, with very little showing for sale.

Sugar beet harvesting is nearing completion throughout the entire sugar beet area. There is still some unharvested milo. In northeastern Nebraska, where harvesting seems to be further advanced, some farmers are plowing under corn stalks that are infested with the Corn Borer.

LIVESTOCK Some reports indicate that more cattle are moving into feed lots, but farmers are still proceeding with caution. There seems to be an increasing interest in the breeding stock of hogs. Lack of wheat pasture in the western two-thirds is causing considerable concern in the area where hay and forage is none too plentiful and may develop a shortage if the winter happens to be severe. Some reports are that butterfat has fallen to prices out of line when compared to other farm commodities. Egg prices are advancing.

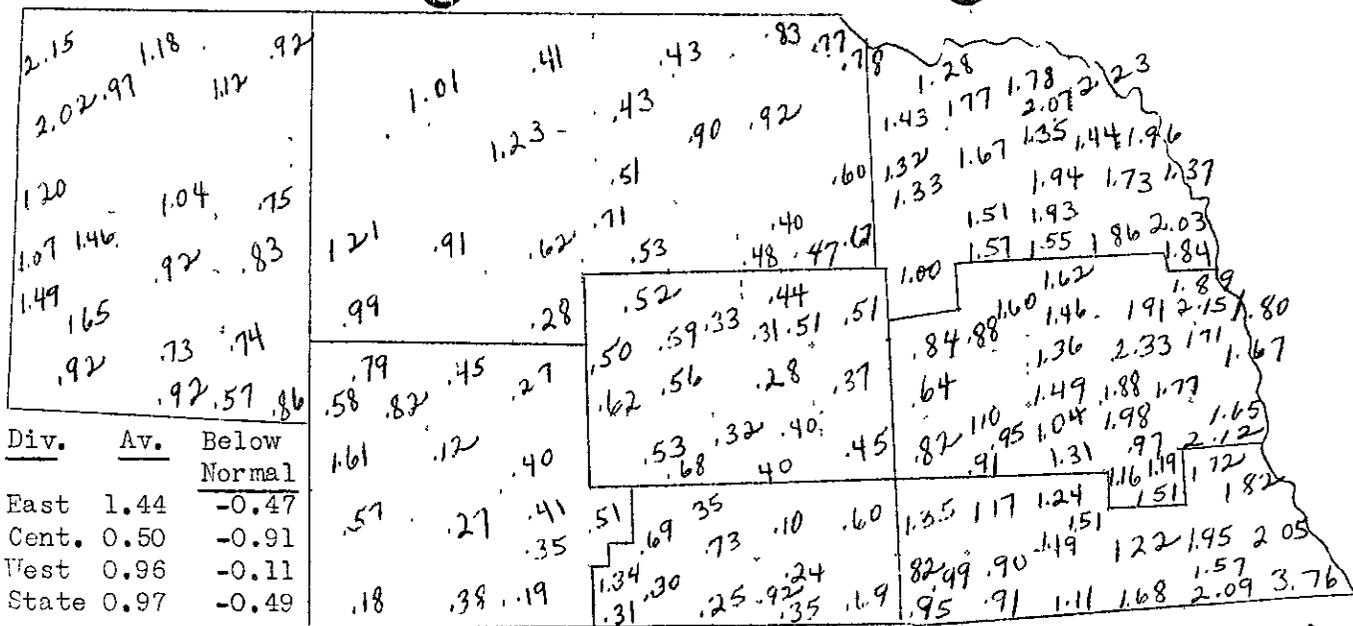
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Because of the small growth of wheat, the number of sheep and lambs shipped into the southern Panhandle counties so far this year is only a fraction of the large number shipped into this area last year. The outlook to the middle of October indicated a heavy reduction in sheep and lamb feeding in the Scottsbluff area, but the outlook for cattle feeding is better and the number may equal or exceed the number last year. The sugar beet acreage is down and less beet pulp and tops are available.

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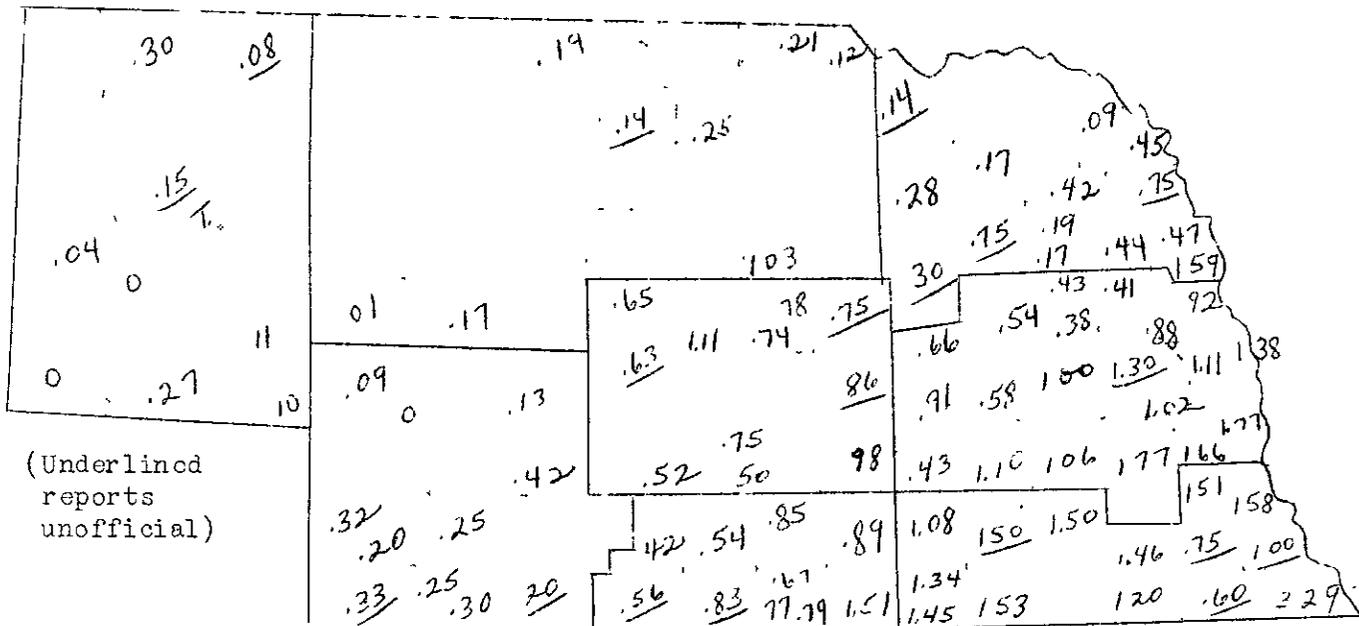
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 8, 1948

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .98	Burwell 1.03	Chadron .35
Lincoln 1.77	North Platte .13	Hayes Center .25
Norfolk .18	Valentine .17	Scottsbluff .07
Omaha 1.38		Sidney .27
Sioux City .41		

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1948



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 5, 1948



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hrs. ending 6:30 a.m.)

		Nov. 2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	65	--	64	30	65	38	43	32	45	30	47	30	36	13
	Scottsbluff	64	33	53	27	57	37	47	32	46	24	42	32	36	18
	Sidney	65	24	58	24	60	38	52	29	40	21	44	22	36	20
N-C	Burwell	70	31	71	--	68	50	52	38	40	31	50	25	44	27
	Valentine	66	30	65	34	66	43	57	33	40	32	45	32	39	18
NE	Norfolk	64	38	68	43	64	49	54	44	51	36	52	26	43	32
	Sioux City, Ia.	63	41	70	41	59	50	61	49	52	37	52	30	43	34
Gen.	Grand Island	64	36	70	44	67	48	54	40	44	33	52	29	50	33
E-C	Lincoln	58	43	67	41	65	53	55	45	55	39	55	36	55	36
	Omaha	59	44	69	42	58	52	56	50	53	40	54	33	54	38
SW	Hayes Center	65	37	72	36	67	45	47	32	43	29	50	32	45	26
	North Platte	67	31	70	37	63	48	63	34	43	30	50	28	43	25

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