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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 4-21-52

WEATHER The week was warmer than normal with much cloudiness in the east but several days were clear in the west. Slow soaking rains were heavy in the southeast and much of the south-central, moderate over the southern half of the Panhandle and most of the northeast and north-central and only light in the northwest.

CROPS Reports on winter wheat continue highly favorable. Three counties report a little tip burning, presumably from the effects of an earlier frost. The crop needs sunshine. Approximately 10,000 acres of flooded wheat in the Missouri River bottoms has little chance to recover.

Approximately 82% of the oats were seeded up to last Saturday as compared with 52% a week ago Saturday. The unseeded acreage of oats up to last Saturday is 484,000 acres below intentions. Part of this may not be seeded because of the lateness of the season. If all of the unseeded area of 484,000 acres were planted to corn it would bring the corn acreage up to 7,853,000 acres or slightly above the goal.

Reports on percentage seeded up to last Saturday and a week earlier are as follows: Northwest 58% & 32%; North-Central 73% & 30%; Northeast 81% & 45%; Central 78% & 31%; East-Central 85% & 54%; Southwest 82% & 57%; South-Central 87% & 70%; Southeast 90% & 86%.

About 74% of the barley was seeded up to last Saturday as compared with 41% seeded a week earlier. Except for spring small grains, practically no other crops have been planted except the grasses, alfalfa, sweet clover and red clover. Considerable sweet clover has been seeded in oats and much sweet clover and some red clover has been seeded in winter wheat fields.

Reports on alfalfa, wild hay and pasture are very favorable. Very little hope of recovery is held for the 8,000 or 10,000 acres of alfalfa in the flooded Missouri River bottoms. Grass has started to green up in the range area. Cattle are being removed from wheat pastures in western Nebraska.

A considerable percentage of the sugar beets have been planted. Rains of the past week have been favorable for the newly planted fields. The acreage to be planted may exceed earlier intentions.

The area in the flooded bottoms of the Missouri River may approximate 200,000 acres. The flooded area of Boyd and Knox counties were not included in the preliminary estimates which will raise the total about 23,000 acres. The previous estimate of 160,000 acres flooded did not include Boyd or Knox counties or accretion land in Burt county. A large percentage of this land is cropland.

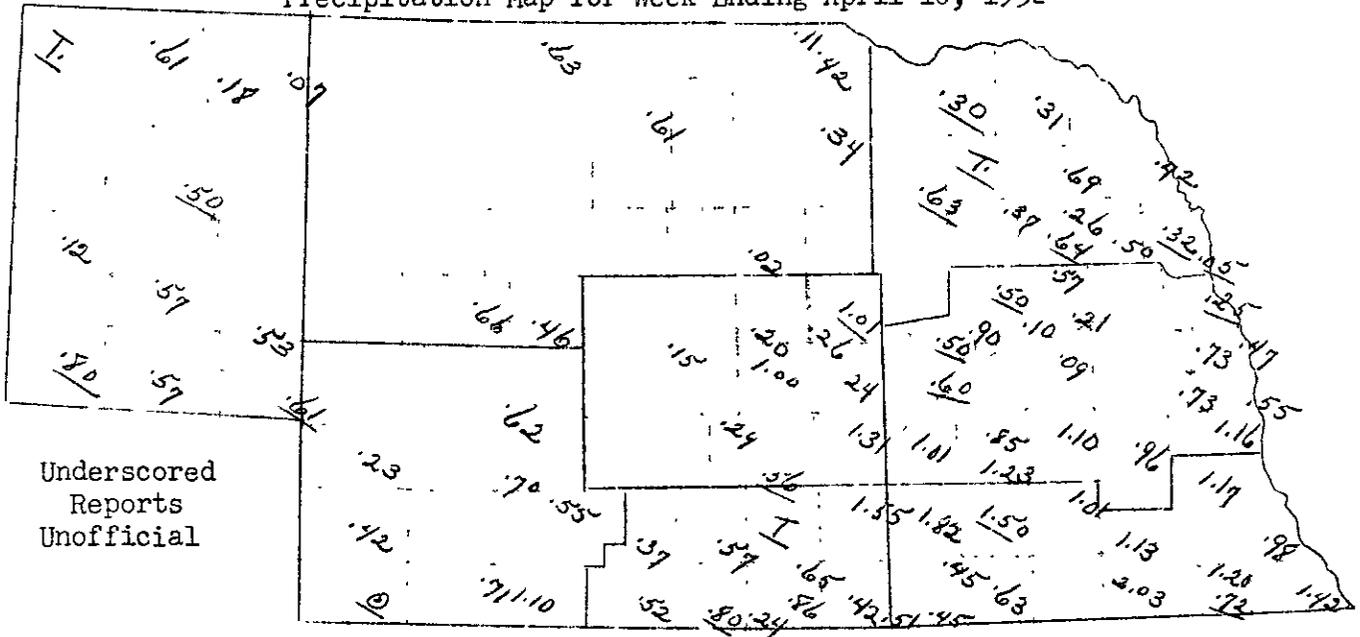
LIVESTOCK With 408,000 cattle on grain feed Nebraska had 2% more than were on feed a year ago. Feed lots are in extremely muddy condition. Commercially hatched chicks were 7% below the output a year ago and 7% below for the first three months of 1952.

The three Corn Belt States, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska, have 3% more cattle on feed than a year ago. The eleven Corn Belt States show an increase of 3% in cattle on feed, of which the Eastern Corn Belt States show a 9% increase and the Western Corn Belt States the same as a year ago.

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Precipitation Map for Week Ending April 18, 1952



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		April													
		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th		20th		21st	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	66	43	60	36	61	44	67	35	74	35	78	44	76	44
	Scottsbluff	65	38	55	35	55	32	67	33	75	35	73	38	75	44
	Sidney	62	39	60	--	54	36	64	36	70	34	68	38	73	39
N-C	Burwell	59	27	65	40	51	36	70	44	67	42	67	45	72	53
	Valentine	59	34	66	44	47	39	61	36	70	43	70	48	73	45
NE	Norfolk	59	31	62	31	65	46	65	50	65	41	68	48	66	55
	Sioux City	60	28	62	32	65	47	58	48	66	42	73	52	70	56
CEN.	Grand Island	60	31	63	41	55	42	61	48	68	46	66	51	66	54
	Lexington	61	25	63	43	48	33	68	38	69	37	69	46	70	52
E-C	Lincoln	59	34	62	37	66	49	53	49	64	48	68	57	66	57
	Omaha	60	32	63	33	66	49	54	40	66	47	69	57	68	57
SW	Imperial	62	36	66	37	55	--	70	36	71	36	70	45	72	43
	North Platte	61	30	58	42	49	30	70	37	71	36	68	46	73	44

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 21, 1952

Eastern Division		Eastern Div., Contd.		Central Division		Western Division	
Albion	----	Hastings	1.15*	Broken Bow	.43	Alliance	.07
Ashland	1.08	Lincoln	1.12	Burwell	.24	Chadron	.01
Auburn	.86	Norfolk	.60	Cambridge	1.80	Culbertson	----
Beatrice	1.36	Oakdale	----	Holdrege	2.61	Imperial	.98
Columbus	.11	Omaha	.54	Lexington	.40	Kimball	----
Fairbury	1.42*	Red Cloud	.86	North Loup	.33	Scottsbluff	.12
Fairmont	1.09*	St. Paul	----	North Platte	.97	Sidney	.81
Falls City	1.10	Tekamah	.43	O'Neill	----		
Grand Island	2.31	Wakefield	.46	Ravenna	----		
Hartington	----	York	.64	Valentine	1.56		
Average this week			0.95		1.04		0.40
Total since April 1			2.39		1.30		0.58
Normal since April 1			1.57		1.45		1.25

\* Unofficial