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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 10-26-53

WEATHER During the first two days of the week temperatures were 17° to 22° above normal; thereafter cooler weather prevailed, ranging from near normal in the extreme east to 5° to 8° below in the west portion on the last three days of the week. Freezing temperatures occurred over most of the west and central portions during the latter half of the week. Light rains fell over the extreme western portion of the Panhandle, but most of the western half of the state received heavy amounts. In the east portion rainfall was generally light to moderate.

CROPS Corn harvest is well advanced with 76% of the husking completed by last week-end. The percentages of corn husked by districts are as follows: Northwest, 36%; North-central, 51%; Northeast, 82%; Central, 74%; East-central, 83%; Southwest, 71%.

Operation of mechanical pickers has been much better since the rains between October 17 and October 24. Previously, dry weather and winds caused considerable of the corn to drop and the fallen ears were either gathered by gleaning or pasturing. Yields on many farms continue to exceed earlier expectations. However, some fields in the drouth area were too poor to husk and such fields were pastured.

The outlook for winter wheat is much brighter following the rains of the past two weeks. Last week's rain was quite heavy in the western half of the state, generally ranging from one inch to one and a half inches or more. It was lighter in a few counties.

Wheat in eastern Nebraska did not get much rain last week but received considerable rain the previous weekend, generally ranging from a half inch to over two inches along the south-central border. It was lightest in extreme southeastern Nebraska. While more moisture is needed, rainfall of the past two weeks was very beneficial, except in a few counties where it was too light.

The potato harvest is completed and sorting and grading is nearing completion. Practically no potatoes are being shipped because of the extremely low price offered. The harvesting of sugar beets made good progress and the job is nearing completion.

LIVESTOCK The recent rain was generally too late for the fall growth of grass. Range feed in the Sandhills was softened by the rain, making it more palatable. The outlook for fall wheat pasture improved since the rains. Many of the southern counties report a shortage of hay and forage and most of them report a shortage of pasture. Pasture is very short throughout the state except in the Sandhills.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCT. 26, 1953

Eastern Division

Grand Island .43  
Lincoln .30  
Norfolk .25  
Omaha .12  
Sioux City .18

Central Division

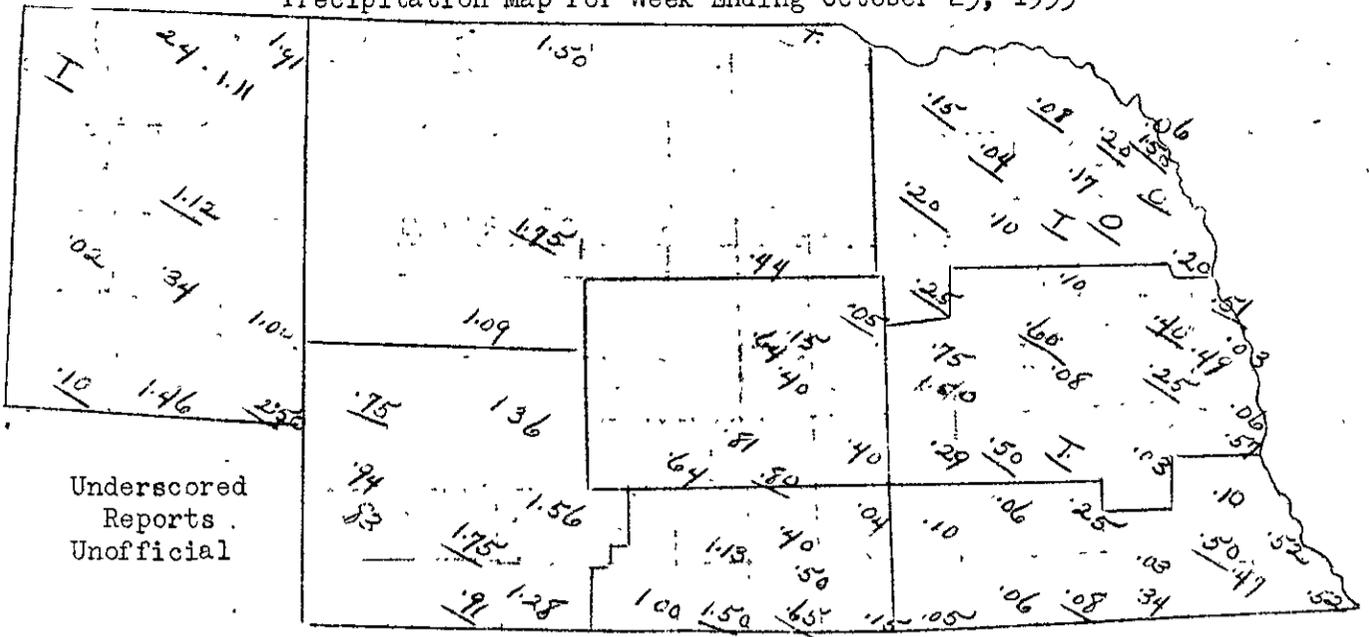
Burwell .44  
Lexington .65  
North Platte 1.36  
Valentine 1.71

Western Division

Chadron .51  
Imperial .66  
Scottsbluff .37  
Sidney 1.92

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Precipitation Map for Week Ending October 23, 1953



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

		October													
		20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th		25th		26th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	82	39	72	45	--	38	50	24	47	41	48	38	46	23
	Scottsbluff	76	43	72	44	52	31	51	27	45	39	46	35	49	24
	Sidney	76	37	69	45	53	33	50	30	43	36	45	31	49	24
N-C	Burwell	84	52	83	55	68	39	61	32	56	25	49	30	47	22
	Valentine	82	56	81	58	64	39	51	31	50	36	44	41	49	24
NE	Norfolk	82	61	80	62	68	40	64	41	54	27	53	44	60	30
	Sioux City	82	54	82	60	70	44	65	46	51	42	51	43	58	31
CEN.	Grand Island	81	59	79	59	72	40	65	39	58	30	57	50	63	29
	Lexington	80	58	79	55	66	36	61	32	55	38	49	35	60	26
E-C	Lincoln	82	65	80	64	73	46	68	46	56	33	60	49	62	36
	Omaha	81	62	82	62	72	52	67	46	56	42	55	47	62	37
	Imperial	80	52	80	50	60	37	54	32	51	41	52	31	54	27
SW	North Platte	80	55	80	54	61	37	58	30	51	41	46	31	55	24

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