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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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**WEATHER** The week was cool, with a sharp freeze Saturday and Sunday mornings, and mostly seasonable temperatures at other times. There was much cloudiness, but no precipitation of consequence. Humidity was high during the first few days, but lower toward the end of the week.

October was cold and wet. Total precipitation averaged approximately twice the long term mean over all divisions of the State. The first five days of the month were warm, but cool weather prevailed thereafter. A severe freeze for so early in the season overspread the State on the 24th-25th, and cold weather persisted for several days. This was the first freeze of the season over most of the eastern and southern portions of the State. There was much cloudiness, and humidity was high.

**CROPS** Corn harvest made slow progress again last week and was running far behind schedule. Moisture content of the crop was still too high for safe cribbing. In some areas, fields were still too wet for machinery to operate. Following 5 successive weeks of delay, only about one-fifth of the crop was picked by the end of last week. Last year about 90 percent of the corn was harvested by November 10th. The average for the date is about 50 percent. It is the slowest corn harvest since records were first started on progress of harvest in 1942. In some areas farmers are noticing a heavy drop of ears due to corn borer damage this year. However, early harvest returns indicate record yields in many sections.

Sorghum harvest was practically at a standstill, lagging behind corn with only about 15 percent of the crop combined. Farmers continue to by-pass sorghum to pick corn and harvest soybeans or other late crops. Moisture content of the grain is still high and reducing slowly. Some grain sorghum has lodged making harvest more difficult.

Both corn and sorghums with high moisture content have been harvested for immediate feeding. Many farmers are using drying equipment to reduce moisture in their grain. Much of the corn crop was testing between 20 and 30 percent moisture last week. Grain sorghums had a slightly lower content but was still much above the point for safe harvest.

Sugar beet harvest made rapid progress last week and was nearing completion. Potato harvest is finished. A few soybean fields remain to be harvested.

**LIVESTOCK** Demand for feeding and breeding livestock is strong. Prices of feeding and breeding stock are well above last year. Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle into the state during October totaled 124,000 head compared with 97,000 head last October. Shipments of sheep and lambs were 297,000 head, down 13 percent from the 342,000 shipped into Nebraska during October 1956. A large proportion of the sheep and lamb receipts this year are for breeding flocks.

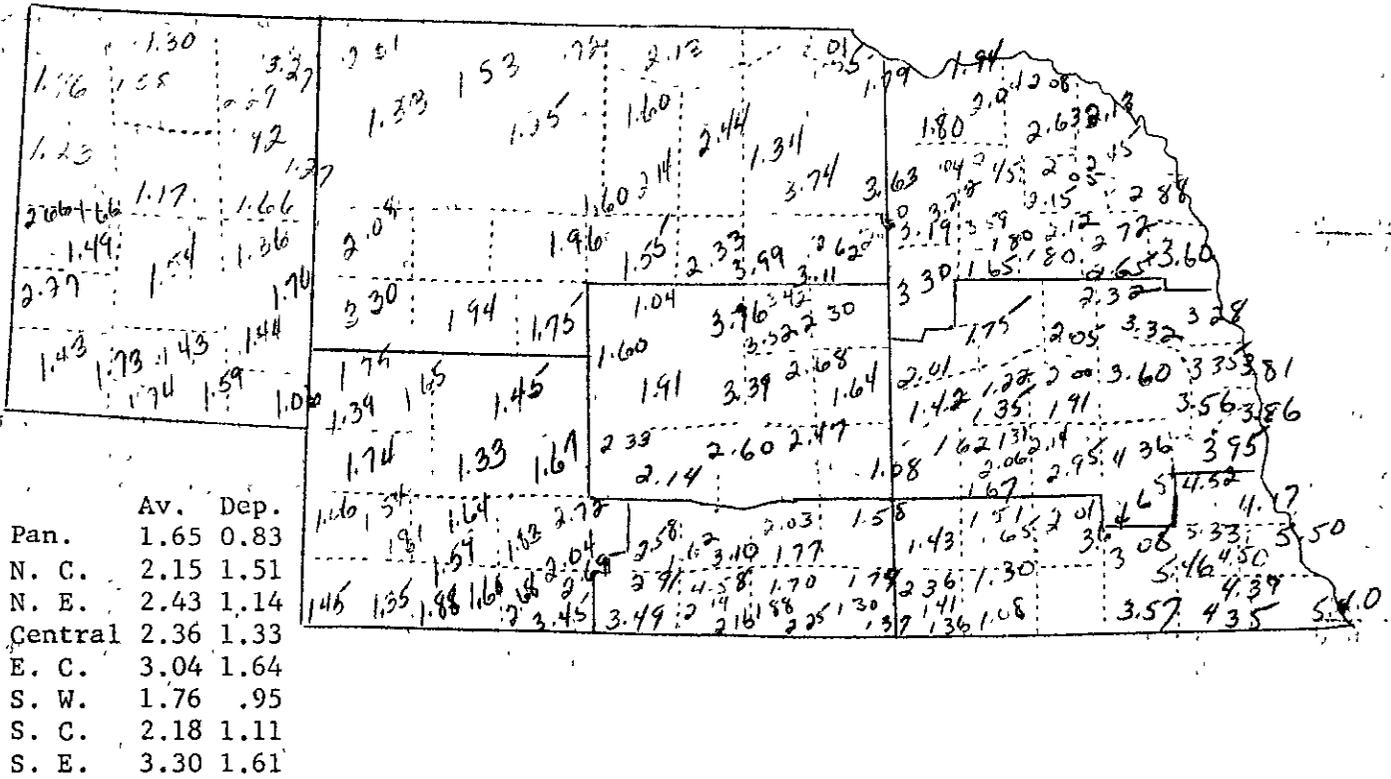
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	<u>East</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>West</u>
Grand Island	0	Burwell 0	Chadron 0
Lincoln	.01	North Platte .01	Imperial .01
Norfolk	.01	Valentine 0	Scottsbluff 0
Omaha	0		Sidney 0
Sioux City	0		

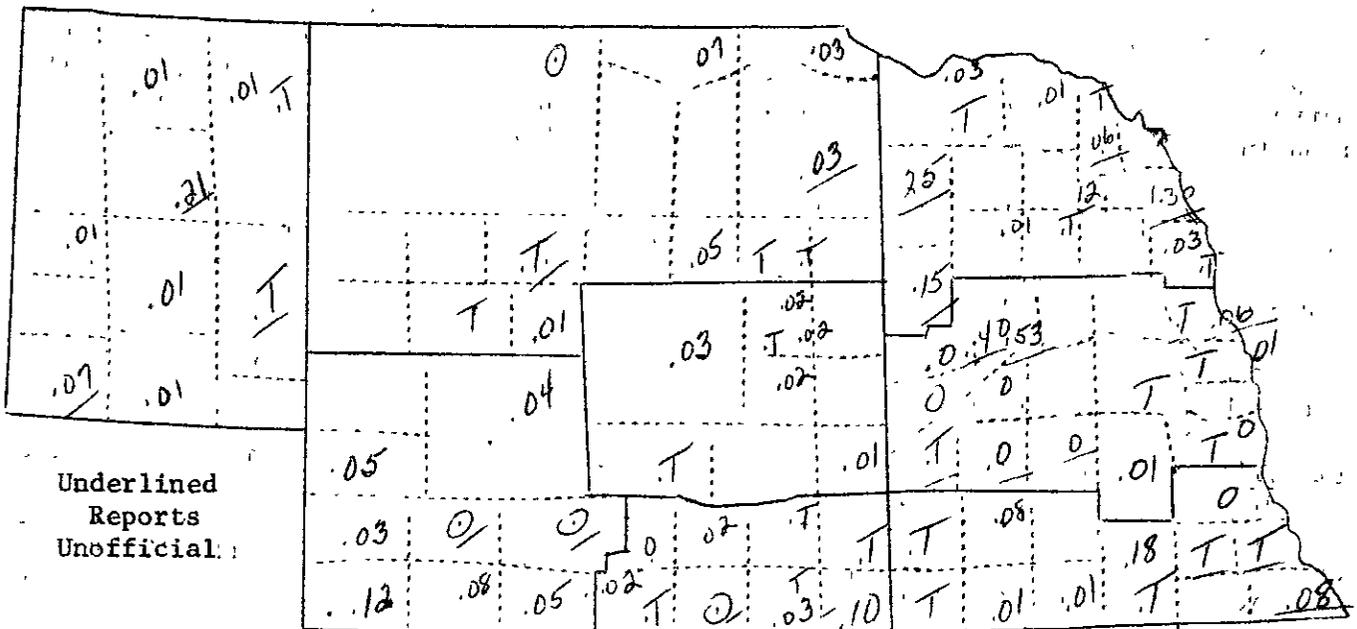
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PRECIPITATION FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1957



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 8, 1957



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		November 5th		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	39	32	44	30	58	29	46	24	38	13	49	18	62	22
	Scottsbluff	38	32	41	26	57	30	44	27	39	14	50	23	64	22
	Sidney	37	31	38	27	54	29	43	25	38	15	51	20	55	22
NC	Burwell	--	--	46	24	53	38	45	26	37	15	46	19	56	31
	Valentine	37	25	42	30	61	29	42	27	--	--	47	27	60	32
NE	Norfolk	37	30	36	31	46	41	48	30	34	17	43	21	55	39
	Sioux City	39	35	44	29	46	44	49	30	35	20	42	21	51	41
Gen	Grand Island	37	32	35	31	44	42	50	28	38	17	45	24	59	39
EC	Lincoln	41	36	40	29	46	44	52	33	37	24	43	31	59	39
	Omaha	37	32	45	25	43	42	49	28	34	18	41	25	52	37
SW	Imperial	38	33	38	30	53	33	47	25	42	13	51	17	57	23
	North Platte	38	35	42	33	53	29	45	24	39	13	46	20	55	34