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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged slightly above normal during the week, with warm weather during the first two days in the west and three days in the east, followed by considerably cooler weather with frost or freezing temperatures in much of the west and central Saturday. Light showers fell over the Panhandle early in the week, and light to locally heavy showers in the southeastern fourth of the State, mostly during the early and middle portions of the week. There was much sunshine, humidity was generally low and several days were windy.

For the 12 months ending August 31, 1958 precipitation was above normal for nearly all parts of the State. The exceptions were largely in the extreme northwest, a small area in the northeast one in Fillmore County and another in Banner County. However, all these points were close to normal. Central and eastern counties showed the greatest departures above normal, with stations in Logan, Custer, Valley, Boone and Antelope counties exceeding their normal by 50 percent or more. Recorded precipitation far exceeded normal by 20 percent or more in many parts of the state.

CROPS Nearly all the corn has reached the dent stage. Much of it is in the hard dent stage, with 42 percent reported mature at the end of last week. Harvest of a few fields has started in numerous counties, but most growers are waiting for the moisture content of the grain to get lower. Some mechanical drying is underway and harvest of seed corn continues. Some late planted corn, and corn plagued by floods or hail, need a few weeks more to mature. However, the bulk of the acreage is expected to escape damage from frost.

Ideal drying weather last week was also favorable for maturing sorghums. Late planted fields are still vulnerable in some sections. Milo harvest is starting on a limited scale. Silage cutting is fairly general.

Wheat seeding gained momentum in the eastern districts last week, although fields were still too wet to work in some southeastern counties getting the recent rains. Nearly three-fourths of the winter wheat acreage is now planted. Seeding is virtually completed in the western districts but only about half finished in the east. Seeding has been held up in the central and east central districts because of dry top soil conditions. However, wet field conditions delayed seeding in several counties in the southeast. Most wheat counties report adequate subsoil moisture. The principal exceptions are counties in the central part of the state.

Rye and legume seeding is about 90 percent finished. With the exception of the southeastern part, much of the state is in need of rain to replenish the surface soil moisture supply, and give wheat and other fall seedings a good start. Pastures need rain, especially in the northeastern counties.

LIVESTOCK Cattle and lambs were starting to move into feeding areas in heavier volume. Buying activity stepped up, but many prospective feeders are cautious. Quality and condition of feeder cattle is very good. Demand for sows, gilts and boars emphasizes the expanding interest in hog production.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 29, 1958

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	0
Lincoln	.06	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	0	Valentine	.05	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.04			Sidney	0
Sioux City	0				

Precipitation, April 1 - Sept. 26, 1958

Total Past Week	.18	.04	.14	T	.25	T	.17	.82
Total Since April 1	14.13	16.18	17.62	18.13	23.26	16.74	19.08	27.87
Long-time Avg. Since April 1	12.53	15.00	17.99	16.36	19.06	14.37	16.88	20.99

