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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 4/13/59

WEATHER Warm weather prevailed during the first day of the week, but it was cold thereafter. Freezing temperatures occurred on several nights over the entire State, and hard freezing in the central and western portions. Precipitation was light, occurring on several days as snow or rain showers. There was considerable cloudiness, and several days were rather windy.

CROPS Marked strides in seeding spring grains were reported as over a third of the oats and barley acreage was planted during the week. At the end of the week more than half of the oats and barley acreage was in the ground and farmers were less than a week behind the usual progress to April 11. Northeast counties pushed small grain seeding rapidly. Some central and southwestern counties experienced further delay as a result of the recent snowfall. Early planted oats in scattered parts of the southern counties has already emerged and is growing nicely. Surface moisture is sufficient for germination except in areas along the northern border counties which missed the March precipitation.

Winter wheat continued to make satisfactory growth. The crop is stooling profusely in the more favored sections of the west and in the southeast. Development is good in the central counties also, but some fields are thin and spotted. The general appearance of the crop is improved as late-sprouted wheat and heavy stooling begin to hide the thin spots. Some farmers are still uncertain about leaving thin stands for harvest and further replacement with other crops may occur.

Field-activity was quite general across the State. Sugar beet planting made good strides but snow stopped operations in the North Platte Valley for a few days. Stalk cutting, discing and fertilizing fields continued to command attention.

LIVESTOCK Feed lots were drying in the eastern counties, and cattle resumed putting on satisfactory gains. Calving operations were in full swing in the range sections. A good calf crop is reported from all sections with only light losses from storms or disease. More complaint comes from hog producers who have been disappointed with litter sizes this spring and more than the usual losses for new born pigs.

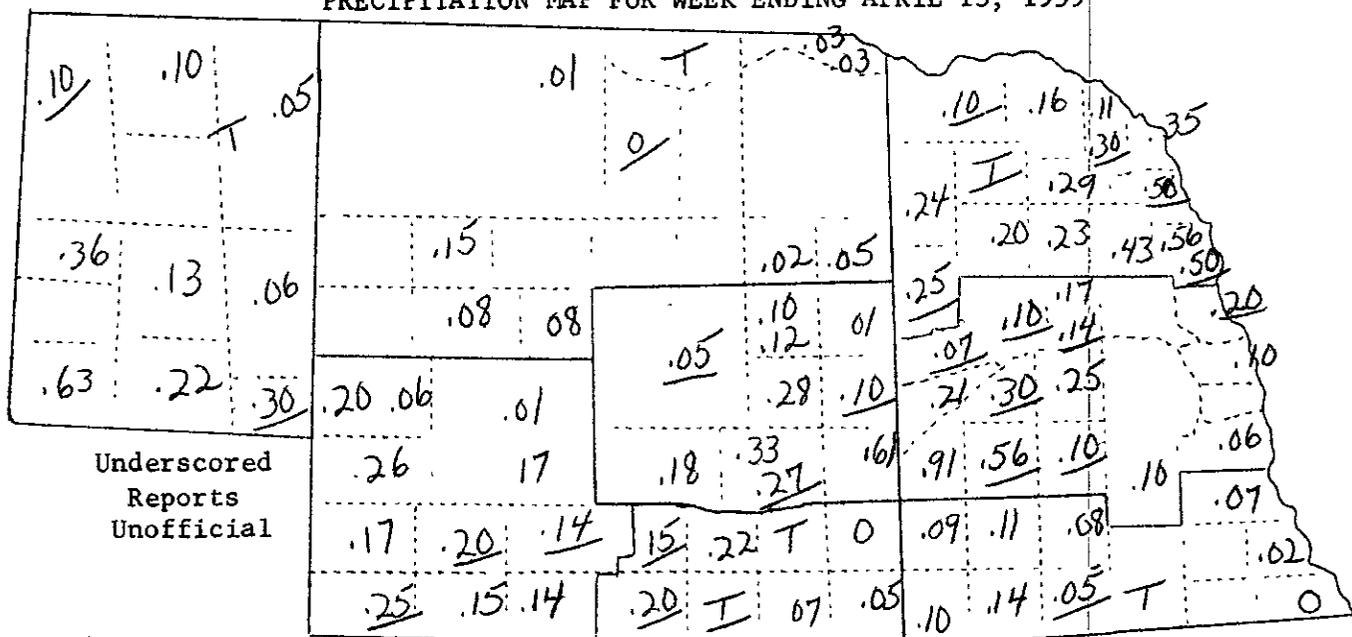
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 13, 1959

	<u>East</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>West</u>
Grand Island	.61	Burwell .02	Chadron .11
Lincoln	.10	North Platte .02	Imperial .06
Norfolk	.20	Valentine .01	Scottsbluff .35
Omaha	.10		Sidney .13
Sioux City	.35		

Precipitation, April 1-10, 1959

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total Past Week	.19	.05	.28	.25	.28	.14	.10	.08
Total since April 1	.26	.05	.36	.36	.91	.19	.30	.23
Long-Time Avg. since April 1	.60	.60	.71	.62	.65	.56	.65	.73

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 13, 1959



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)

		April 7th		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th		13th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	84	34	52	26	43	25	38	24	42	22	31	9	47	24
	Scottsbluff	84	30	46	31	43	26	32	14	37	12	33	15	42	19
	Sidney	83	33	48	26	39	24	30	10	39	17	32	13	38	15
NC	Burwell	79	45	52	25	46	18	39	28	46	19	42	--	--	--
	Valentine	84	42	53	28	44	16	42	26	44	17	36	10	44	21
NE	Norfolk	79	45	58	36	44	20	43	32	47	27	42	24	48	22
	Sioux City	78	46	60	38	44	23	47	35	47	32	46	31	49	24
Cen	Grand Island	80	46	56	37	45	25	39	30	43	27	45	26	46	20
EC	Lincoln	81	49	72	38	45	26	47	34	48	33	51	30	49	27
	Omaha	75	47	60	36	45	24	47	31	47	30	51	31	48	29
SW	Imperial	86	42	50	32	46	23	35	16	44	21	40	17	41	18
	North Platte	83	44	53	32	47	21	36	23	45	21	37	16	43	17

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