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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 7/20/59

WEATHER Cool weather prevailed during the week with average temperatures about 5 degrees below normal. Heavy showers occurred over the east central, southeast and south central portions of the State mostly during the latter part of the week and light to moderate showers elsewhere distributed throughout the week.

CROPS Winter wheat harvest is in the final stages in the northern part of the State. By last Saturday around 90 percent of the crop was harvested. Some delay was experienced in the Panhandle as wet weather held up combining but clear weather over the week end and early this week should allow wheat growers to finish the job.

Oats harvest was two-thirds completed. Rains and wet field conditions restricted harvest. Some northeastern counties had only a fourth of the acreage cut, but progress was much further advanced in other eastern counties and nearly finished in the southern districts.

Corn and sorghums made good progress. Timely rains in many sections were beneficial, although hail damage was more prevalent than usual. Corn is making good growth. It varies considerably in stage of development, being well advanced in some northeast and east central counties, but quite late in the southeast and other localities where planting was delayed. For the State as a whole, a little over 5 percent of the crop had reached the tasseling stage. Usually around 9 percent of the crop is at that stage by July 18. Moderate temperatures have been favorable for corn in areas where moisture reserves are short. Irrigation was rather widespread as moisture demands of the corn plants increased. The irrigated crop is in good to excellent condition but some of it had a late start this season.

Soybeans, dry beans, sugar beets and potatoes have been making good progress. Harvest of the early summer potato crop is expected to get underway this week.

The second cutting of alfalfa is about two-thirds finished. Grasshoppers are causing damage to alfalfa in some central counties. The third cutting is starting in a few localities. Wild hay harvest is in full swing. The yield is below average with local areas cutting a short crop. Pastures and ranges showed some improvement in areas getting recent rains but they were rated lower than a week ago in several central and south central counties and in a few eastern counties which missed recent rains.

LIVESTOCK Pastures were getting a little short in isolated cases, but feed is generally plentiful. Livestock continue to make good gains and maintain high production rates. Demand for stocker and feeder cattle is still strong. Eastern Nebraska feeders are taking increased interest in obtaining cattle. Western ranchers have ample feed. Some culling and early marketing of cows occurred in local areas where pasture feed is short.

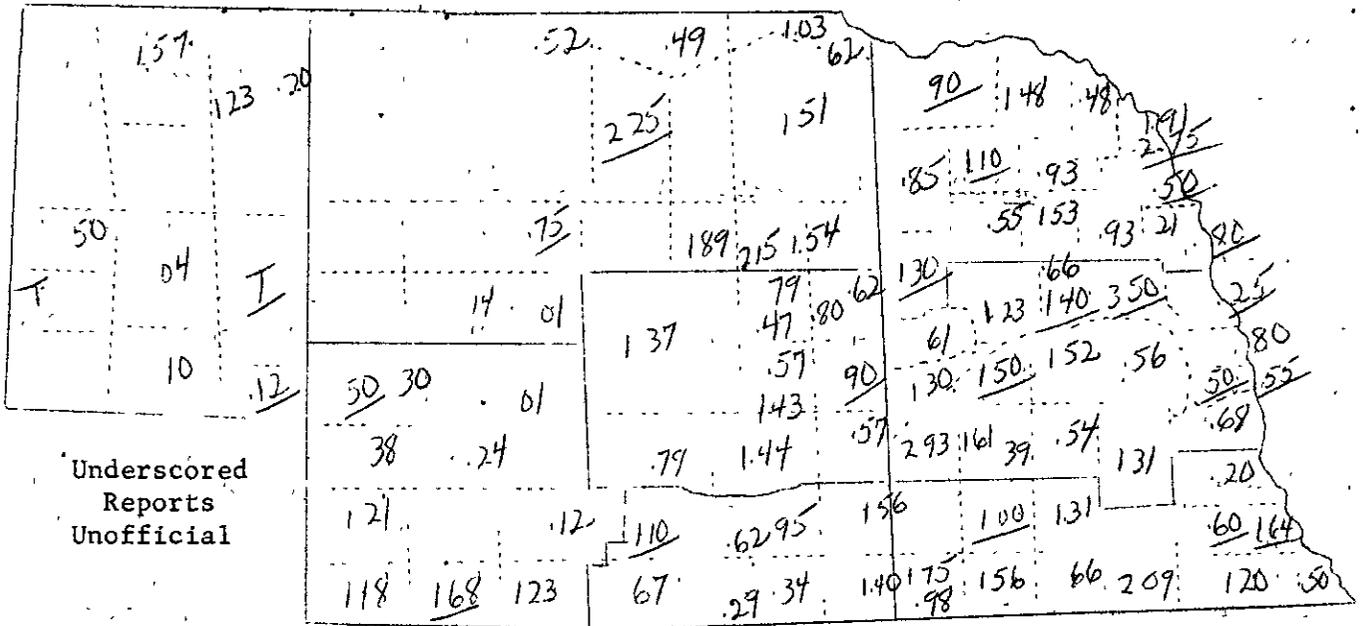
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 20, 1959

	<u>East</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>West</u>
Grand Island	.47	Burwell 1.89	Chadron .87
Lincoln	1.31	North Platte .01	Imperial .07
Norfolk	.40	Valentine .52	Scottsbluff .48
Omaha	.80		Sidney .06
Sioux City	1.90		

Precipitation, April 1 - July 17, 1959

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.52	.99	.87	.82	1.04	.58	.97	1.24
Total since April 1	7.82	10.28	14.71	11.33	16.37	9.02	12.59	16.03
Long-time Avg. since April 1	8.85	10.15	11.72	11.06	12.14	9.47	11.29	13.18

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 20, 1959



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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)

		July 14th		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th		20th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	88	58	88	66	91	62	80	57	88	55	83	53	87	66
	Scottsbluff	87	59	88	62	89	59	86	58	88	57	83	54	86	60
	Sidney	86	60	86	62	86	59	87	56	88	51	85	50	84	57
NC	Burwell	87	61	86	61	85	62	86	63	80	59	83	55	84	58
	Valentine	89	65	87	62	90	68	82	62	87	57	85	53	89	62
NE	Norfolk	87	64	80	59	79	64	85	66	79	62	85	56	81	60
	Sioux City	87	63	81	60	82	64	86	67	80	63	88	58	84	59
Cen	Grand Island	85	62	79	64	79	65	85	64	80	60	84	57	84	58
EC	Lincoln	85	65	76	66	78	67	86	69	76	64	86	63	84	62
	Omaha	83	64	78	61	73	64	84	68	73	64	83	58	80	62
SW	Imperial	90	69	79	60	86	64	86	60	84	57	87	54	88	61
	North Platte	85	61	77	63	85	65	80	62	83	54	85	49	88	60

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