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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal, with rather cool weather Friday and Saturday, and warm at the beginning of the week and in the west at the close. There was no precipitation of consequence. Most days were sunny, humidity was rather low, and wind movement rather high. Weather conditions favored rapid drying of the soil.

CROPS Field work picked up momentum in the western half of the State but progress was slow in eastern counties where top soil was still a little too wet to work. Continued clear weather should bring a burst of field activity, with many farmers eager to get into the fields after the long delay this spring.

Planting of spring small grains made some progress in the western districts, but elsewhere spring seeding had not yet started. For the State as a whole, less than 5 percent of the acreage of oats and barley was planted. Usually about 70 percent of these crops is seeded by this time. Sugar beet planting is well along in the west. Plowing, discing and fertilizing work also made some headway in the western half of the State.

Winter wheat made good progress in the western counties where above normal temperatures promoted growth. However, surface moisture is getting a little short in some western areas. Rapid drying resulted in crusting and cracking of surface soil. Some growers were using rotary hoes to break the packed surface.

Late wheat in central and eastern counties has made slow progress, but the early plantings are gaining in condition. Spring growth has been retarded by heavy snow cover and below normal temperatures. Some acreage was lost by exposure to low temperatures during the winter. Standing water has taken more than the usual toll, and water erosion hurt wheat stands on sloping lands.

Pastures in the southern counties began greening-up last week. In the western districts winter grain fields were being pastured. As fields dried, cattle were again foraging in corn and milo stalk fields.

LIVESTOCK More seasonable temperatures have been favorable for livestock. Feed lots are beginning to dry and cattle are making somewhat better gains than during recent weeks. Recent weather has been favorable for calving, although early spring losses have been above average.

Shipments of feeder cattle and calves into Nebraska during March totaled 50,000 head, down 37 percent from March 1959. Receipts since January 1 have been 35 percent below the first quarter of 1959. Sheep and lamb arrivals during March were 21,000 head, 17 percent below a year earlier. Receipts for the first 3 months this year were 3 percent under the corresponding period a year ago.

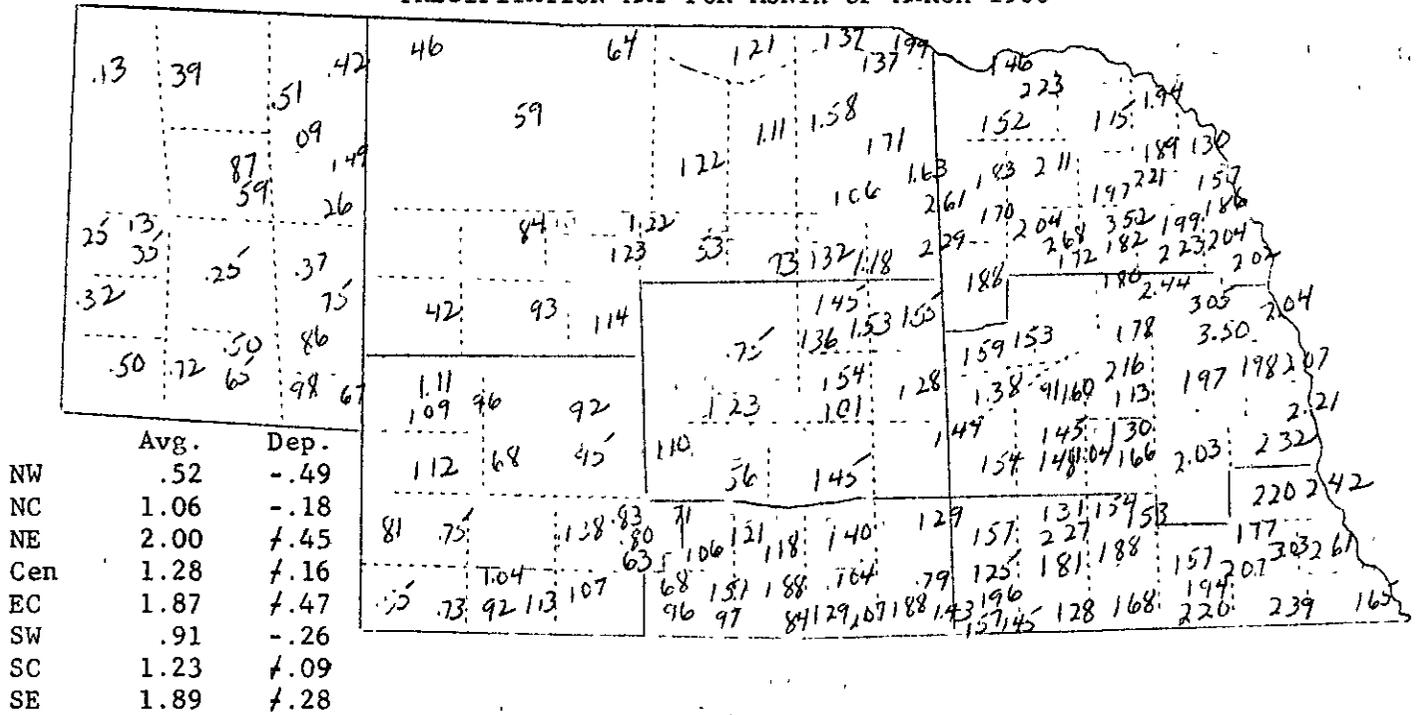
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 11, 1960

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	North Platte	.10	Chadron	0
Lincoln	0	Valentine	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	0			Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	0			Sidney	0
Sioux City	0				

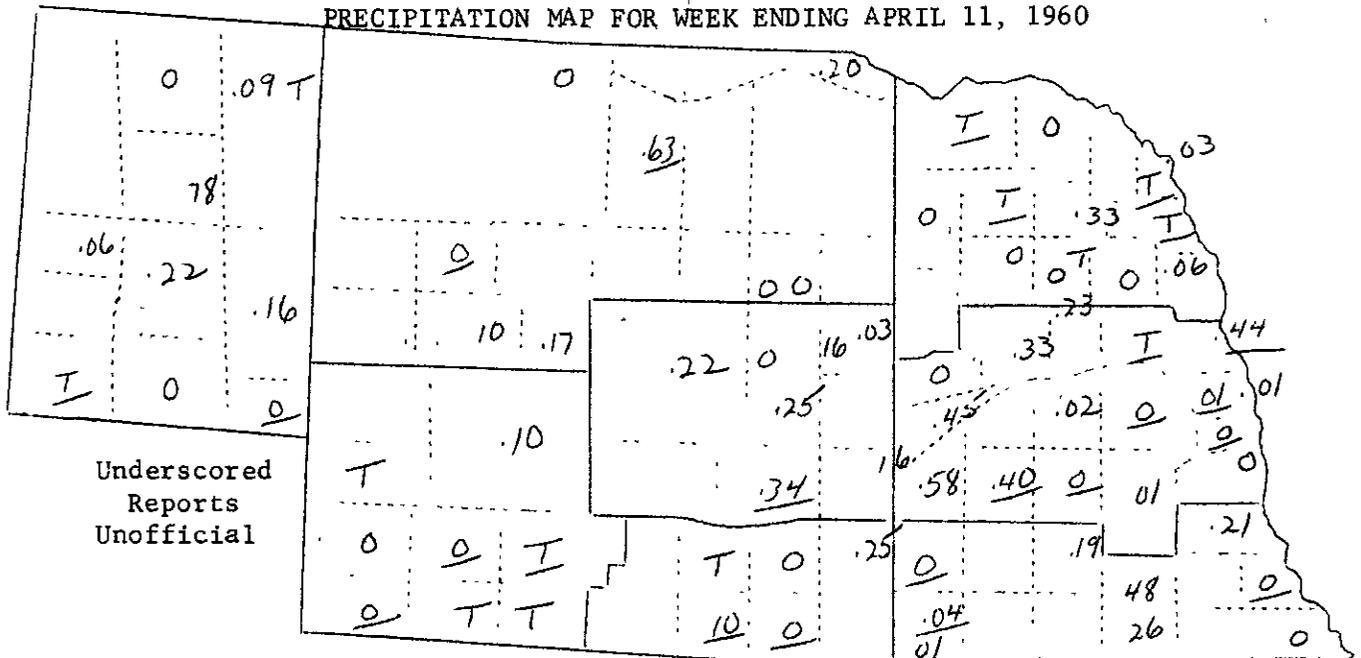
ACCUMULATED PRECIPITATION THIS GROWING SEASON TO APRIL 8, 1960

	NW	NC	NE	CEN.	EC	SW	SC	SE
Past Week	.05	.08	.05	.11	.16	.03	.08	.19
Since April 1st	.09	.79	1.40	1.13	1.04	.07	1.11	.96
Normal since April 1	.48	.48	.56	.48	.51	.44	.51	.57

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF MARCH 1960



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 11, 1960



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m. and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

		April 5th		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	58	28	80	40	66	36	62	24	63	26	63	40	86	38
	Scottsbluff	63	29	77	41	68	42	63	30	65	30	62	33	86	35
	Sidney	62	28	76	48	67	42	61	33	61	29	61	33	81	35
NC	Valentine	54	25	77	41	62	32	61	27	53	22	53	36	73	43
	Norfolk	48	28	57	40	61	32	61	33	47	23	43	27	65	48
Cen	Sioux City	47	28	53	42	57	31	60	33	46	22	42	25	60	47
	Grand Island	55	27	63	44	67	45	63	34	55	32	48	32	68	49
EC	Lincoln	53	31	58	48	65	40	61	36	52	30	46	30	67	57
	Omaha	46	30	51	42	61	34	59	34	48	25	41	26	57	51
SW	Imperial	61	29	79	50	69	44	66	37	62	33	57	31	78	43
	North Platte	58	25	81	40	68	42	65	28	62	31	53	34	76	42

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