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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 4/25/60

WEATHER The week was warm and dry. Average temperatures ranged from slightly above normal in the west to about 13 degrees above in the southeast. Several days were windy. There was much sunshine. Precipitation was confined to a few scattered showers, and there was none over most of the State.

CROPS Continued clear weather over most of the State favored full-scale field work for the second week in a row. Farmers were still behind normal progress to this date, despite the increased tempo of activity. Seeding spring grains was nearing completion with about 85 percent of the acreage planted. Usually about 95 percent of the spring grains are seeded by this date. The acreage of spring grains planted is not as large as originally intended for this year. Cold, wet weather delayed field preparation and seeding beyond the optimum planting dates. Even with the favorable weather of the last two weeks, not all of the intended acreage of spring grains could be planted.

Winds have sapped surface moisture in many places, and spring seedings need rain to assure uniform stands and a good start.

Progress of late planted winter wheat continued slow. In many places, surface soil is crusted and cracking, hampering development. Many late wheat fields came out of dormancy in a thinned, weakened condition. Root systems were poorly developed. Growth has been slow despite recent warmer than usual weather. In southeastern counties, some thinned stands have been plowed up already, and other stands have uncertain prospects. Consistent high winds have hurt wheat on the lighter soils in many places and wind erosion is continuing to take a toll of acreage.

Early planted wheat is making good progress, but here again packed surface soil is a handicap and surface moisture reserves are running short. Most of the well-advanced crop in the west needs rain to replenish the surface moisture supply and soften the packed soil.

Pasture grasses made good progress and hay crops maintained their condition during the week.

LIVESTOCK The weather was favorable for livestock which have resumed normal gains and production rates. Pastures were beginning to provide some green feed. Winter grain fields were being pastured in areas where growth has been satisfactory. The calving season is past the peak. Losses have been lighter in recent weeks since mild weather arrived.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 25, 1960

	<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>				<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0		North Platte	.06			Chadron	.02
Lincoln	0		Valentine	.57			Imperial	0
Norfolk	.09						Scottsbluff	.03
Omaha	0						Sidney	0
Sioux City	0							

Precipitation, April 1 - April 22, 1960

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.69	.62	.29	.66	.62	.21	.34	.58
Total since April 1	1.04	1.78	2.05	2.27	1.90	.52	1.71	1.71
Long-time Avg. since April 1	1.35	1.44	1.67	1.46	1.65	1.38	1.60	1.87

