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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The average temperatures for the week ranged from near normal in the Panhandle to about 4 degrees below normal in the southeast. Saturday was rather warm over central and eastern sections of the State. Otherwise, it was generally cool with only minor day-to-day changes. Frost covered most of the State on the 30th, and killing frost reached from northwest to central.

Widely scattered sprinkles on the 26th averaged only .01 to .02 inch. Showers during the night of the 28th and the morning of the 29th brought 1 inch of rainfall to most of eastern Nebraska south of the Platte River.

CROPS Corn and sorghum continued to make good progress toward maturity in most sections of the State. Cool, wet weather slowed ripening in areas getting recent heavy rains. Scattered killing frosts hit the north central and northwestern counties, but damage was generally local or light, except for some real late fields.

By last Saturday, nearly all the corn crop had reached the dent stage, and about 65 percent was rated mature. The percentage in the ripe stage is just a little lower than average progress, although the percentage dented is about usual for the date.

Milo harvest was held up by rains in some areas. Harvest is underway in the south central and southwestern counties, and the tempo of activity should increase as moisture content has been dropping noticeably in recent days. Some corn fields in these districts have been opened and a little corn picking has started.

Winter wheat planting is nearly finished. A few fields remain for seeding in the southeast counties where rain prevented field work. Most wheat is up to a good stand and growing vigorously, although some western areas need moisture to insure normal development before winter comes.

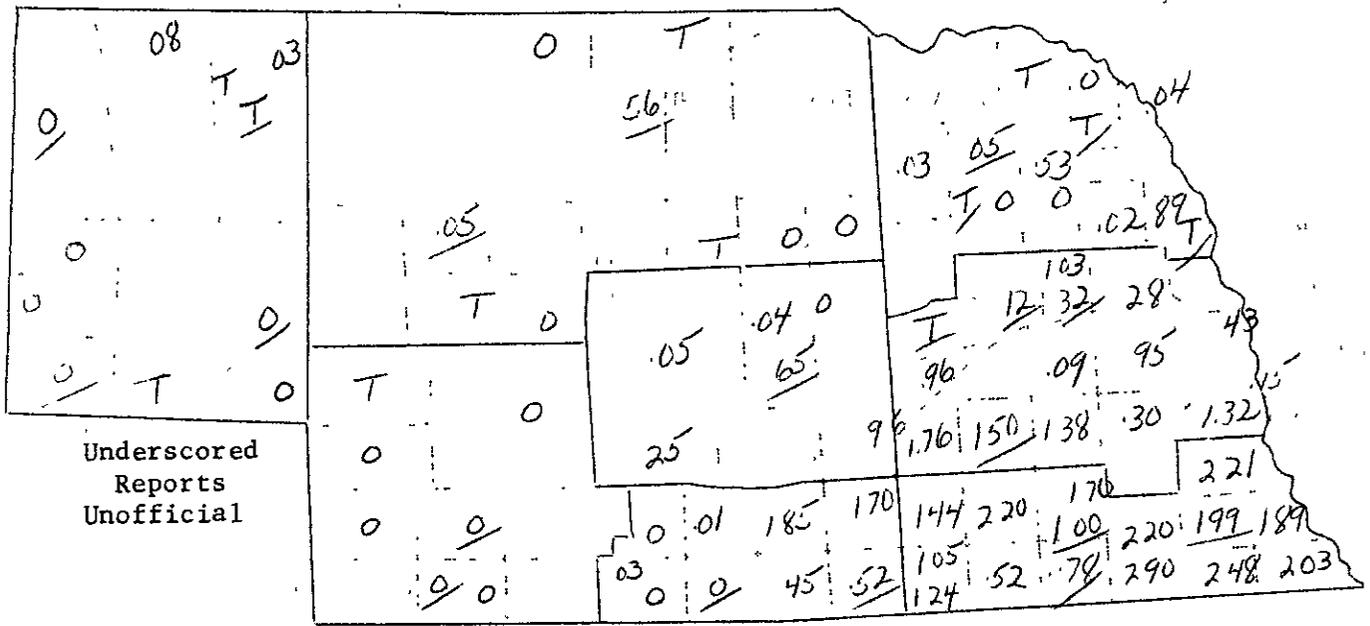
Pastures were improved by recent rains. Some new green feed was developing in favored meadows. Ranges in the northwest are getting dry again. Harvest of potatoes and beets is underway. The fourth cutting of alfalfa is well advanced. In general, haying is about over. Many farmers have been cutting crops for winter silage and forage supplies.

LIVESTOCK Condition of livestock remains high and production rates are good. Demand for feeder cattle continues to vary. Increases in the movement of feeder cattle are reported from some sections, but others indicate slower developments until after corn harvest is well along.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3, 1960

	East		Central			West		
Grand Island	.11		Burwell	T		Chadron		.08
Lincoln	.19		North Platte	0		Imperial		T
Norfolk	0		Valentine	0		Scottsbluff		T
Omaha	.34					Sidney		T
Sioux City	T							
Precipitation, April 1,--September 30, 1960								
	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.01	T	.21	.22	.78	T	.44	1.75
Total since April 1	10.02	16.44	22.63	18.46	24.68	10.40	19.13	26.29
Long-time Avg. since April 1	12.69	15.22	18.28	16.56	19.38	14.57	17.10	21.37

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1960



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

		September				October									
		27th		28th		29th		30th		1st		2nd		3rd	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	65	38	81	42	67	39	67	27	78	43	70	34	69	41
	Scottsbluff	69	39	81	45	75	41	67	38	79	46	78	38	69	36
	Sidney	66	37	77	45	76	43	66	33	75	49	80	39	64	36
NC	Burwell	70	45	74	45	72	47	69	30	64	42	78	36	68	--
	Valentine	63	39	73	47	68	42	62	29	68	42	70	34	68	44
NE	Norfolk	77	48	69	46	74	50	72	36	62	48	73	39	67	38
	Sioux City	80	48	71	45	78	50	72	39	62	45	72	41	71	43
CEN	Grand Island	79	50	72	51	78	52	72	34	63	48	77	42	68	40
EC	Lincoln	80	56	70	47	77	54	70	41	62	49	78	45	68	48
	Omaha	77	52	70	49	73	51	66	38	59	46	75	45	67	45
SW	Imperial	77	40	76	51	82	45	73	30	73	43	84	42	64	33
	North Platte	69	39	75	53	77	46	69	29	68	43	81	35	68	38

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