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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Frequent periods of precipitation brought significant amounts of moisture to all sections of the State. The Panhandle and extreme southwest corner received the least with amounts ranging from about a quarter to a half inch. Elsewhere totals were mostly in the one to three-inch category. Some of the moisture fell as snow in the Panhandle and North Central Regions.

Temperatures averaged a little below normal in the west and a little above normal in the east. Cool weather prevailed Wednesday through Friday, but it was warm at both ends of the week.

CROPS The wheat crop improved during the week as precipitation spread across the State. Tall growth was noted in most central and eastern areas but cool weather in the Panhandle and parts of the southwest has slowed progress. Insects caused some damage but, mostly to fields in the southwest. Farmers are spraying fields for cutworm control in that area. A few eastern fields are being sprayed to kill weeds which have already grown above the wheat.

Corn planting got under way in several counties last week. Numerous tasks were accomplished during the week with final seedbed preparations and fertilizer applied as weather conditions permitted.

Planting of sugar beets in the Panhandle was slowed by snow, but initial plantings benefited greatly from the moisture. Early plantings are starting to emerge with uniform stands. There was some pre-irrigation of seed beds with both sprinkler and flooding operations used.

Alfalfa and wild hay condition improved, but irrigation of alfalfa was required in some areas. Pasture and range grasses advanced from the moisture but cool temperatures have held back early growth. It appears that movement of cattle to summer pastures will be slightly behind normal.

LIVESTOCK Cold and wet conditions were unfavorable for livestock. A few losses of young calves and pigs were reported. Inshipments of 131,000 head of cattle and calves into Nebraska during March were up 3 percent from last year. Inshipments of sheep and lambs doubled over last March with 8,000 head coming into the State.

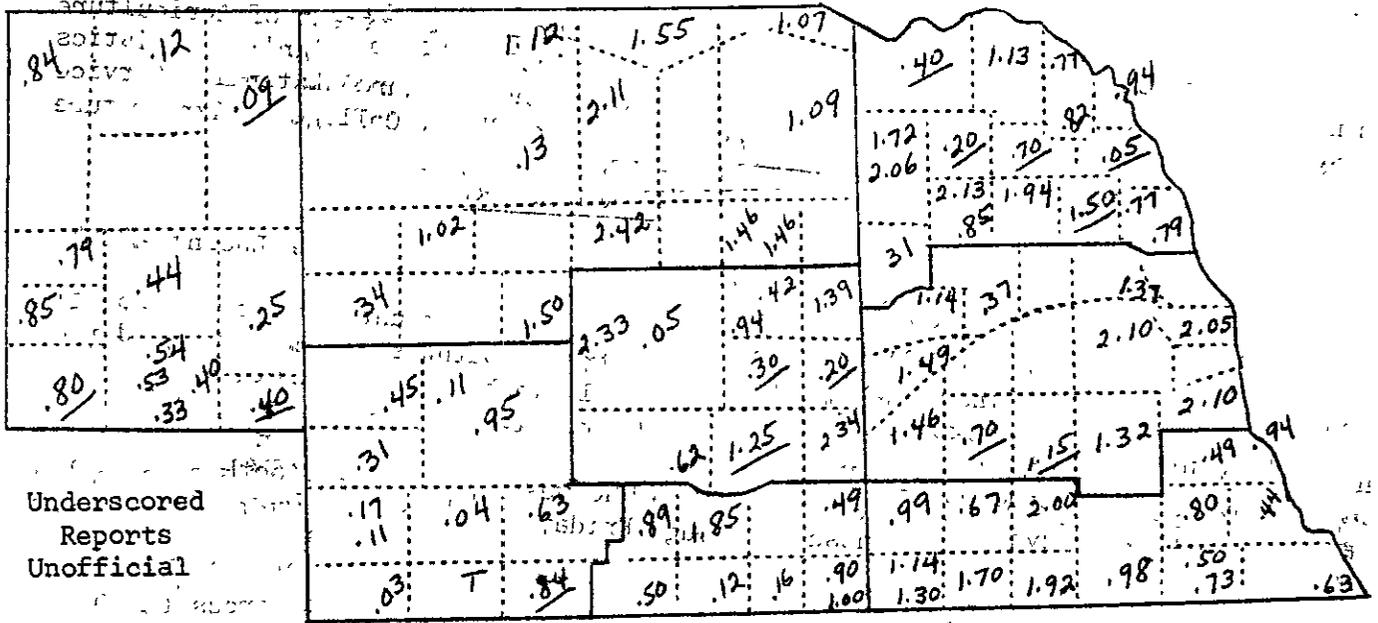
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 21, 1968

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	2.34	Burwell	1.46	Chadron	.33
Lincoln	1.34	North Platte	2.40	Imperial	.16
Norfolk	1.94	Valentine	1.86	Scottsbluff	.77
Omaha	1.97			Sidney	.33
Sioux City	.62				

Precipitation, April 1 - April 19, 1968

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.51	1.17	1.19	1.14	1.49	.28	.74	1.06
Total since April 1	1.52	2.16	2.43	1.71	2.48	1.05	1.21	2.26
Normal since April 1	1.12	1.25	1.44	1.25	1.45	1.14	1.26	1.48

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 19, 1968



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)

		April 15th		16th		17th		18th		19th		20th		21st	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	78	39	54	35	38	29	39	36	52	34	59	39	60	33
	Scottsbluff	77	42	53	33	35	30	39	35	50	34	58	36	56	34
	Sidney	76	36	60	30	33	26	35	30	46	34	58	31	57	31
NC	Burwell	82	40	67	43	49	36	52	45	55	45	62	37	70	45
	Valentine	80	43	60	40	42	26	46	37	47	41	61	33	69	33
NE	Norfolk	77	53	70	50	51	39	56	49	58	46	64	35	72	51
	Sioux City	79	51	77	55	56	42	62	52	60	46	61	36	73	54
CEN	Grand Island	78	51	73	49	52	40	55	49	58	47	67	42	72	45
EC	Lincoln	73	59	78	52	57	41	53	52	61	47	65	40	69	53
	Omaha	73	55	78	51	59	39	53	51	59	45	61	44	69	51
SW	Imperial	81	44	69	36	39	31	40	38	45	39	64	35	66	37
	North Platte	81	39	67	34	40	35	45	41	49	42	65	37	69	36

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