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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 8/19/68

WEATHER Temperatures averaged from three to six degrees below normal in Nebraska the past week. This was the fourth consecutive week with below seasonal averages.

Showers fell on many days and on the average all sections received good moisture amounts. The far southwest and the far northeast corners received the least. Elsewhere there were some local areas of small amounts, but averages exceeded an inch. Local down-pours of two to six inches were common in the southern half of the State. Hail was associated with some of the heavier showers and tornadoes were reported in eastern Nebraska Sunday night.

CROPS Crops continued to make good progress toward maturity as local rains ranging from light to heavy fell in various areas of the State.

Practically all except the very late planted corn has tasseled, and about 60 percent of the crop is entering the dough stage. Some corn has been cut for silage in the northeastern part of the State where drouth has seriously damaged some of the crop. Milo is starting to turn color and holds promise of an excellent crop in the southern half of the State. Soybeans continue setting pods, and the outlook for the crop is very good south of the Platte River.

Preparation of fields for planting of next year's wheat crop was under way with some of the summer fallowed land being worked for the last time. Soil moisture is adequate in most of the major areas that produce wheat.

Heavy rains in the upper Platte Valley slowed the maturity rate of dry beans, corn and potatoes. Warm, dry weather is needed in this area for these crops.

Harvest of hay was interrupted by local rains. Pastures are now starting to make fair to good recovery in the southern half of the State but are producing limited feed in the northeast and some local areas of the Sandhills. The extreme southwestern counties continue to be dry. Irrigation pumps have been shut off in the central part of the State as there is adequate moisture present for maturing the crop.

LIVESTOCK Livestock condition continues good, but feedlot cattle have been suffering from high humidity. Flies continue to be quite troublesome in many areas. Marketing of feeder cattle is starting to pick up momentum.

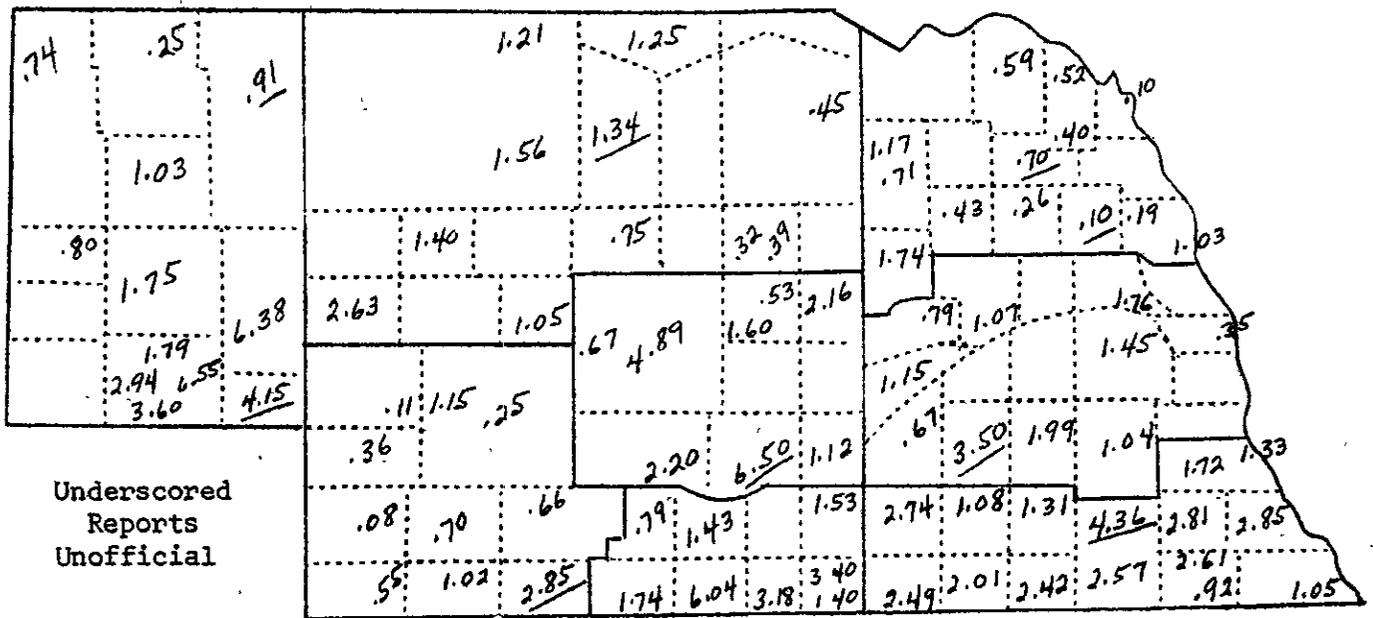
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 18, 1968

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.82	Burwell	.32	Chadron	.71
Lincoln	.79	North Platte	.25	Imperial	.06
Norfolk	.43	Valentine	1.81	Scottsbluff	.98
Omaha	2.86			Sidney	3.36
Sioux City	.10				

Precipitation, April 1 - August 16, 1968

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	2.42	1.10	.76	1.85	1.14	.58	2.44	1.93
Total since April 1	13.23	13.27	13.42	16.21	16.35	9.96	15.84	16.80
Normal since April 1	10.58	12.60	14.61	13.78	15.61	11.96	13.73	16.57

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 16, 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)

		August		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	86	62	79	57	76	55	82	42	76	45	--	53	79	55		
	Scottsbluff	84	57	89	59	69	53	79	50	77	45	76	46	79	57		
	Sidney	83	54	88	57	61	50	81	53	77	49	82	46	80	55		
NC	Burwell	90	54	89	61	83	63	86	55	83	48	76	--	86	--		
	Valentine	86	54	86	55	73	58	86	49	75	46	75	56	80	58		
NE	Norfolk	86	59	91	61	80	66	85	66	84	52	78	68	87	65		
	Sioux City	86	60	93	69	81	70	88	68	86	53	--	66	84	66		
CEN	Grand Island	85	63	90	62	84	63	86	66	85	53	78	67	86	68		
EC	Lincoln	83	67	90	63	85	69	87	70	90	58	79	70	86	61		
	Omaha	80	63	89	62	84	71	85	67	87	56	78	67	80	69		
SW	Imperial	88	58	93	61	85	50	89	54	84	55	89	58	87	59		
	North Platte	90	58	88	61	83	55	87	51	82	49	80	64	85	58		

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