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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The past week was warm, windy and dry. Temperatures in the Panhandle averaged about three degrees below normal, but the rest of the State averaged two to five degrees above normal.

CROPS Hot, dry weather during the past week moved crops closer to maturity, particularly in the southern half of the State. In the Panhandle, crops need more time to mature, and to realize full potential frost should hold off until near October 1. Drouth continues in the northeast and the extreme southwest counties where crops have suffered severe damage during the entire summer growing season.

About 75 percent of the corn is now in the dough stage with about 25 percent dented. Ears are starting to drop on some of the early planted fields. Harvest of corn for silage is under way in the northeastern counties, and farmers are checking the forage for nitrate content before placing it in silos. Irrigated corn holds promise of excellent yields; however, some reports indicate that the tips of the ears are not well filled.

Sorghum in the southern half of the State is making good progress with about 25 percent of the heads turning color. Some late fields will need time to mature and produce good grain yields. In the southwest some of the sorghum is being utilized for pasture as forage feed for livestock is short in that area. Soybeans are making good progress with leaves starting to turn on many of the early planted fields. There is a good set of pods on most plants.

Farm work consisted mainly of preparation of fields for planting of winter wheat. Irrigation systems were being turned on in some areas to provide the last watering for crops. Seeding of rye and legumes was active where top soil moisture was available. County fairs and preparation for the State Fair were taking a considerable part of the farmers' time.

Range and pasture feed is adequate in areas receiving good rains but is decidedly short in the northeast and extreme southwestern counties. Some farmers are moving cattle into dry lots for feeding purposes. Harvest of wild hay continues, and about 50 percent of the third cutting of alfalfa has been completed.

LIVESTOCK High temperatures along with high humidity in some areas caused considerable discomfort to cattle, particularly those in feed lots. Flies and mosquitoes were extremely bothersome, and control measures were being utilized where possible. Marketing of feeder cattle is gaining momentum with feed lots starting to fill.

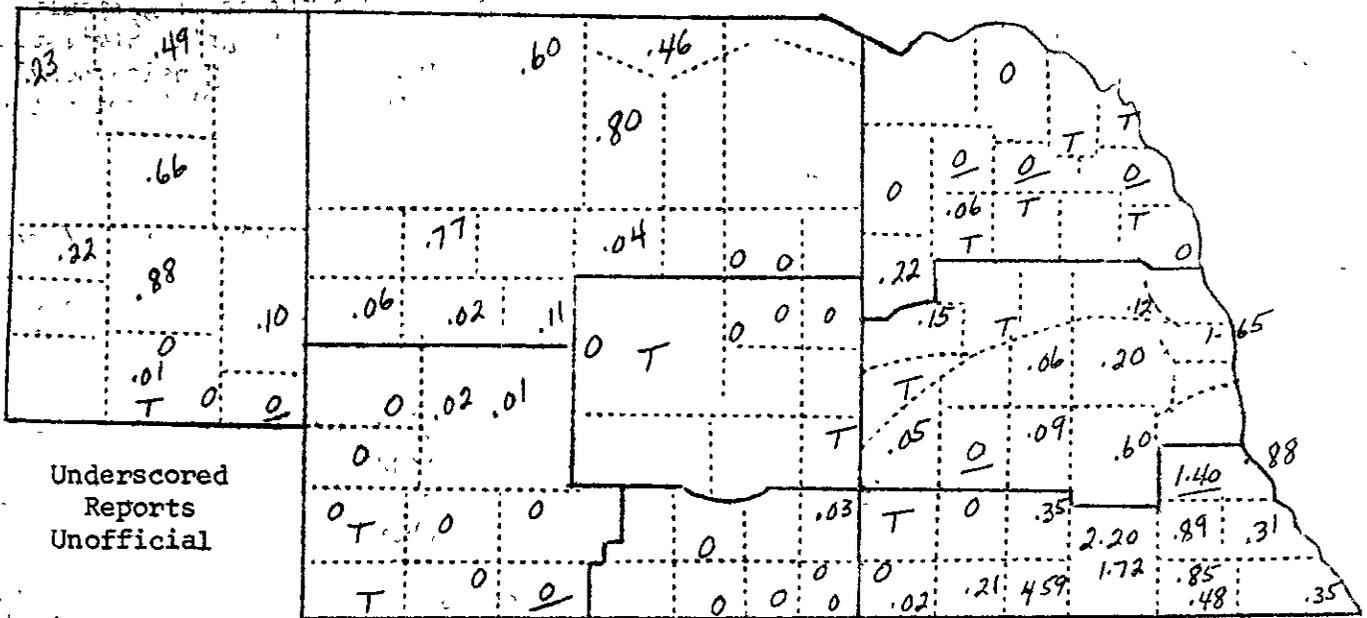
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 25, 1968

East		Central		West	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	.01
Lincoln	.02	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	.06	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	.04
Omaha	.03			Sidney	0
Sioux City	0				

Precipitation, April 1 - August 23, 1968

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.26	.22	.03	T	.25	T	T	.87
Total since April 1	13.49	13.49	13.45	16.21	16.60	9.96	15.84	17.67
Normal since April 1	10.93	13.16	15.31	14.27	16.44	12.41	14.29	17.50

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 23, 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 19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th		25th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	83	60	95	56	92	54	89	60	74	48	81	50	92	49
	Scottsbluff	80	55	85	56	89	56	90	60	72	43	82	52	89	54
	Sidney	82	54	90	61	90	56	90	55	75	42	82	51	89	59
NC	Burwell	92	62	94	73	95	71	98	73	88	54	82	--	91	62
	Valentine	85	59	92	75	96	63	95	69	81	57	79	49	92	57
NE	Norfolk	87	65	93	76	95	76	96	75	91	61	81	50	85	62
	Sioux City	91	64	95	75	97	77	94	76	97	64	83	51	85	60
CEN	Grand Island	87	69	97	76	98	74	99	75	88	53	84	52	91	67
EC	Lincoln	93	74	95	75	95	77	96	77	96	62	85	68	87	66
	Omaha	87	72	91	75	92	75	92	77	93	56	82	53	86	90
SW	Imperial	90	64	100	74	99	65	100	65	83	45	80	50	95	59
	North Platte	86	61	95	74	96	66	97	73	83	42	84	47	93	61

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