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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The past week began with cold weather in Nebraska. Freezing temperatures were reported over the northwest half of the State on Monday morning and at isolated spots on Tuesday morning. The rest of the week was warm with afternoon readings generally in the 70's and 80's from Wednesday through Sunday. Temperatures averaged about three degrees above normal for the week. Showers were widely scattered until they became more general over the week end. Precipitation was mostly light but some local areas had appreciable amounts over the week end including .59 inch at Chadron, Alliance .29, Sidney 1.55, Aurora 1.29, Wakefield .58, Wayne .53, Hastings 1.09, and Fairmont .84.

CROPS Corn planting was picking up momentum during the week with only a few local showers hampering operations. About 10 percent of the acreage is planted, near normal but less than last year's 20 percent planted. Surface soils are dry in many areas, but subsoil moisture is adequate for most counties.

Wheat is making good progress and developing evenly across the State. Most spraying operations for cutworm control have been accomplished, and limited worm damage occurred. Some fields in eastern areas are being torn up as a result of winter kill. Spraying for weed control is necessary in fields with thin stands.

Field activity consisted mainly of seed bed preparation and fertilizing. Most of the freeze damaged sugar beets were replanted in the Panhandle, and fall potato planting is well under way.

Alfalfa is making good development with some fields in the central about ready for dehydration cuttings. A few scattered reports of cutworm damage were noted. Warm season grasses have been slow starting as a result of cool temperatures. Cattle are being moved to pasture though because of hay shortages.

LIVESTOCK Livestock condition was good. Young livestock are making good progress with few losses. Feed lots became muddy where locally heavy amounts of precipitation fell.

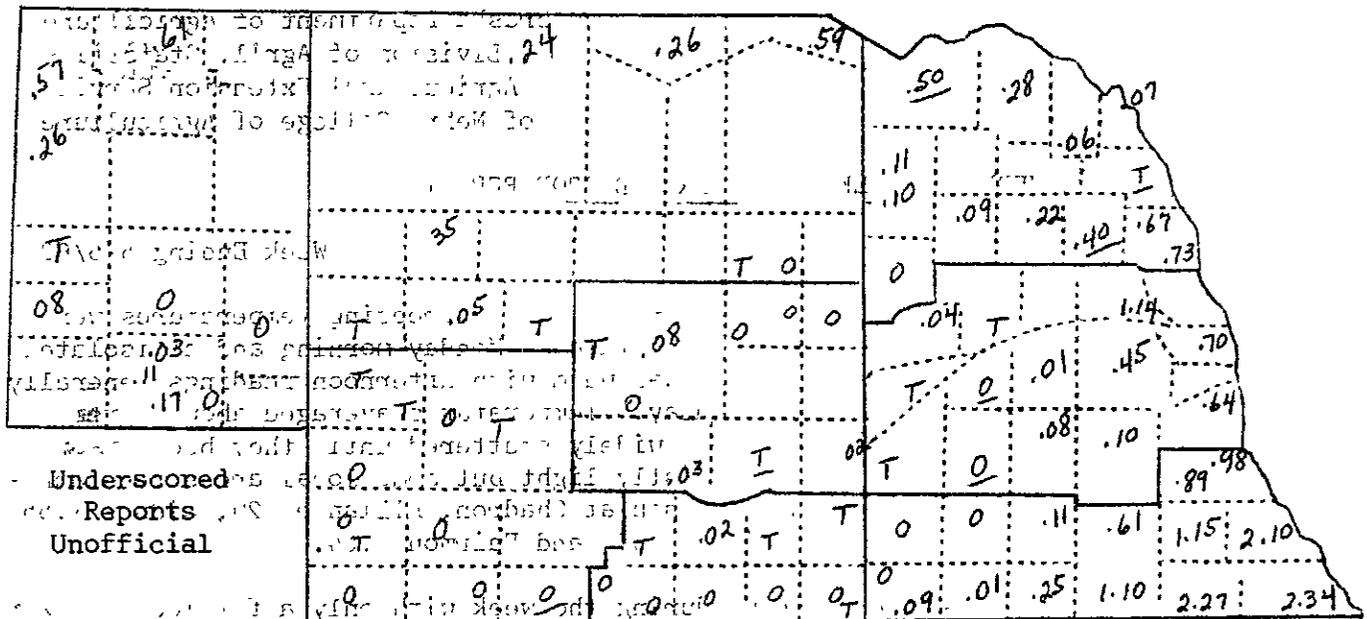
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 4, 1969

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.57	Burwell	.04	Chadron	.59
Lincoln	.07	North Platte	.06	Imperial	.18
Norfolk	.49	Valentine	.21	Scottsbluff	.30
Omaha	.30			Sidney	1.55
Sioux City	.28				

Precipitation, April 1 - May 2, 1969

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.16	.14	.24	.02	.25	T	T	.88
Total since April 1	1.05	.87	.89	.82	2.43	.70	1.56	4.40
Normal since April 1	2.05	2.33	2.53	2.38	2.63	2.12	2.41	2.75

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 2, 1969



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Day-time highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
Night-time lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CST)

		April						May							
		28th		29th		30th		1st		2nd		3rd		4th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	62	36	79	38	64	34	75	36	78	52	78	49	69	51
	Scottsbluff	65	36	77	43	65	39	75	42	73	55	80	53	65	42
	Sidney	65	33	78	42	71	36	76	44	75	48	78	45	72	48
NC	Burwell	57	32	69	41	79	44	75	55	76	57	82	54	70	55
	Valentine	55	33	73	48	62	41	71	46	71	52	81	52	72	52
NE	Norfolk	54	31	66	46	74	57	71	56	77	59	81	57	67	57
	Sioux City	56	35	66	49	74	59	70	58	80	57	80	55	72	53
CEN	Grand Island	57	33	68	46	79	54	78	52	80	57	82	57	69	59
EC	Lincoln	57	36	65	50	75	59	79	61	82	63	81	60	79	62
	Omaha	55	35	62	49	69	49	77	59	79	61	81	55	78	57
SW	Imperial	64	30	72	38	78	41	79	52	78	49	82	49	77	55
	North Platte	61	37	68	42	76	42	77	49	77	57	80	53	77	54

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