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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures for the week averaged near normal. A cool surge of air late in the week brought local freezes to the Panhandle on Saturday morning. There was moderate to heavy precipitation during the week and over the week end to all sections except the north central.

CROPS Top soil moisture is adequate over most of the State with the exception of a few areas in the central, north and northeast. Subsoil moisture is adequate in almost all areas of the State. Wheat is making good growth and becoming rank in lowland areas. It has started heading in southern counties and advanced development in other areas.

Row crop planting advanced rapidly during the week until rains stopped most field activity. Wet soils in the southeast are causing much concern about getting crops planted. Corn planting progressed to 65 percent which is near normal but behind last year's 85 percent. Early plantings are emerging to good stands, but some crusting has occurred on heavy soils. A few fields have been damaged by cutworms.

Sorghum planting has been slow starting and is now 15 percent complete. This compares to normal of 25 percent. About 10 percent of the soybeans are in the ground compared to 15 percent normal. Sugar beet growth has been variable, caused by moisture conditions, but thinning operations are under way. There was some irrigation in the Alliance area prior to the rains.

Alfalfa is making good growth and dehydration cuttings are under way in the central part of the State. Cool temperatures are retarding progress of warm season grasses.

LIVESTOCK Livestock condition was generally good, but some ranchers still have problems with sick calves. Stocker and feeder cattle inshipments into Nebraska during April amounted to 119,000 head, up sharply from last year's 91,000. Movement of sheep and lambs into the State totaled 6,000 head, down 2,000 from the previous year.

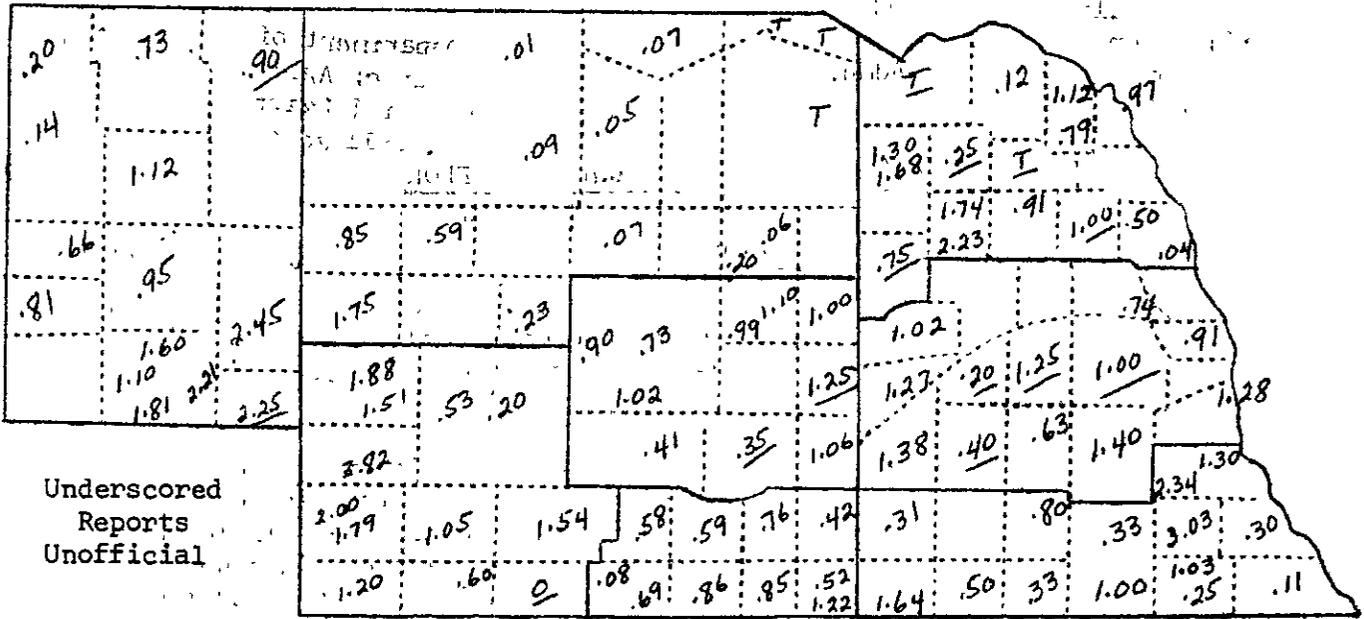
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 18, 1969

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	1.06	Burwell	.20	Chadron	.93
Lincoln	1.40	North Platte	.20	Imperial	2.31
Norfolk	1.74	Valentine	.01	Scottsbluff	.67
Omaha	.91			Sidney	1.84
Sioux City	.97				

Precipitation, April 1 - May 16, 1969

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	1.01	.36	.95	.87	1.04	1.38	.66	.87
Total since April 1	3.83	1.68	2.52	2.34	5.05	3.69	3.79	7.69
Normal since April 1	3.26	3.65	4.01	3.89	4.13	3.45	3.91	4.51

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 16, 1969



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)

		May 12th		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	83	39	85	50	87	49	83	45	50	30	69	38	79	48
	Scottsbluff	79	43	81	48	81	47	78	46	54	33	71	39	80	49
	Sidney	79	42	80	48	81	44	76	44	47	31	66	37	78	53
NC	Burwell	79	42	82	50	83	57	84	42	48	37	66	37	72	53
	Valentine	83	42	84	61	90	59	84	48	59	36	64	39	77	54
NE	Norfolk	77	45	79	51	83	60	84	61	63	43	52	46	67	53
	Sioux City	74	45	80	55	81	60	85	62	68	47	52	49	67	52
CEN	Grand Island	78	47	78	56	81	59	81	61	65	44	58	45	71	55
EC	Lincoln	77	56	79	60	81	60	83	64	70	46	52	48	63	52
	Omaha	73	53	79	56	79	59	83	62	68	45	51	47	64	50
SW	Imperial	81	47	84	53	85	51	80	53	53	38	60	44	77	56
	North Platte	81	46	82	56	83	57	81	56	57	41	63	40	74	54

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