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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures were near or slightly above normal. Moderate showers occurred over much of the western and eastern portions, but large areas in the central portion of the State received very little moisture.

CROPS Recent rains in the western, southern and eastern parts of the State were of material benefit to small grain crops, particularly to winter wheat. In the central and part of the sandhill region, however, conditions remain comparatively dry and rain is badly needed. Winter wheat made fair to good progress during the past week, but because of the local character of recent precipitation, a good general rain over the State would be beneficial. Most of the oats crop is up with fair to good stands and barley is showing a good stand, particularly in the western part of the State.

The weather during the past week was favorable for field work and practically all of the intended acreage for corn has been prepared. Planting has started in some of the counties throughout the State. If weather conditions permit, planting will be under way in all areas by the end of the coming week. Pastures are showing fair to good development in the eastern part of the State and local rains have improved conditions elsewhere. Pastures in the sandhills generally were covered with a good supply of old feed, but rain is needed to give the new grass a good start and provide moisture for a good hay crop.

Alfalfa is making good plant development and indications point to a rather heavy yield from the first cutting. Some loss of acreage occurred in the northeastern part of the State, caused by dry, cold weather conditions during the winter.

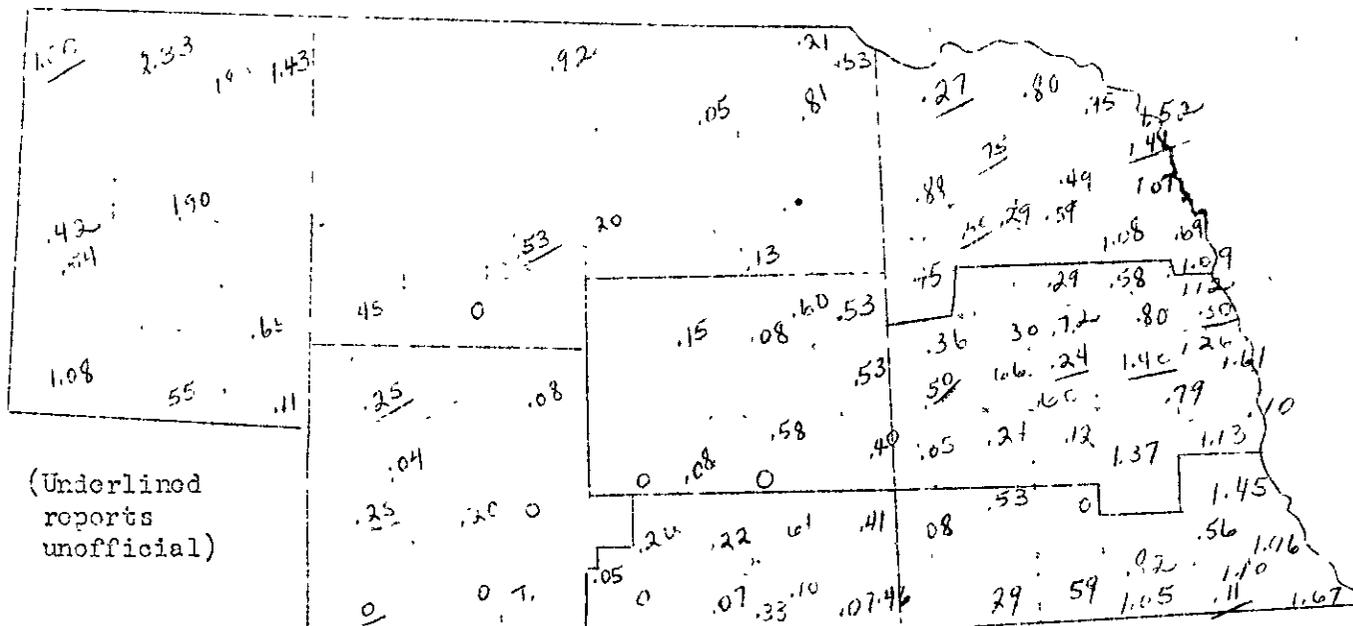
LIVESTOCK A good percentage calf crop is in prospect. Cows came through the winter in good condition and the new crop of calves appear to be in a healthy condition. The spring pig crop is expected to be comparatively light as breeding intentions last fall pointed to a comparatively short pig crop this spring. Recent reports indicate fair sized litters this spring, indicating good brood sows were held back on farms.

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WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 3, 1948.

Eastern Division	Eastern Div., Cont'd.	Central Division	Western Division
Abiion .28	Hastings .82	Broken Bow .14	Alliance .40
Auburn .77	Lincoln .21	Burwell .13	Chadron .76
Beatrice .53	Norfolk .36	Cambridge .82	Culbertson .75
Columbus .91	Oakdale .01	Holdrege .73	Hayes Center .20
Fairbury .78	Omaha .47	North Loup .01	Kimball .47
Fairmont .63	Rod Cloud .72	North Platte .11	Scottsbluff .13
Falls City 1.42	St. Paul .59	O'Neill .14	Sidney .52
Fremont .33	Tekamah .30	Ravenna .53	
Grand Island 1.09	Wakarusa --	Valentine .24	
Hartington .59	York .90		
Average this week	0.62	0.33	0.46
Total since April 1	1.37	0.90	1.27
Normal since April 1	2.81	2.61	2.26

PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1948



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hrs. ending 6:30 a.m.)

		April		28th		29th		30th		May		1st		2nd		3rd	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
WT	Chadron	51	34	69	50	79	53	78	47	68	39	53	32	64	32		
	Scottsbluff	57	41	71	46	79	49	81	46	72	46	58	35	60	28		
	Sidney	58	41	70	44	76	48	80	45	71	43	54	31	65	30		
N-C	Burwell	62	34	69	--	75	--	75	53	75	45	56	36	72	--		
	Valentino	52	36	62	43	74	52	75	50	74	49	60	41	67	37		
NE	Norfolk	70	43	67	40	72	47	76	56	65	46	57	49	73	53		
	Sioux City	67	46	69	42	69	46	76	54	59	50	58	51	72	52		
Con.	Grand Island	67	44	69	43	74	52	73	55	72	49	53	43	74	49		
	E-C	Lincoln	67	46	68	44	70	50	76	56	70	50	67	52	73	54	
ST	Omaha	64	46	69	44	70	46	75	54	69	48	66	54	73	54		
	Hayes Center	64	44	72	40	76	46	77	44	80	51	57	39	70	43		
	North Platte	60	41	69	40	73	49	75	45	81	48	58	38	63	44		

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