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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Warm weather prevailed until the last two days of the week, when a change to cooler occurred, with moderate to heavy rains over most of the south-central, east-central, and northeastern portions of the State. Elsewhere only light to moderate local rains occurred.

CROPS Crops improved in the area receiving rain last Friday night. The moisture was of special benefit to northeastern Nebraska where the drought was severe. The southern portion of the Panhandle, parts of southwestern Nebraska, and the counties east of Adams and Webster counties received very little rainfall.

Winter wheat showed some improvement in the areas receiving rainfall. Lower temperatures were beneficial, enabling wheat to fill better. Wheat was maturing rather rapidly prior to the rainfall and cooler weather. Most comments indicate an early harvest. The outlook for spring wheat is very good in extreme northwestern Nebraska.

The moisture improved the corn outlook, particularly in northeastern Nebraska where the situation was somewhat critical in part of the counties. Generally corn made very good progress and much of it is ahead of its usual stage of growth at this state. Some of the stands are not so good because of poor germination, due to the dry soil. There are some reports of damage from cutworms and army worms.

Spring small grains, oats and barley, are very spotted, stands are not good and the straw is short. These crops should improve in the areas receiving rainfall, the cooler weather being very beneficial also. Some small grain had been cut for hay prior to the rain. The outlook for alfalfa is a little better in the areas receiving sufficient rain to start the second crop. However, reports indicate a somewhat lower condition for both alfalfa and wild hay. Sorghum planting is about 75% completed.

Potatoes are being planted in the late commercial section. The outlook has been unfavorable in the early potato area of central Nebraska and a considerable percentage of the acreage was abandoned because of poor stands resulting from the drought. Sugar beet acreage is considerably below last year and the outlook is not very good. Increased plantings of beans and potatoes are expected.

Most of the counties are still reporting short pasture and insufficient rainfall, and only a small percentage are reporting ample subsoil moisture. This indicated a normal moisture or better will be necessary for the summer months to produce a corn crop. Small grain feed and hay crops have been reduced because of the dry weather. However, with more rain and cool weather, spring small grain crops could still improve. (Issued by the Weather Bureau and the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture.)

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 14, 1948.

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Eastern Division	Eastern Div., Cont'd.	Central Division	Western Division
Albion .65	Hastings .46	Broken Bow .46	Alliange .65
Auburn .18	Lincoln .41	Burwell .83	Chadron .46
Boatrace .10	Norfolk .99	Cambridge 1.53	Culbertson .84
Columbus 1.93	Oakdale 1.62	Holdrege 1.23	Hayes Center .17
Fairbury .01	Omaha .75	North Loup 1.33	Kimball 0
Fairmont .63	Red Cloud .16	North Platte .90	Scottsbluff .06
Falls City .06	St. Paul .73	O'Neill .44	Sidney .32
Fremont 1.45	Tekamah 1.27	Ravenna 1.08	
Grand Island .76	Wakefield 1.10	Valentine .72	
Hartington 1.65	York 1.34		
Average this week	0.81	0.95	0.36
Total since April 1	5.59	3.75	3.88
Normal since April 1	8.70	7.44	6.42

