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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Hot, dry and windy weather closing the preceding week was followed by lower temperatures which were near normal in the closing days of the period. Light to heavy showers occurred in the eastern third of the State with some heavy flooding rains in portions of the Elkhorn River drainage. Little or no rain fell in south-central and southwestern counties, but most Panhandle and north-central counties received light to moderate rainfall.

CROPS Generally, all corn has matured sufficiently to withstand frost without damage except for a little late corn in central and western Nebraska. Some of the corn is about dry enough to husk. A number of reports indicated husking might start in about 10 days. A number of reports indicated that the European corn borer was present in parts of northeastern Nebraska.

About 83% of the winter wheat was seeded up to last Saturday. Winter wheat seeding was prolonged much more than usual, not only because of larger acreage, but too dry surface soil in some areas. Some wheat came up unevenly because of dry surface soil. There was also some delay in waiting for the fly-free seeding date. There should be ample subsoil moisture generally, and the present outlook is for considerable wheat pasture later. A good, general rain would be helpful.

The sorghum forage crop was excellent and most of it has been harvested. Sorghum for grain is maturing rapidly except some in southwestern Nebraska that is late and may not mature before frost. Considerable cutting of alfalfa for the fourth time this season is in progress now and reported very good for the final crop.

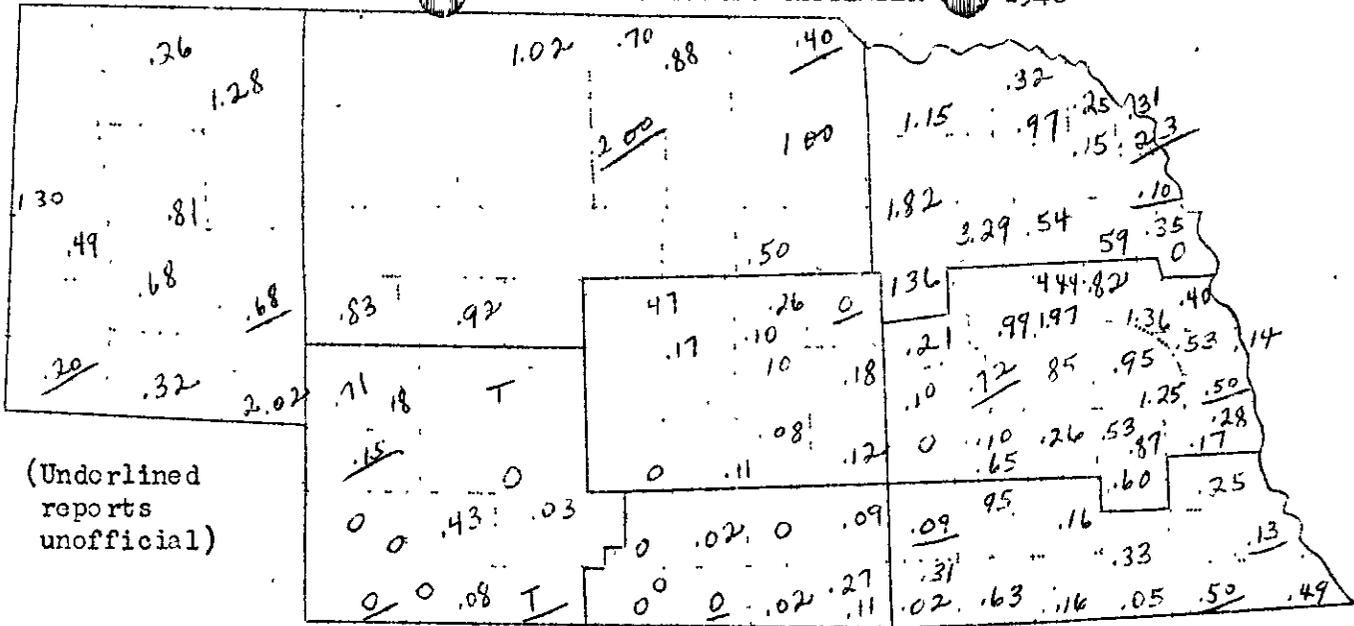
About 50% of the dry edible beans in the North Platte Valley are now harvested. Hail of the past week caused considerable loss of beans. The harvest of the late commercial potato crop in the North Platte Valley has just started. Range and pasture is very good in some areas and short in other areas where rainfall has been short for some time. Fall seedings of alfalfa and grasses were improved considerably in localities that received rain during the past week. About 82% of the fall rye has been sown, much of the seeding being delayed because of dry top soil.

LIVESTOCK The movement of grass fat cattle to market started two weeks earlier than usual. Cattle made unusually good gains on grass. The runs have been heavy. Shipments of feeder cattle to country points during July and August showed an increase of 9% over the same months a year ago and for the 8 Corn Belt States a 1% increase. Records to date indicate heavier September shipments of cattle and sheep to country points than in September last year. Shipments of sheep to country points during July and August were down 36% compared to the same period a year ago. (Issued by the Weather Bureau and the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture.)

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 27, 1948.

Eastern Division	Eastern Div., Cont'd.	Central Division	Western Division
Albion 0	Hastings .09	Broken Bow .17	Alliance .19
Auburn --	Lincoln .60	Burwell .50	Chadron .26
Beatrice .33	Norfolk 3.30	Cambridge 0	Culbertson .08
Columbus .74	Oakdale .72	Holdrege .02	Hayes Center .43
Fairbury .16	Omaha .14	North Loup .26	Kimball 0
Fairmont .95	Red Cloud .26	North Platte .11	Scottsbluff .49
Falls City .48	St. Paul .18	O'Neill 1.00	Sidney .05
Francis 1.36	Tekamah .10	Reverna .08	
Grand Island .12	Wakefield .15	Valentine .97	
Hartington .47	York .04		
Average this week	0.54	0.35	0.21
Total since April 1	19.10	15.36	13.05
Normal since April 1	20.37	17.05	13.58

PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 1948



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

		Sept. 21st		22nd		23rd		24th		25th		26th		27th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	76	38	81	40	86	54	80	56	76	56	77	57	80	56
	Scottsbluff	75	43	78	47	85	49	77	53	77	57	77	51	81	51
	Sidney	79	44	82	37	83	53	74	56	73	56	78	52	79	48
N-C	Burwell	78	--	78	48	78	54	67	55	73	52	73	41	73	42
	Valentino	78	53	82	50	79	55	67	58	70	56	70	52	73	49
NE	Norfolk	72	57	75	50	69	54	67	52	63	52	69	44	71	44
	Sioux City	79	61	77	56	72	52	73	56	73	49	76	44	77	43
Con.	Grand Island	79	56	81	52	76	57	74	55	71	55	74	45	74	44
E-C	Lincoln	80	62	82	57	74	57	70	54	66	51	72	46	72	45
	Omaha	79	67	80	58	76	54	72	57	71	51	74	45	75	44
SW	Hayes Center	84	60	90	55	85	57	63	61	81	54	75	45	74	40
	North Platte	82	48	86	51	83	58	63	59	78	55	74	51	72	41

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