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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The week was dry, with cool weather at the beginning to hot at the close. Temperatures averaged near normal for the week as a whole. Humidity was low, and there was full sunshine. There was little wind until the last two days, which were rather windy.

CROPS Irrigated corn is promising and should make more than half of the total crop this year since there has been some further deterioration of dry-land corn. Rains that fell August 18 in Northeastern Nebraska brought little or no improvement as the crop had been damaged too badly. A number of the counties in the Western third of the state are still reporting a fairly good condition but the acreage in that area is small.

The grain sorghum crop shows further damage. Areas that received fairly good local rain August 18 have headed but the crop is spotted. Sorghum areas that failed to get the rain have not headed and have fired badly. The Panhandle and some southwestern counties have the best prospects.

A little winter wheat has been seeded in Western Nebraska. Seed beds in central and Eastern Nebraska are generally short of moisture for fall seeding which usually begins about the last week in September.

Alfalfa and wild hay show slight improvement in the local areas that received rain after the middle of August. Most of the wild hay has been harvested. The crop is short except in parts of Western Nebraska and the Western portion of the Sandhills.

The condition of pasture is slightly lower. Some of the pasture responded to the rain and cooler weather after August 18 but hot weather later without rain checked the growth. Some permanent injury to stands from lack of growth and drouth during the past two years is expected.

The condition of beans and potatoes is generally promising in the North Platte Valley. Some harvesting of beans has been done. Sugar beets are still promising but final out-turn will depend somewhat on the rain and water supply until harvest.

The outlook for feed for cattle is very poor. At present about half of the counties are reporting a shortage of grain feed and nearly two-thirds of the counties report a shortage of hay and forage. Less than a fifth of the counties report ample pasture and those reporting are mostly in Northwestern Nebraska. Only 10% of the counties report ample surface and subsoil moisture at present.

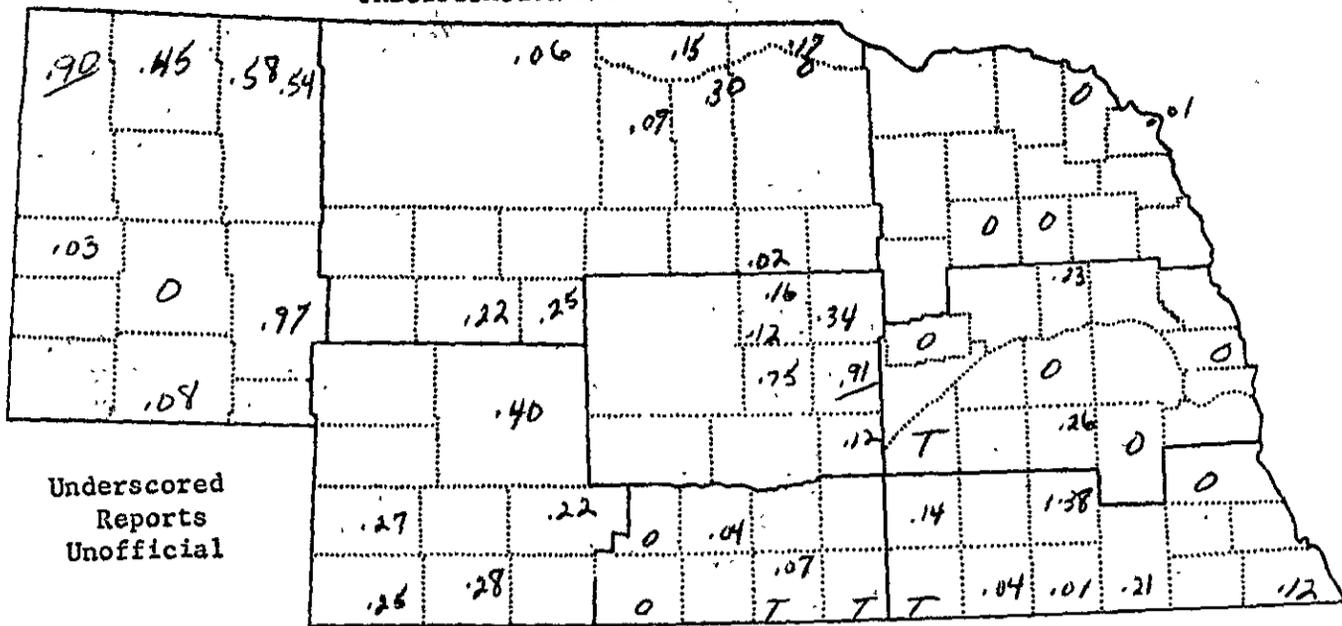
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 27, 1956

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .12	Burwell 0	Chadron 0
Lincoln 0	North Platte .19	Imperial .08
Norfolk 0	Valentine 0	Scottsbluff 0
Omaha 0		Sidney 0
Sioux City 0		

Precipitation, April - August 24, 1956

	<u>Eastern Div.</u>	<u>Central Div.</u>	<u>Western Div.</u>
Total Past Week	0.14	0.22	0.20
Total since April 1	13.43	11.46	11.73
Long-Time Average since April 1	17.32	14.93	11.99

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 24, 1956



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a. m. and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		August 21st		22nd		23rd		24th		25th		26th		27th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	71	50	90	52	92	52	91	65	91	60	94	53	92	56
	Scottsbluff	68	46	88	52	90	53	92	55	89	55	91	53	90	52
	Sidney	62	44	89	56	90	50	94	52	87	53	92	55	92	48
NC	Burwell	72	44	86	50	93	53	94	53	86	55	93	63	96	61
	Valentine	72	48	85	51	90	53	89	53	85	60	94	58	93	59
NE	Norfolk	73	51	85	53	96	60	90	50	80	58	94	70	98	72
	Sioux City	76	48	82	54	99	61	88	53	83	54	89	70	100	68
CEN	Grand Island	70	51	83	56	94	58	94	60	84	60	95	71	98	71
EC	Lincoln	74	53	82	61	94	66	96	61	82	62	95	74	99	75
	Omaha	74	49	78	57	94	62	89	56	78	57	88	70	98	73
SW	Imperial	60	46	87	55	90	53	92	59	86	53	93	56	94	56
	North Platte	65	50	87	47	90	51	94	58	82	55	93	62	95	54

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