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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged above normal, with rapid changes near the end of the period. Freezing temperatures occurred in the central portion of the State on Sunday morning. The only rainfall of consequence occurred as showers, in the northern tier of counties east of Cherry County on the 29th. Two days were windy, sunshine was abundant and humidity was low.

CROPS Yields of irrigated corn are reported slightly higher than a year ago, but dry land corn yields are about the same. A few counties in the northwestern, northeastern, and southwestern portions of the state are reporting somewhat higher yields than in other areas. Dry land corn is very spotted. About 13% of the crop was harvested by the close of last week, most of it being in east central and south-eastern Nebraska. Corn is too dry for the best operation of the mechanical pickers.

Irrigated grain sorghum is yielding well, and local areas which received rain have some fair yields of dry land sorghum. Harvest has started in northwestern Nebraska, but some sorghum in southwestern Nebraska is still immature. Part of the crop was damaged so badly that it did not head. *1400 - 10/9/56*

The harvest of dry edible beans is about completed in western Nebraska. The harvesting of potatoes in western Nebraska is making good progress. Some sugar beets are being dug this week, and digging should be in full swing next week.

Winter wheat showed further damage from dry weather last week. Wheat in the counties that received substantial rain September 4 and 5 is still showing up well. Summer fallow wheat is still doing well but needs surface moisture. Other wheat is very spotted, and some of it did not sprout. The condition of rye is also somewhat lower than a week ago.

Reports on pasture are somewhat lower than a week ago. Generally, there is very little pasture feed except in the sandhills. Some of the fourth crop of alfalfa is being harvested.

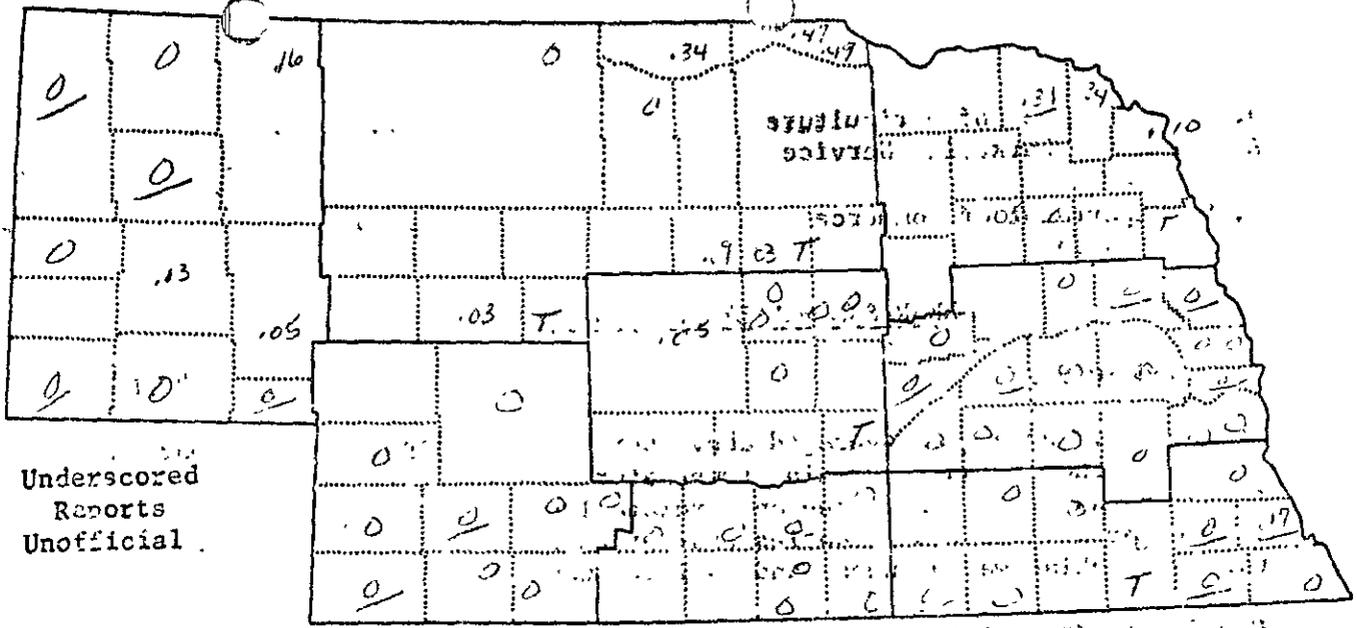
About two-thirds of the counties are reporting a short supply of feed grain and also a short supply of hay and forage. The balance of the counties are reporting an ample supply at present.

Surface moisture is short in every county of the state. Only three counties in the state report ample subsoil moisture. There has been no appreciable rain in the state since September 5. At that time the precipitation was limited largely to southeastern counties south of the Platte and south central counties. The previous general rain in the state was August 17 with the larger amounts falling in the eastern half of the state and southwestern Nebraska. Showers covered most of the state August 7, 8, 9, and 10. The rains during August to September 5 were local which accounts for the spotted condition of crops.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 8, 1956

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

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 5, 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)

		October 2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	78	37	85	50	76	36	87	54	82	36	72	36	88	37
	Scottsbluff	78	40	84	46	73	42	85	46	82	38	71	48	89	47
	Sidney	77	37	82	45	77	37	80	47	83	38	72	38	89	48
NC	Burwell	76	38	84	50	82	37	78	45	92	49	66	28	86	49
	Valentine	76	38	87	56	--	--	80	59	88	42	65	35	92	47
NE	Norfolk	73	40	81	54	87	41	73	52	88	50	67	35	80	52
	Sioux City	76	45	80	50	89	47	74	45	86	53	67	35	77	56
CEN	Grand Island	82	42	82	52	88	49	76	54	87	55	67	35	81	48
EC	Lincoln	83	49	81	55	87	52	76	51	88	58	66	40	76	55
	Omaha	86	51	73	55	87	49	72	47	84	57	65	37	74	52
SW	Imperial	82	38	85	47	85	36	80	48	90	44	70	38	90	47
	North Platte	80	37	84	48	81	35	78	57	91	48	69	31	87	49

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