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WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal, with warm weather during the first three days of the week, cool during the middle, and temperatures rising to near normal over the week end. Dry and sunny weather prevailed through Wednesday, but frequent moderate to locally heavy showers and thunderstorms occurred from Thursday through the week end. Tuesday and Wednesday were windy, but the soil was too wet for any blowing of consequence.

CROPS General spring rains during the past week brought further improvement to growing crops and the soil moisture supply but continued to hamper corn planting and further slowed seed bed preparation for late row crops over most of the state. Winter wheat growth again made substantial gains. However, lodging has been reported in a few areas and will continue to become a problem if cool, wet weather persists. The condition of oats and barley continues to improve over nearly all sections of the state. However, lack of moisture in northeastern Nebraska, where rainfall has been below normal, restricted development of these crops. Week end rains have brought relief in much of the area. Between 15 and 20 percent of the corn was planted last week. Planting activity was fairly general in parts of the northeast where soils were driest. In many southern counties, ordinarily well under way on corn planting by this time of the year, activity was at a complete standstill because of wet soils.

Alfalfa and wild hay continue to make marked improvement. A good first cutting is virtually assured. Alfalfa dehydrating has begun in the central part of the state and will be under a full head of steam by next week. Pastures are still slow in growth but are improving with each rain. Sugar beet thinning operations are expected to start within the next few weeks if not delayed further by wet weather. Demand for farm labor is increasing seasonally.

A considerable number of new irrigation wells have been reported. Well diggers are busy in all areas of Nebraska.

LIVESTOCK Calving is virtually complete. Feed supplies have been short this winter causing herds to be moved to pasture earlier than usual. Spring farrowing and lambing have progressed well with few losses reported. Sheep shearing is under way in most areas and will be completed soon. Cattle marketings for the past week are somewhat below the same period last year, while hog marketings are substantially under a year ago.

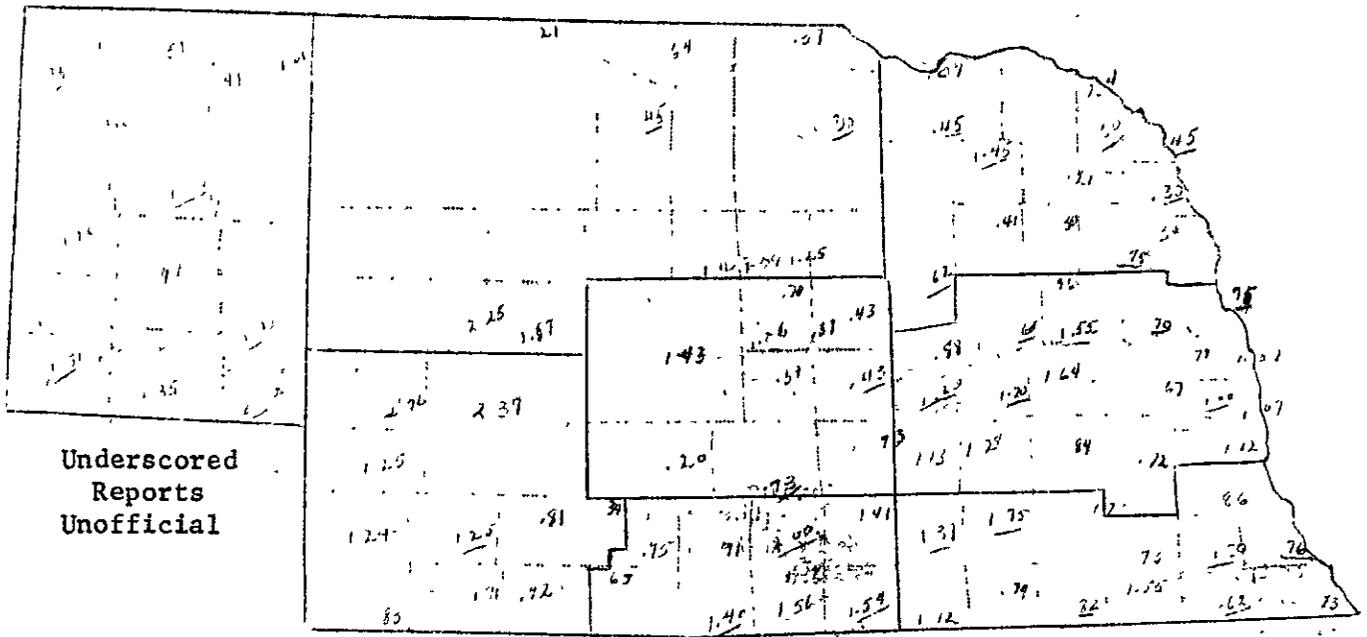
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 1957

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Grand Island	1.36	Burwell	1.54	Chadron	.60
Lincoln	1.67	North Platte	3.14	Imperial	2.23
Norfolk	1.68	Valentine	.48	Scottsbluff	.98
Omaha	1.46			Sidney	1.32
Sioux City	1.28				

Precipitation, April 1 - May 10, 1957

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total Past Week	.93	1.10	.30	.75	1.01	1.43	1.10	.94
Total Since April 1	2.93	3.62	1.78	4.57	3.66	5.00	4.85	4.67
Long-time Avg. Since April 1	2.78	2.99	3.27	2.98	3.51	2.94	3.18	3.81

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 10, 1957



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)

		May													
		7		8		9		10		11		12		13	
		Max	Min												
NW	Chadron	72	51	87	52	69	42	47	40	62	47	58	50	61	48
	Scottsbluff	74	45	84	49	69	42	46	39	55	45	57	48	60	44
	Sidney	72	45	81	44	76	43	48	35	51	43	51	45	61	45
NC	Burwell	--	--	--	--	83	42	51	40	62	38	66	49	64	47
	Valentine	75	52	91	52	74	39	46	36	63	42	70	51	59	51
NE	Norfolk	73	54	84	59	83	48	59	45	63	40	62	51	71	55
	Sioux City	77	52	86	61	85	49	60	48	64	41	63	54	71	56
Cen	Grand Island	69	54	80	56	79	51	63	44	59	42	58	50	71	55
EC	Lincoln	73	54	79	57	79	60	65	46	55	51	56	52	77	58
	Omaha	74	54	81	58	81	56	63	46	53	48	56	52	75	56
SW	Imperial	74	45	84	51	78	45	54	36	57	43	53	45	67	48
	North Platte	69	47	83	55	78	44	50	38	60	40	58	48	64	50

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