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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

Release 5/19/59

Week Ending 5/18/59

WEATHER Temperatures averaged 6° to 8° below normal for this time of year, with seasonable temperatures on the first day and again at the close of the week, but cold weather at other times. Thursday and Friday were very cold, with frost over most of the southern portion of the State, and freezing temperatures in the north. Moderate rains fell over the east central portion of the State early in the week, and locally in the southwest at the end, but elsewhere there was little or no rain. There was much cloudiness, and several days were rather windy.

CROPS Corn planting continued to lag as many farmers stood by waiting for fields to dry or soils to become warmer. Only slightly more than 15 percent of the corn crop was planted by last Saturday. Normally around 30 to 35 percent of the corn crop is in the ground by mid-May. Planting is running from 5 days to a week late. Progress has been fairly good in the western part of the State, but is much delayed in some east central and southeastern counties. Fields were just about ready for the corn planters to start on a broad scale this week but rains again were causing delays in many places.

Cold weather continued to hold back crops and pastures although some progress was registered. Winter grain crops seemed to develop the best, but they need sunshine and warm weather, also. Frost hit many sections of the State last week. Tender garden crops suffered and alfalfa was nipped rather generally, but damage was mostly light. Grain crops showed little, if any, effects.

Winter wheat is gaining height rapidly and getting a rank growth. Some streak-mosaic has been reported from the western counties. The crop has adequate soil moisture except for a few scattered areas and prospects continue bright. Spring oats and barley have a good stand, but growth has been slow and color indicates need for sunshine and warmth.

Pastures and hay meadows picked up some and livestock have been moving to new green feed in increasing numbers. Alfalfa growth has been fair to good, but was set back a little by last week's freeze.

LIVESTOCK Some pick up in the supply of green feed resulted in moving more milk cows and cattle to spring pastures. New pasture feed has been slow starting this season requiring more than the usual amount of hay and supplements to be fed to livestock this spring. Livestock continue to make good progress. The new calf crop is off to a good start. Pigs and lambs have been gaining well, also. Fed cattle marketings are well above those of last year.

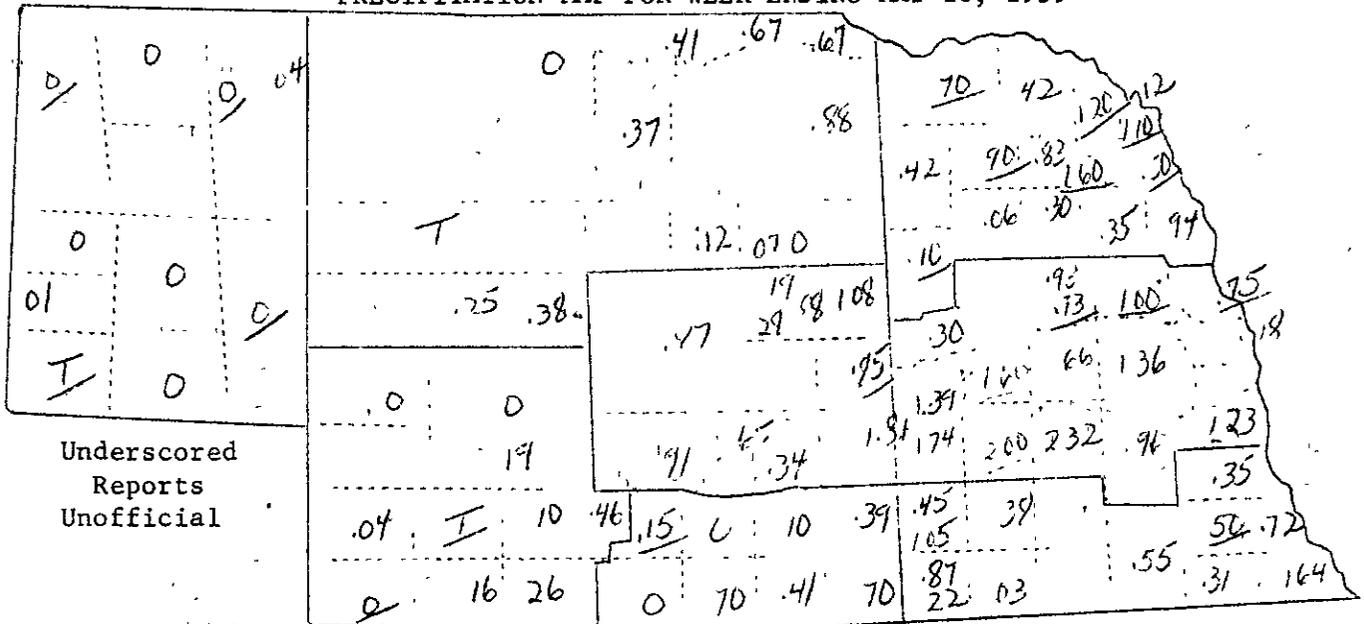
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 18, 1959

	<u>East</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>West</u>
Grand Island	.84	Burwell .16	Chadron 0
Lincoln	.98	North Platte .62	Imperial .12
Norfolk	.06	Valentine 0	Scottsbluff 0
Omaha	.18		Sidney 0
Sioux City	.12		

Precipitation, April 1-May 15, 1959

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.01	.26	.43	.83	.97	.17	.21	.56
Total since April 1	3.63	3.36	6.56	4.29	7.53	2.68	5.17	6.37
Long-time Avg. since April 1	3.23	3.49	3.80	3.52	4.06	3.44	3.77	4.46

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 18, 1959



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

		May													
		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th	
		Max	Min												
NW	Chadron	65	34	73	37	63	29	62	35	65	47	---	44	80	57
	Scottsbluff	68	41	76	41	67	34	66	44	56	48	73	44	77	45
	Sidney	69	42	75	38	64	34	60	43	51	45	70	45	77	49
NC	Burwell	71	52	69	45	63	33	59	27	66	49	67	50	76	55
	Valentine	68	46	74	43	62	32	58	26	69	46	67	51	80	54
NE	Norfolk	70	51	67	48	58	37	55	30	63	42	65	49	71	54
	Sioux City	72	52	72	50	60	38	57	33	64	41	69	50	72	53
Cen	Grand Island	76	50	61	45	61	36	57	32	63	52	61	50	71	57
EC	Lincoln	77	54	60	49	55	40	59	37	62	48	64	53	67	57
	Omaha	75	51	60	48	55	37	57	32	58	44	64	49	67	53
SW	Imperial	77	47	72	40	66	35	64	40	53	47	66	49	78	---
	North Platte	72	51	72	42	65	33	62	31	60	49	60	51	73	55

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