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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 7/18/60

WEATHER Temperatures ranged from near normal in the north to about 4 degrees below normal in the south. Monday was hot over the eastern two-thirds of the State but Tuesday showed marked cooling in that area. A slow warming trend prevailed over the State during the remainder of the week. Showers were general over the eastern half of the State on the evenings of the 11th and the 17th. Other rainfall was widely scattered.

CROPS Winter wheat harvest made good progress during the week, although rain caused some delays. About 40 percent of the wheat acreage was combined last week, bringing the total harvested by last Saturday to near the half-way mark. Some southern counties are in the final stages, but Panhandle counties are just getting started. Yields in the west are outstanding, but some thin, late wheat in the southeast had light yields and low test weight.

Oats harvest started. About 40 percent of the crop is ripe and nearly 20 percent has been harvested. The crop is late maturing but yields are well above average. Barley harvest is well advanced with most of the high-yielding winter crop in the bin.

Corn and milo showed further improvement. Early corn is starting to tassel. Some late fields are off-color, but showed improvement with warmer weather. Much of the acreage is "laid by." Corn borer and rootworm threaten the corn crop in numerous counties. Irrigation water is short in the west. Pumps were starting in quite a few areas following the high temperatures early in the week. In general, most areas, outside of the northwest, report ample moisture at the present time.

Haying was becoming general over much of the State. The second cutting of alfalfa is 60 percent finished. Dehydrators were starting on the third crop. Wild hay harvest is making headway although late starting.

Sugar beets are making good progress. Prospects for dry beans and safflower are bright in the west. Soybeans in the east have made good to excellent growth.

Pastures and ranges have furnished an abundance of feed, but grass is getting dry in some western sections.

LIVESTOCK Hot weather was somewhat unfavorable for livestock and flies were troublesome. Marketing of fed cattle has been large as farm feed lots reduce their inventories. Large commercial cattle feeders have higher inventories than a year ago.

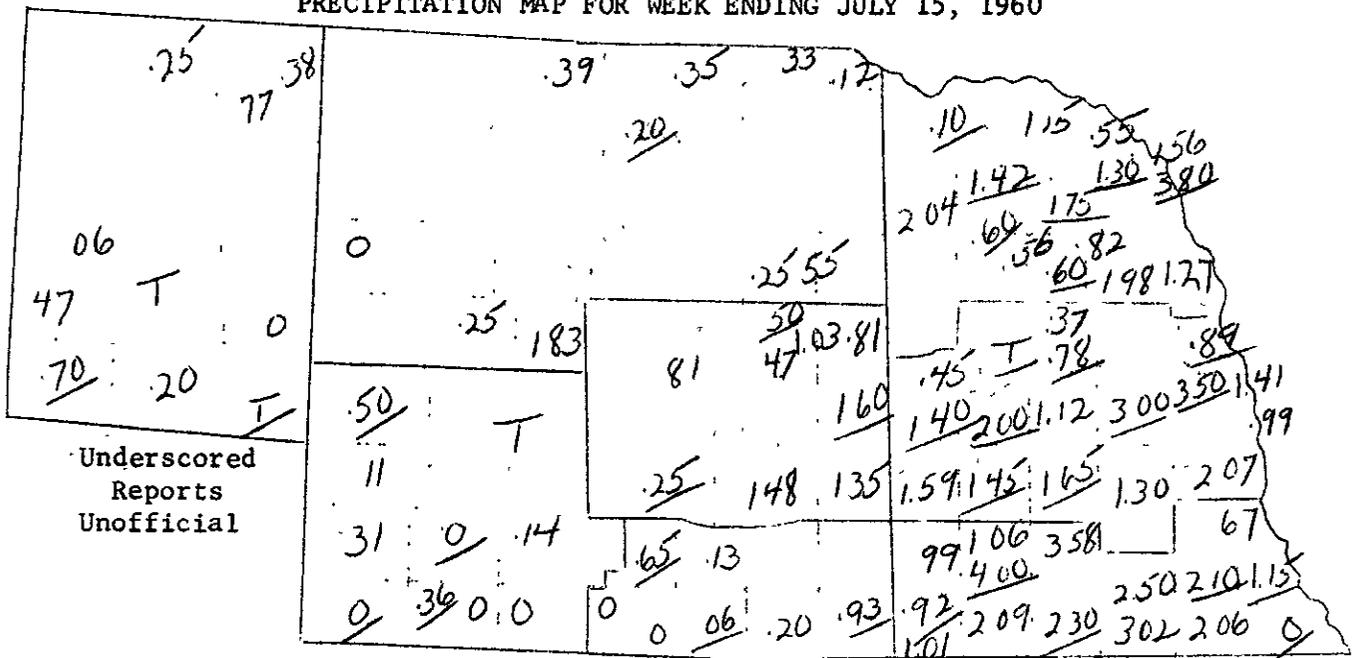
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 18, 1960

	<u>East</u>	<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	2.02	Burwell	---	Chadron	.25
Lincoln	2.74	North Platte	T	Imperial	.31
Norfolk	1.61	Valentine	.39	Scottsbluff	.23
Omaha	2.51			Sidney	.29
Sioux City	2.56				

Precipitation, April 1 - July 15, 1960

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.27	.48	1.24	.75	1.16	.09	.34	1.89
Total since April 1	7.15	11.93	14.55	13.72	14.61	8.08	15.71	14.09
Long-time Avg. since April 1	8.67	10.03	11.56	10.90	11.96	9.31	11.02	13.00

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 15, 1960



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)

		July													
		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th	
		Max	Min												
NW	Chadron	89	59	84	53	87	61	93	59	95	57	99	57	91	53
	Scottsbluff	88	62	86	55	85	60	90	56	94	55	96	56	89	55
	Sidney	88	63	85	53	82	55	86	54	90	55	95	55	87	56
NC	Burwell	97	68	84	58	80	56	84	59	86	59	89	60	91	--
	Valentine	95	65	80	57	82	60	89	67	95	60	92	59	89	56
NE	Norfolk	101	66	83	63	83	55	82	61	86	64	87	63	89	61
	Sioux City	99	69	87	64	83	58	82	60	84	61	82	65	90	62
CEN	Grand Island	100	66	85	63	82	60	83	60	86	64	91	63	87	57
EC	Lincoln	103	68	85	67	82	59	81	62	84	63	90	66	92	65
	Omaha	94	68	81	67	81	58	78	60	80	61	83	64	88	62
SW	Imperial	96	65	86	57	84	52	86	63	91	55	92	59	87	58
	North Platte	96	65	84	58	83	57	85	61	90	57	93	--	88	54

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