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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Warm weather prevailed throughout the week in the Panhandle. Eastern sections were warm through the mid-portion of the week, but cool early and at the close of the 7-day period. Temperature averages ranged from slightly above normal northwest to slightly below normal southeast. Precipitation was recorded through most of the State on Thursday and early Friday. Less than 1/10th inch was common in the north. Southern communities reported 1/4 to 3/4th inch with some amounts up to 1 1/2 inches and Brownville recorded 2 1/2 inches. There were moderate amounts of cloudiness, wind, and humidity.

CROPS Seasonal temperatures and scattered precipitation throughout various localities of the State maintained condition of most crops. Areas that have not been favored by rain recently are in serious need of precipitation to improve prospects for crop production. Progress of corn toward maturity is well ahead of normal, with about 35 percent in the dent stage and 48 percent in the dough, with the remaining in the either silking or milk stage. Some early fields are approaching maturity. Milo is turning color, with some fields showing dusty, red appearance that indicates nearness to maturity.

Harvest of dry beans is underway in the Panhandle with early returns showing good yields and a high quality. Sugar beets are sizing well and promise good yields. Some late potatoes are being harvested, but major digging will not start until next month. Soybeans are making good progress, although dry, hot weather caused some blasting of blooms and limited the setting of pods and the number of beans in the pods.

Seeding of winter wheat and rye has started on a limited scale in the southern Panhandle and southwestern counties, particularly where soil moisture is available for seed germination. Field operations in preparing seedbeds progressed rapidly throughout most of the State. Seeding of legumes made good progress, with about 33 percent of the intended acreage in the ground at the close of the week. Most of the seeding was confined to areas that had received recent rains.

Harvest of the third cutting of alfalfa is completed in many counties and cutting of the fourth crop has started in irrigated areas. Wild hay harvest is practically completed. Pasture and range feed is short in some areas, but is making some recovery in areas favored with rain.

LIVESTOCK Sales of stocker and feeder cattle are picking up. Movement to date has been mostly 2-year olds, but lighter cattle are now being contracted or moved to sales areas. Gains of feedlot cattle picked up as cooler weather prevailed.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 26, 1963

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.50	Burwell	.10	Chadron	.04
Lincoln	.15	North Platte	.06	Imperial	.37
Norfolk	.05	Valentine	.19	Scottsbluff	.03
Omaha	T			Sidney	.37
Sioux City	.01				

Precipitation, April 1 - August 24, 1963

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.21	.28	.10	.70	.52	1.56	1.46	1.51
Total since April 1	10.67	13.58	16.64	13.04	16.97	11.44	14.18	19.64
Normal since April 1	10.96	13.16	15.44	14.22	16.50	12.32	14.47	17.49

