

NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 5/9/66

WEATHER It was a warm, dry week with several windy days. Temperatures averaged from five to nine degrees above normal.

Temperatures reached the 80's and 90's Wednesday through Saturday. Cold air moved into the State Saturday night and held the temperatures down to the 40's in the northeast and in the 60's in the southeast on Sunday. By Monday morning frost or freezing temperatures covered most of the State. Light rain accompanying the cold air brought traces of moisture to the west and south and up to a third of an inch elsewhere.

CROPS Spring field work and planting of crops made considerable progress last week as an average of more than 6.5 days were favorable for field work across the State. About 25 percent of the corn acreage has now been planted. This compares to 15 percent planted by this date last year and to a normal of about 6 percent. Progress of corn planting ranged from 40 percent completed in the East Central District to a low of 7 percent in the Northeast. Planting of grain sorghum is under way with nearly 5 percent of the crop now in the ground. A limited amount of soybeans has also been planted. A lack of precipitation along with warm, windy weather has left the surface soil very dry in many areas of the State. Rainfall would be highly beneficial to crops now being planted and put remaining fields in good shape for planting.

Wheat and other small grain crops showed much growth last week where moisture supplies were adequate. However, the effect of dry weather is becoming apparent in some areas, and condition of small grain crops showed some decline from the previous week. While condition of the wheat crop remains good to excellent in most instances, timely rainfall is needed for normal development. Alfalfa, wild hay and pasture and range grasses developed rapidly under warmer temperatures last week but they have not overcome the slow progress during earlier cold weather. Range and pasture grasses are now beginning to supply some grazing for livestock, but in many cases new grass is short, offering only limited feed.

Clear weather across the State during the week favored all kinds of seasonal farm activity. Much effort was devoted to planting but fertilizing and weed control work, especially on musk thistle, commanded widespread attention.

LIVESTOCK Branding operations are rapidly getting under way in the range area as summer ranges and pastures are becoming available for grazing. Cattle are being moved onto grass pastures in other parts of the State also. Feed lots are in good shape and the livestock on feed are generally making good gains.

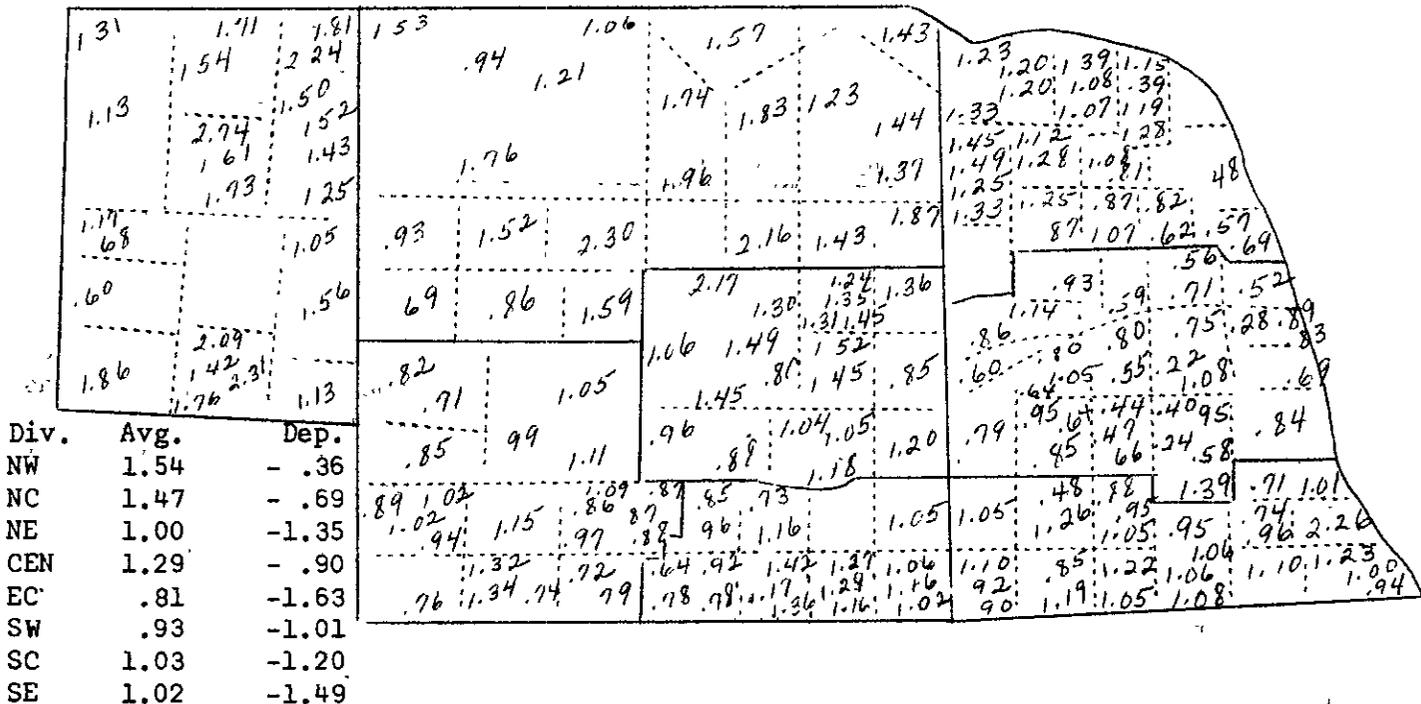
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 8, 1966

East		Central		West	
Grand Island	.01	Burwell	.02	Chadron	T
Lincoln	.03	North Platte	T	Imperial	0
Norfolk	.25	Valentine	.36	Scottsbluff	T
Omaha	.37			Sidney	T
Sioux City	.03				

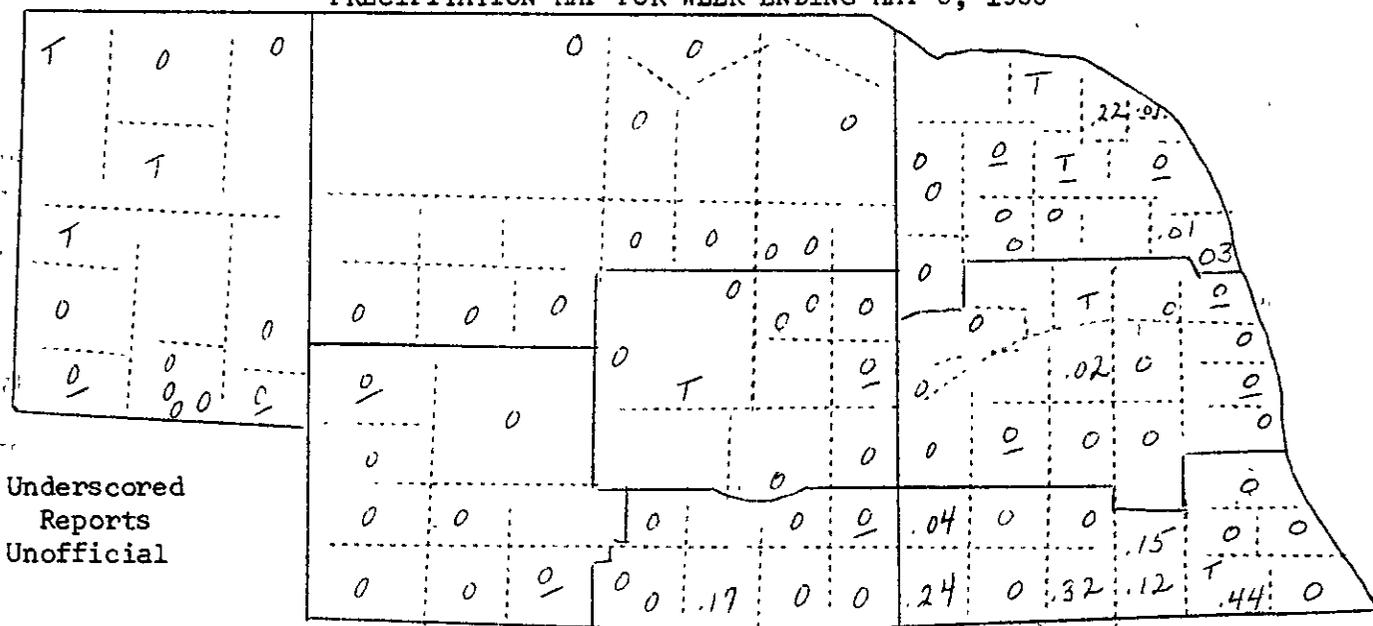
Precipitation, April 1 - May 6, 1966

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	T	0	.02	T	T	0	.03	.10
Total since April 1	1.54	1.47	1.02	1.29	.81	.93	1.06	1.12
Normal since April 1	2.37	2.69	2.91	2.78	3.03	2.48	2.81	3.23

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF APRIL 1966



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 6, 1966



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		May 2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	77	36	74	50	90	41	87	50	90	49	89	49	43	37
	Scottsbluff	79	39	73	40	88	45	90	47	91	53	90	50	60	39
	Sidney	78	33	70	35	85	40	88	41	86	48	88	50	63	35
NC	Burwell	73	41	66	39	91	52	89	54	85	57	96	48	52	29
	Valentine	70	40	68	33	93	45	85	54	86	--	86	45	46	27
NE	Norfolk	70	37	64	43	90	62	88	53	80	55	97	52	56	30
	Sioux City	70	39	65	43	90	61	89	54	81	54	90	52	59	33
CEN	Grand Island	78	45	71	46	89	58	94	52	91	62	95	41	66	30
	Lincoln	86	43	68	48	86	60	91	56	84	66	95	55	63	34
SW	Omaha	74	42	65	45	87	60	94	60	83	55	97	54	61	32
	Imperial	81	39	78	37	88	41	91	41	89	52	94	53	68	37
	North Platte	82	38	73	36	90	42	91	45	90	54	95	--	67	36

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