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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER There was considerable cloudiness and frequent light showers in the south and east with temperatures averaging from three to six degrees below normal. Fewer showers fell in the north-central and Panhandle areas and temperatures there were only one to two degrees below normal. The week ended on a warm note with temperatures climbing into the 80s and 90s on Sunday afternoon.

In general, there was very little runoff and nearly all of the moisture that fell entered the ground. However, total amounts were very small in the Panhandle and the North Central divisions and averaged below the weekly normals elsewhere. The southern two tiers of counties in the western half of the State received appreciable amounts on Thursday night and several places in Hall County had from one to two inches Friday night. Earlier in the week a few showers left amounts in excess of an inch locally in the northeast.

CROPS Crops responded sharply to the improved moisture conditions. Wheat is practically all headed over the entire State and about 52 percent of the crop has turned color with some approaching maturity in the southeast part of the State. Moisture and temperature conditions have been ideal for the filling of kernels and the outlook for the crop has shown considerable improvement since the rains. Harvest of the crop is expected to be about the normal dates--starting the last week in June in the southeast and advancing towards the west at later dates.

Practically all of the oats and barley have headed and are moving rapidly towards maturity. The rye crop looks promising except in areas of the southwest where freeze damage caused some loss of acreage.

Corn and sorghum are starting to respond to the improved moisture conditions and higher temperatures. There are some irregular stands with fields showing late emergence of plants where the grain had been in dry soil. Replanting has occurred in local areas. Soybeans continue to be planted. Row crops are being cultivated and some fertilizers are being applied in most areas.

Planting of dry beans is well under way in the Upper Platte Valley. Potatoes are making a good growth with sugar beets growing rapidly and practically all of the acreage has been thinned. The first cutting of alfalfa is about completed with light yields being reported. The second crop is off to a good start following the recent precipitation. Range and pasture feeds are still below the normal supply for this time of year but with only limited supplemental feeding of forage necessary in some areas. Over five days of the week were favorable for field work.

LIVESTOCK Livestock continue in good condition with a favorable feed supply available in practically all areas of the State. Some ranchers are now beginning to cull cow herds. Feed lot cattle have made excellent gains under favorable weather conditions. Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle into the State during May totaled 114,000 head, 42 percent over May 1965. Movement of sheep and lambs totaled 6,600 head, 4 percent under last year.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 19, 1966

East		Central		West	
Grand Island	.01	Burwell	.04	Chadron	.32
Lincoln	.09	North Platte	.14	Imperial	.35
Norfolk	.20	Valentine	.07	Scottsbluff	.11
Omaha	.45			Sidney	.37
Sioux City	.75				

Precipitation, April 1 - June 17, 1966

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.19	.10	.56	.31	.37	.50	.67	.55
Total since April 1	4.08	5.37	6.80	5.61	6.03	4.00	4.05	4.88
Normal since April 1	6.59	7.54	8.44	8.19	8.69	7.06	8.17	9.49

