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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Cool air and frequent showers prevailed in the northern Panhandle, but elsewhere the weather was hot in Nebraska last week. Afternoon readings were in the 80's and 90's while at night temperatures were mostly in the 60's and 70's. Weekly averages ranged from a little above normal in the Panhandle to 8-11 degrees above normal in the east.

Persistent showers in the northern Panhandle resulted in weekly totals of an inch and a half to two and a half inches of moisture. The showers extended eastward along the northern border as far as Valentine where 1.44 inches was recorded. Elsewhere in the State little moisture fell until the week end when substantial showers fell southeast of the line from Furnas County to Knox County. Amounts Sunday night averaged better than a half inch in this area and many stations received more than an inch.

CROPS Wheat kernel filling was aided by rains in many areas. Wheat was headed except for parts of the Panhandle with about 85 percent of the total crop headed. There was some lodging in low areas where plant growth was excessive. Early fields in the south-east were turning color. Some locally damaging hail storms occurred over scattered areas of the State.

Most row crops have been planted with some replanting necessary. Row crop condition improved in most areas following the rains and warm temperatures. Tillage operations and spraying for weed control were accomplished as weather permitted.

Sugar beets are making very good progress with thinning more than half complete. Potato planting is well under way but has been slowed by intermittent rains. Dry bean planting made good progress early in the week, but field operations were slowed or stopped by rain. About 50 percent of the crop has been planted.

The alfalfa crop deteriorated some in the east prior to the week end rains. About 35 percent of the first cutting is complete with most harvesting progress being made in the eastern areas. Condition of wild hay remained about the same, but rains and warm weather should be of some benefit. Pasture and range feed condition remains below average in the central and northeast.

LIVESTOCK High temperatures caused some discomfort to livestock, especially those on grain feed. There have been some cattle losses reported from grass tetany.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 9, 1968

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.76	Burwell	.45	Chadron	2.70
Lincoln	2.20	North Platte	.02	Imperial	.28
Norfolk	.35	Valentine	1.44	Scottsbluff	1.40
Omaha	.79			Sidney	.51
Sioux City	.53				

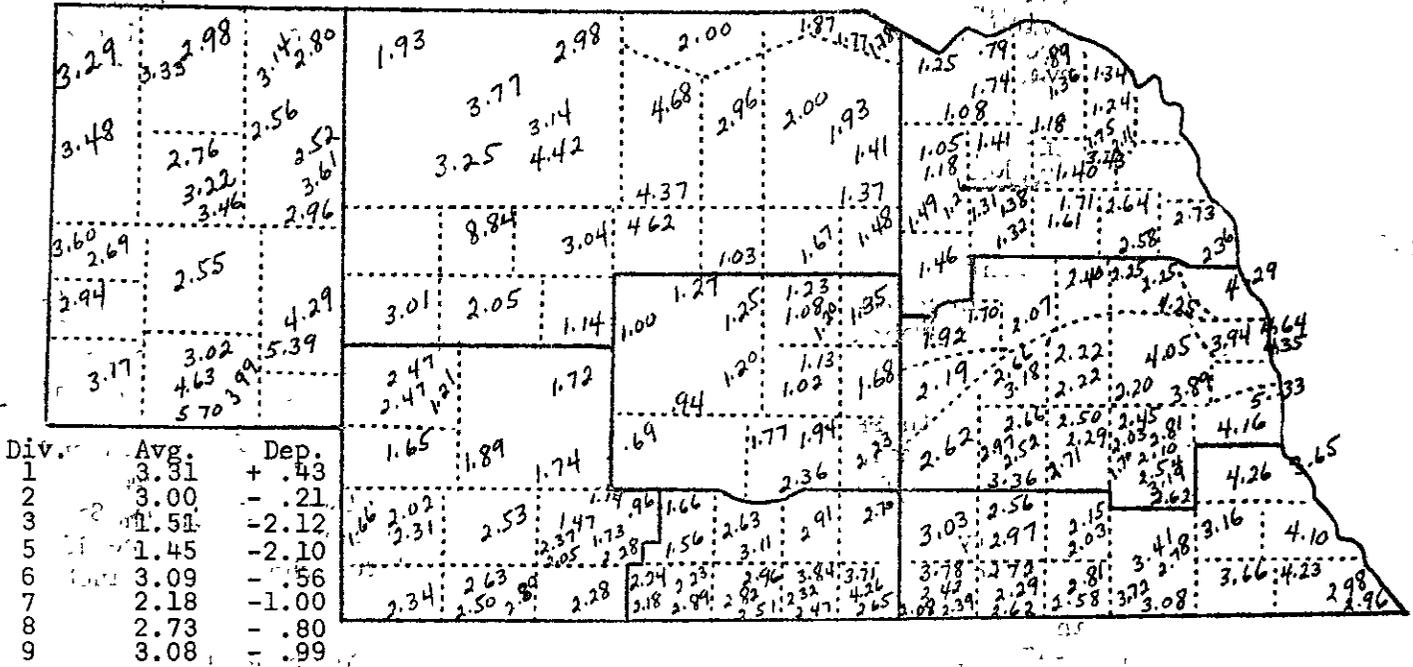
Precipitation, April 1 - June 7, 1968

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.83	.22	.05	T	.07	.05	.01	.03
Total since April 1	6.15	6.67	5.10	4.41	6.31	3.88	5.20	6.66
Normal since April 1	5.55	6.25	6.99	6.70	7.14	5.96	6.77	7.68

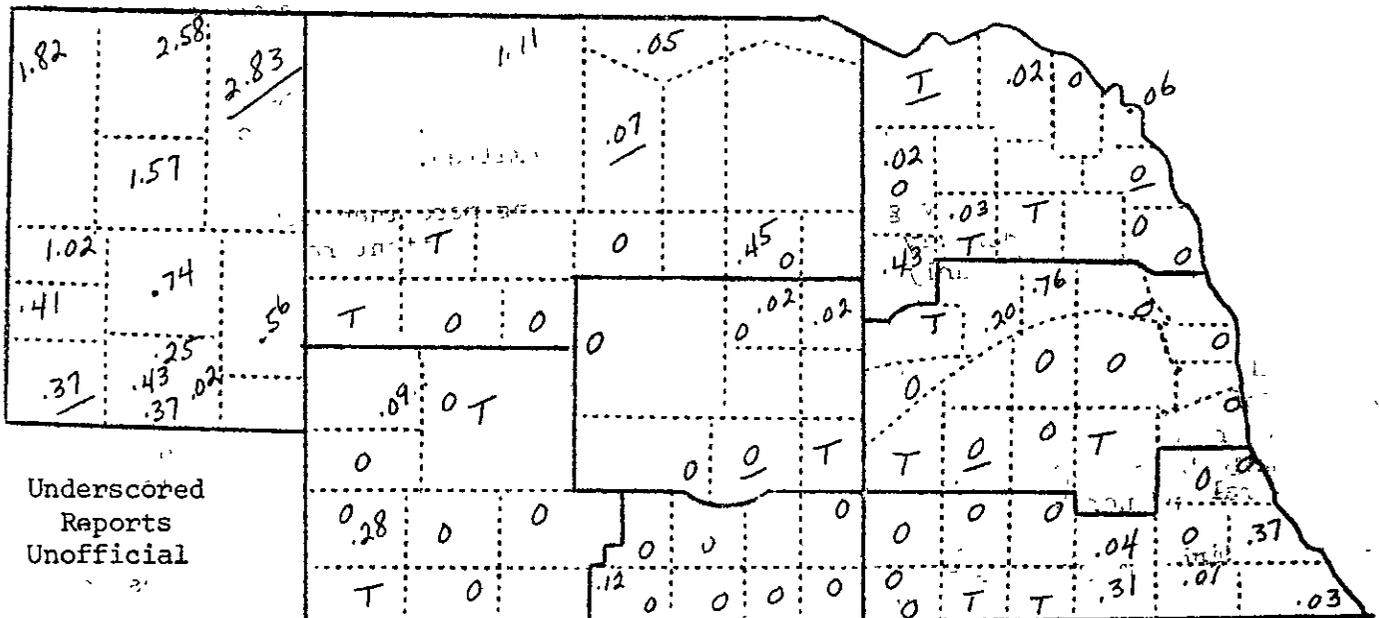
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF MAY 1968



PRECIPITATION MAY FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 7, 1968



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)

		June 3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th		9th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	92	55	76	52	75	58	62	55	64	50	70	50	78	53
	Scottsbluff	91	58	85	53	80	59	73	57	72	56	73	48	76	55
	Sidney	91	57	86	56	87	56	81	57	74	50	78	48	75	49
NC	Burwell	99	64	91	62	90	62	81	72	88	61	92	--	87	58
	Valentine	96	59	80	63	90	63	78	60	84	57	73	61	80	56
NE	Norfolk	96	65	92	69	90	65	89	72	83	69	95	68	94	61
	Sioux City	95	67	93	68	92	67	88	72	90	70	92	70	92	65
CEN	Grand Island	98	66	90	64	90	63	87	71	90	67	92	68	91	60
EC	Lincoln	95	68	91	71	91	67	88	73	88	70	93	66	88	63
	Omaha	92	66	89	71	90	67	87	71	89	68	91	71	93	63
SW	Imperial	96	55	89	61	91	64	88	68	92	57	91	57	80	51
	North Platte	93	53	87	62	88	62	81	70	91	58	85	60	80	51