

NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 6/17/68

WEATHER Seasonal temperatures early in the week gave way to readings in the 80's and 90's on Thursday. Scattered stations from Culbertson and Franklin northward to Stapleton and Burwell had temperatures in excess of 100 degrees that day. Culbertson topped the list with 104 degrees. Cold air moved in on Friday and remained the rest of the week with temperatures well below normal during that period. Weekly averages were one to two degrees below normal.

Scattered showers during the week were mostly light, but isolated sites received generous amounts and there were numerous reports of small hail. The heaviest reported hail was in Scotts Bluff County and resulted in considerable damage.

CROPS Wheat is making very good development except in some locally dry areas in the central and southwest. Rains aided kernel filling. Most of the crop is headed with only northern counties not headed. Rains have caused some lodging in eastern areas, but this will not be a problem unless the weather remains cool and wet. Fields in the east are approaching maturity. About 40 percent of the total crop is now turning color.

Row crops are responding well to warm temperatures and moisture. Corn condition improved from last week and is making excellent growth. Farmers are busy with tillage and other weed control measures.

Sorghums were slow starting and some had to be replanted, but the crop is reacting favorably to the warm temperatures. The soybean crop also showed some improvement with plants making excellent growth. Weeds have not become a problem but tillage operations are well under way. Spring small grains are making very good progress with oats heading.

Alfalfa and wild hay condition remained unchanged. About 70 percent of the first cutting of alfalfa has been harvested. Rains slowed haying operations during the week. The second crop is getting off to a good start where moisture is favorable.

Sugar beets are making very good growth with much of the thinning operation completed. Variable damage occurred to the crop in the Platte Valley from hail. Some of the acreage was severely damaged.

Potato planting is about complete with some of the crop starting to emerge. Dry bean planting is making good progress and is more than 50 percent complete.

Pasture and range feed condition remained below average in most of the central and northeast. Lack of moisture in those areas has caused poor development of the grasses and only a limited amount of feed. Elsewhere grasses are making good growth.

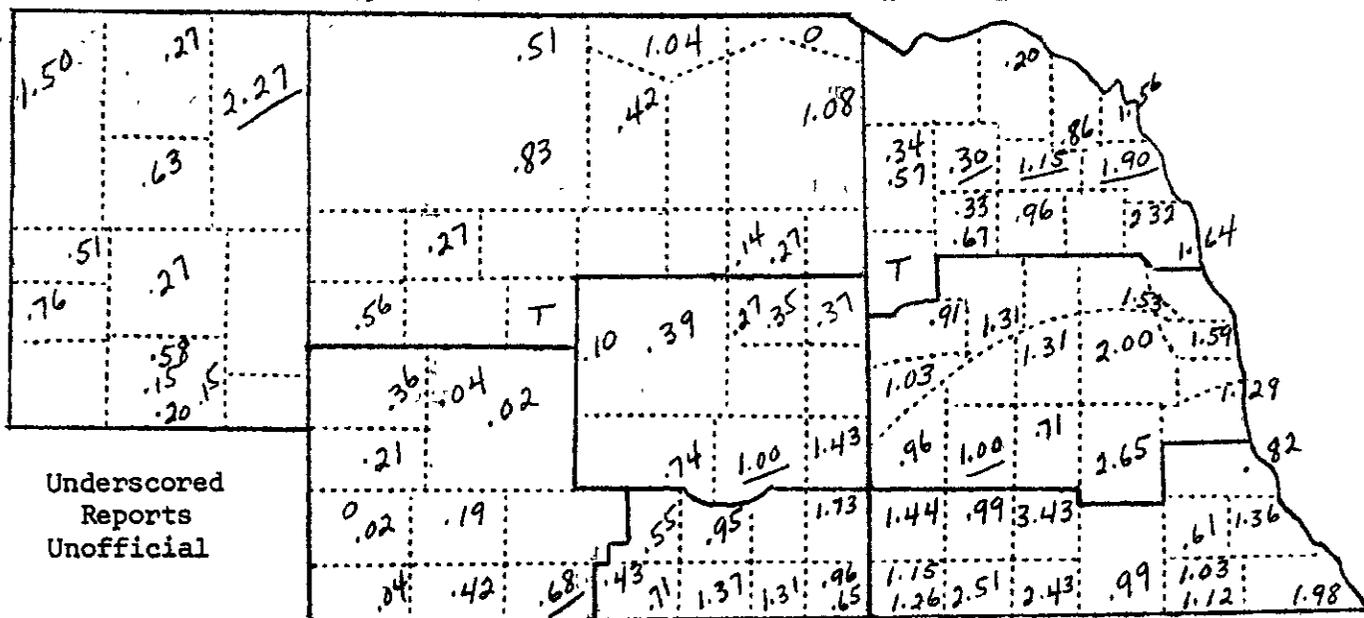
LIVESTOCK Livestock condition was generally favorable. Fly populations are building up, and control measures will be necessary. Inshipments of stocker and feeder cattle into Nebraska during May amounted to 101,000 head. That is up 2 percent from a year ago in May when 99,000 head were shipped into the State. Shipment of 6,000 sheep and lambs was down from last May when 8,000 head moved into the State.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 16, 1968

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.67	Burwell	.14	Chadron	.26
Lincoln	.45	North Platte	.17	Imperial	.36
Norfolk	.01	Valentine	.75	Scottsbluff	.77
Omaha	1.30			Sidney	.77
Sioux City	1.09				

Precipitation, April 1 - June 14, 1968

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.49	.42	.86	.55	1.39	.19	1.00	1.46
Total since April 1	6.64	7.09	5.96	4.96	7.70	4.07	6.20	8.12
Normal since April 1	6.29	7.18	8.02	7.79	8.24	6.74	7.78	8.94



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 10th		11th		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	71	47	76	47	88	56	81	52	67	51	67	48	76	50
	Scottsbluff	72	47	76	51	87	54	85	54	78	49	77	52	74	56
	Sidney	74	45	77	48	86	50	87	52	73	50	78	45	73	54
NC	Burwell	79	54	79	48	86	59	101	--	77	51	65	45	79	50
	Valentine	76	51	73	46	87	65	91	52	68	50	56	46	72	50
NE	Norfolk	84	61	78	54	80	64	97	61	79	52	65	45	78	51
	Sioux City	83	62	75	55	75	61	96	61	79	50	62	49	76	49
CEN	Grand Island	83	59	81	53	82	64	96	63	80	53	72	51	80	55
EC	Lincoln	83	60	81	57	78	65	95	68	78	57	70	53	75	60
	Omaha	81	61	77	56	76	61	95	64	78	51	66	50	74	55
SW	Imperial	79	51	83	49	94	62	100	56	80	52	75	54	79	58
	North Platte	79	46	82	45	86	64	97	56	77	52	71	50	80	49

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