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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged about six degrees below normal for the week. It was warmer than normal the first part of the week turning quite cool Thursday night and temperatures were below normal the rest of the week.

Precipitation was general over the State with amounts averaging from about one-half inch in the Panhandle to over two inches in the southwest. Thundershowers Tuesday night brought some heavy amounts with Culbertson in the southwest measuring 4.40 inches. Some areas in the east suffered damaging hail the first of the week.

CROPS Favorable temperatures advanced crop maturity with many areas receiving beneficial rains. Locally severe hail damaged crops in a few eastern communities.

Corn maturity has progressed to 95 percent dough stage or beyond, 60 percent dented, and 15 percent ripe and safe from frost damage. This is about normal but much ahead of last year. Some corn is being green chopped or cut for ensilage, especially in drought areas.

Sorghums made very good progress with 50 percent of the grain heads turning color. This is much ahead of last year's late maturing crop.

Soybean maturity moved ahead with leaves turning on 25 percent of the crop. Last year 15 percent of the crop had leaves turning. Alfalfa harvest continued as weather permitted, but some windrowed hay got wet. About 75 percent of the third crop and 5 percent of the fourth crop has been cut. Dry bean maturity progressed rapidly and harvesting operations have begun. Potato harvest got under way in the Panhandle with good yields and quality reported.

Farmers were busy on final seed bed preparations where soils were dry enough. Wheat planting started in far western areas. Grasshoppers are a problem in some areas for emerging fall sown crops.

Range and pasture feed condition made a seasonal decline, but most pastures are providing adequate feed except in drought areas in the northeast and southwest where supplemental feeding of roughages was necessary.

LIVESTOCK Livestock condition was generally good but flies are causing some discomfort. Feed lots became quite muddy in many areas.

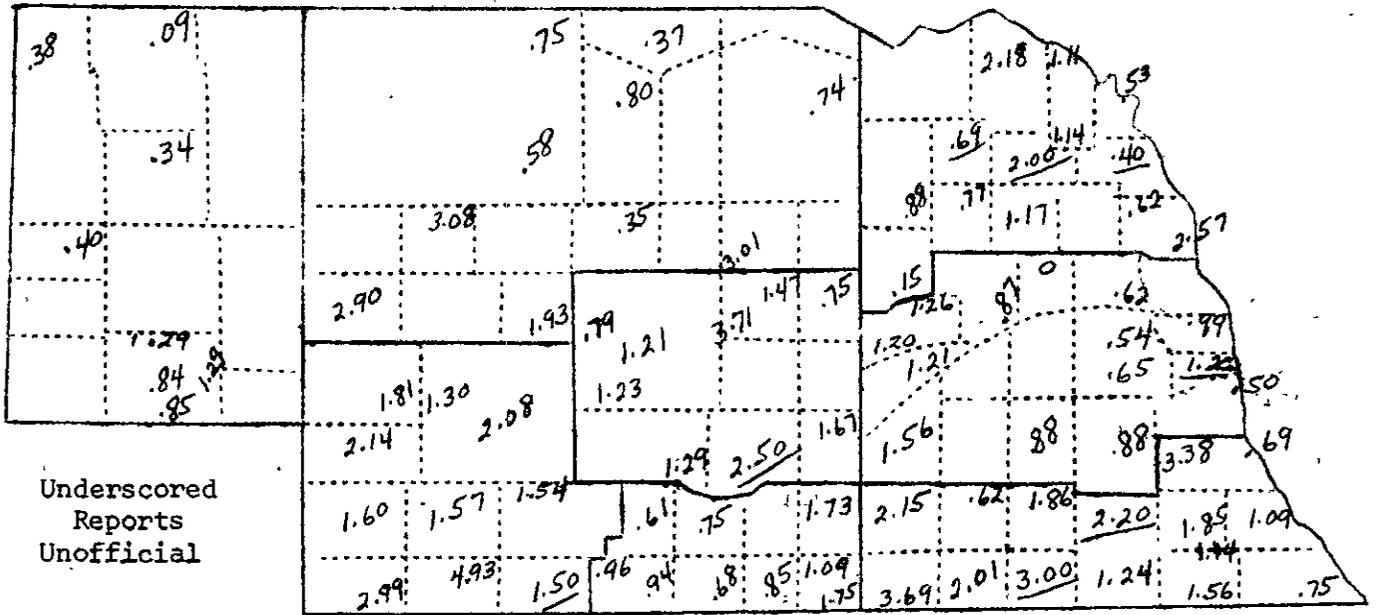
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1968

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	1.67	Burwell	3.01	Chadron	.09
Lincoln	.93	North Platte	2.08	Imperial	1.60
Norfolk	.77	Valentine	.75	Scottsbluff	.40
Omaha	1.01			Sidney	.85
Sioux City	.53				

Precipitation, April 1 - August 30, 1968

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.56	1.45	1.11	1.60	.85	2.22	1.04	1.75
Total since April 1	14.05	14.94	14.56	17.81	17.45	12.18	16.88	19.42
Normal since April 1	11.28	13.65	16.00	14.76	17.18	12.84	14.85	18.43

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 30, 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)

		August										Sept.			
		26th		27th		28th		29th		30th		31st		1st	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	95	52	84	60	87	54	73	43	75	43	80	41	86	57
	Scottsbluff	93	58	82	58	87	54	70	48	75	45	75	48	86	52
	Sidney	92	60	87	54	82	50	68	45	73	44	73	49	83	47
NC	Burwell	95	61	82	64	68	58	64	47	73	52	78	49	80	50
	Valentine	89	60	91	61	77	57	72	49	70	48	77	47	79	49
NE	Norfolk	87	63	81	66	70	61	64	51	74	53	77	50	77	55
	Sioux City	80	58	82	62	73	64	66	54	78	55	79	51	77	55
CEN	Grand Island	94	64	84	67	68	61	62	50	76	53	77	56	82	55
EC	Lincoln	90	64	83	64	71	62	65	59	77	58	75	55	78	59
	Omaha	78	61	80	61	73	61	68	58	74	55	75	52	78	57
SW	Imperial	96	59	91	59	77	60	67	47	75	48	76	49	87	51
	North Platte	95	64	89	61	69	59	69	46	75	47	77	45	85	50

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