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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week ending 10/13/69

WEATHER The weather was very cold in Nebraska the past week with temperatures averaging from four to six degrees below normal in the east to as much as nine to eleven degrees below normal in the west. Freezing temperatures were recorded on several mornings in the western two-thirds of the State and frost was observed in low spots in the east.

The generous amounts of precipitation that fell on the previous weekend were followed by statewide moisture again this weekend. The precipitation fell as rain in the south-east, but elsewhere much of it was in the form of snow. Moisture amounts in excess of an inch were common in all sections of the State and some places received over two inches. The precipitation was accompanied by high winds.

Monday morning the ground was covered with snow as far east as Grand Island in the south and to Wayne and Randolph in the north. Snow depths Monday morning included Grand Island 1", Wayne 3", Neligh 6", Valentine 2", North Platte 3", Stratton 11", Sidney 12", Imperial, Scottsbluff and Chadron 8". Temperatures were in the teens and low 20's in the west Monday morning.

CROPS All harvesting was halted over the weekend as snow and rain moved across the state. The wet snow pushed by strong winds has caused some corn and sorghum to go down. This will slow combines and pickers and cause some additional field losses.

Farmers were just starting to make good progress with corn pickers, combines, and picker shellers this week. About 8 percent of the corn is harvested compared to normal 6 percent. Moisture content of grain is averaging about 24 percent with most requiring drying before storage.

Sorghum harvest has been a little slow as the leaves remained green. About 15 percent of the acreage has been combined compared to normal 20 percent harvested. Some fields had dried good but moisture content of grain was averaging 19 percent,

Farmers made very good progress in getting soybeans out of the field. About 55 percent of the crop has been combined compared to 40 percent normal. The beans became quite dry with the average at 13 percent. A few dry beans in Western areas were lost as windrows were tumbled by high winds. Sugar beet harvest was getting underway until the snow storm blanketed the area.

Moisture was very beneficial to fall sown crops. However, warm weather will be needed to sprout seeds that have been laying in dry soils.

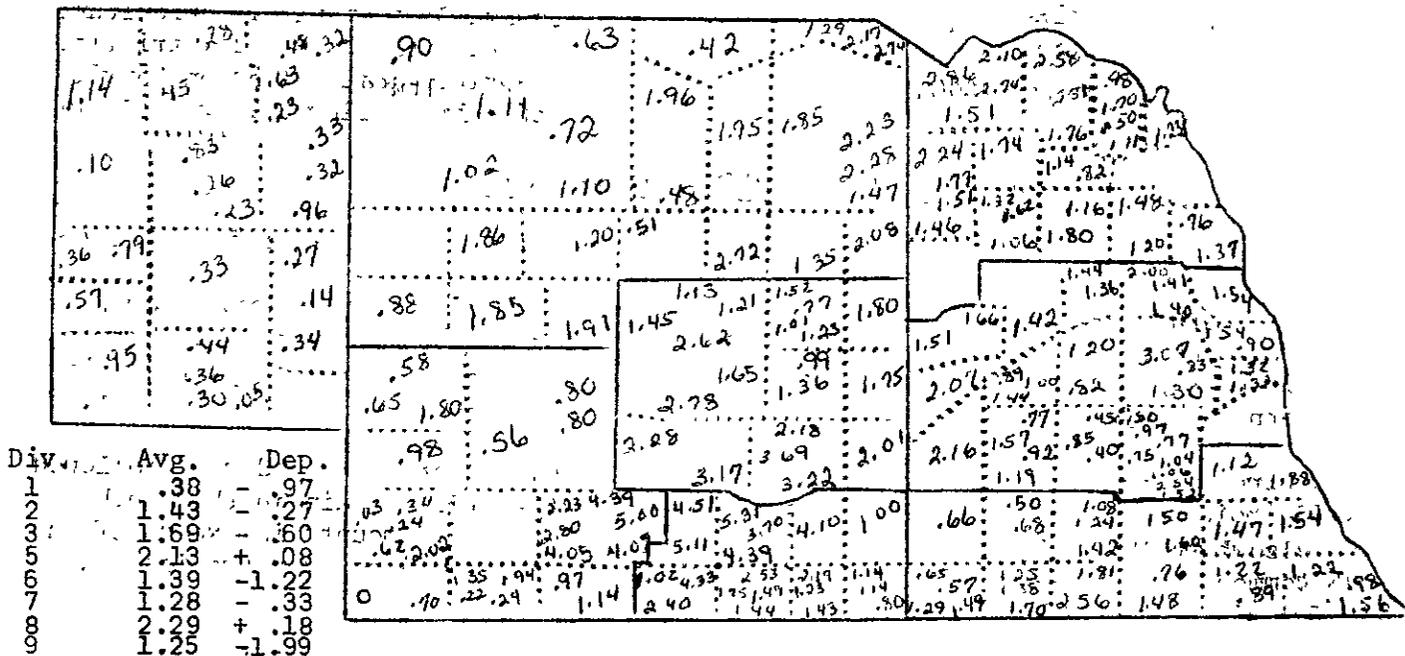
Pasture and range feed conditions are mostly average or above with below average reports predominantly in the eastern areas. Feed grains, hay and forage supplies are average or above in most areas.

LIVESTOCK Livestock conditions were mostly good until the weekend when wet, cold weather caused some discomfort to animals in open areas. Some cattle have been moved into corn stalk fields as harvesting is completed.

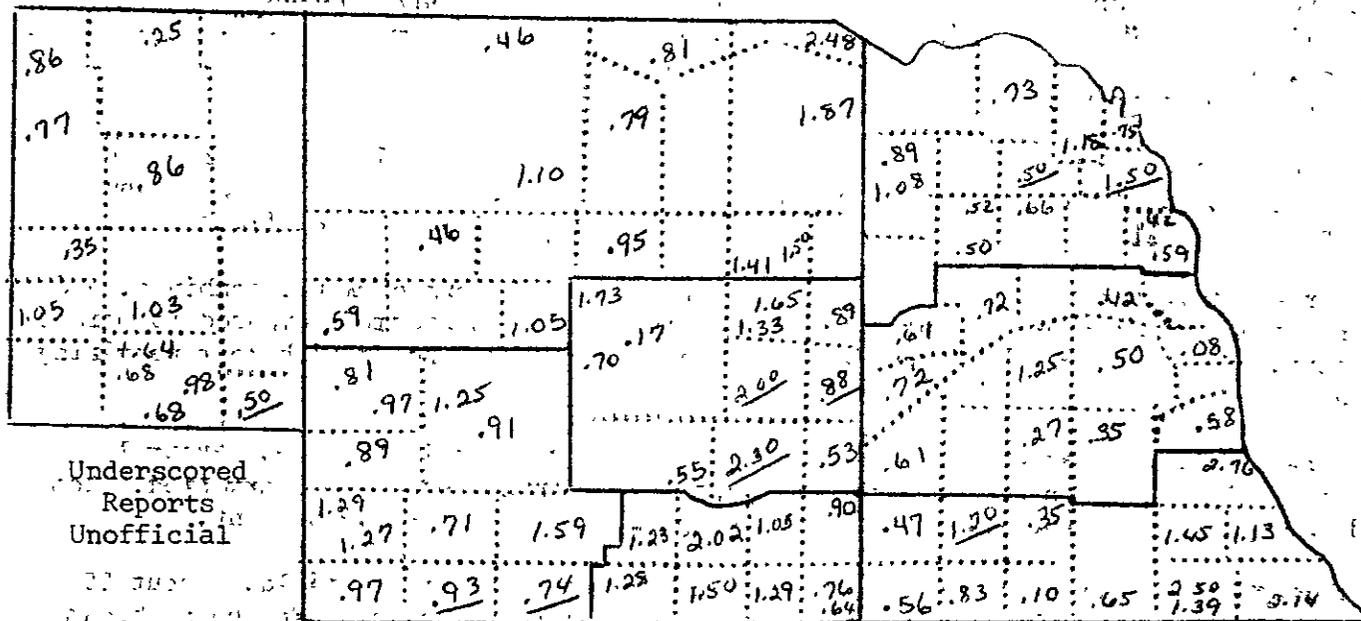
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 12, 1969

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.1.01	Burwell	.22	Chadron	.35
Lincoln	1.11	North Platte	.34	Imperial	1.07
Norfolk	.50	Valentine	.05	Scottsbluff	1.11
Omaha	.83			Sidney	2.10
Sioux City	.64				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1969



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 10, 1969



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Day-time highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Night-time lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CST)

		October 6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	57	39	64	31	80	60	66	32	59	33	33	22	27	24
	Scottsbluff	60	36	65	35	78	48	65	34	56	35	46	20	27	18
	Sidney	61	32	66	33	75	43	63	37	52	35	40	18	24	19
NC	Burwell	64	40	63	29	69	51	77	36	60	39	44	28	33	--
	Valentine	62	40	62	28	74	50	73	35	63	38	39	26	32	27
NE	Norfolk	65	44	63	33	67	58	78	40	62	38	46	34	38	33
	Sioux City	66	43	62	35	66	53	78	42	63	39	49	39	43	35
CEN	Grand Island	67	42	69	34	74	56	77	44	58	39	54	33	37	32
EC	Lincoln	71	47	71	40	73	62	82	54	62	42	58	43	43	36
	Omaha	69	42	68	40	67	58	79	51	63	41	58	41	45	34
SW	Imperial	64	34	70	35	79	44	71	39	49	38	43	22	29	24
	North Platte	65	34	68	32	78	47	75	36	49	38	43	26	31	28

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