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WEATHER

Again, moisture was plentiful over the State as a whole with wet weekends and dry in mid-week. Precipitation averaged a quarter of an inch over the western two-thirds of the State and a half inch over the eastern third. The southern portion of the State received heavier amounts.

Snow fall during the weekend of the 7th and 8th over the western quarter of the State ranged from two to eight inches but was nearly gone mid-week. Heavier amounts were in the western Panhandle.

Temperatures were near normal for the week. Mid-week high readings were in the 60's, with 70's west. McCook reached 82 degrees on the 14th.

CROPS

Most farmers were able to get into the field beginning in mid-week, but the weekend rain will again delay field work. Farmers are way behind in their field work and are looking for warm dry weather. Field work consisted mostly of harvesting remaining crops, discing, plowing, stalk shredding, fertilizer spreading, and limited seeding. Other farm work consisted of machinery preparation, shelling and drying corn and caring for livestock.

Winter wheat condition generally is good but there has been some winter kill in eastern areas, part of which has been or will be replanted to other crops. Damp, humid conditions are conducive to soil-borne mosaic and crown rot.

Grain sorghum harvest is now about 96% complete and corn harvest 99%.

Sugar beet planting is 15% completed. Limited seeding of spring grains, grasses and legumes was accomplished last week.

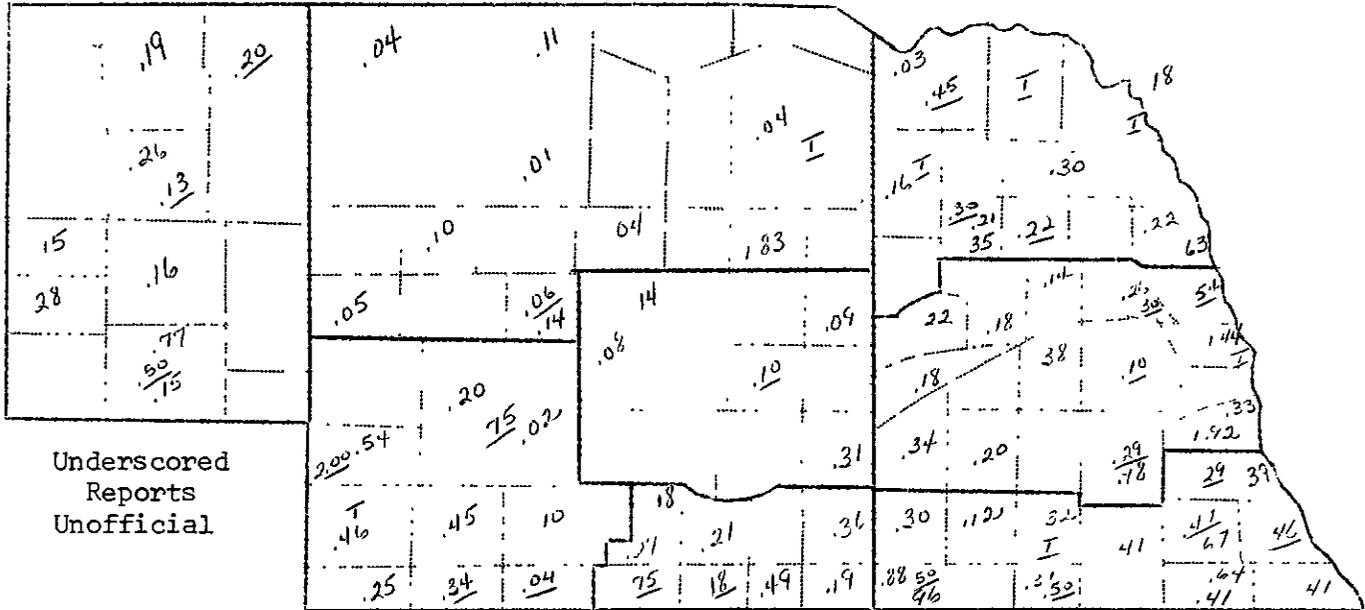
LIVESTOCK

Marketing of livestock continued to be limited last week because of marketing uncertainties and fluctuating prices.

Feedlots still are in poor shape but improved considerably during the week and were beginning to dry out before the weekend rains. Some cattle have been moved to stalk fields and a few have been moved to pastures.

Scours continue to be a problem with young calves. It has been an especially difficult spring for new born stock.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 13, 1973



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 1973

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Inches
	Max	Min			Total
NW Chadron	75	11	43	--	.19
Scottsbluff	75	12	42	-3	.15
Sidney	74	3	39	--	.14
NC Burwell	67	15	44	--	1.83
Valentine	81	10	44	-1	.11
NE Norfolk	69	22	43	-4	.21
Sioux City	68	23	44	-4	.18
CEN Grand Island	65	19	43	-6	.31
EC Lincoln	67	25	44	-7	.98
Omaha	64	21	41	-8	1.44
SW Imperial	80	5	41	--	T
North Platte	80	12	44	-3	.02

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