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WEATHER

Precipitation in variable amounts fell every day of the week over the southeast and south central portions of the State.

Average temperatures were near normal or below over the State with the only warm days at the beginning of the week and at the mid-portion of the week.

CROPS

Soil moisture supplies were rapidly depleted last week by drying winds and large crop requirements. Topsoil moisture supplies are now short to adequate. Reports Friday indicate 41% of counties adequate and 59% short. Subsoil moisture supplies also declined with 75% of counties adequate and 25% short. Many counties are now in need of rain. Irrigation is once again in full swing.

Corn condition reported by county agents continues mainly good to excellent with 38% of counties reported excellent, 56% good and 6% fair. Most of the corn has silked with about 40% of the crop in the dough stage.

Sorghum condition declined slightly but continues mostly good to excellent with 33% of counties reported excellent, 56% good, and 11% fair. Maturity is advancing satisfactorily with most of the acreage headed. In some areas, it has been necessary to spray for greenbugs.

Soybean condition continues

primarily good to excellent with 40% of counties reported excellent, 52% good, and 8% fair. Most of the acreage is now setting pods.

Alfalfa hay was reported as 70% good, 20% excellent and 10% fair. The second cutting is nearly wound-up and the third cutting is 40% harvested. Wild hay condition held mostly good to excellent with 69% good, 23% excellent and 8% fair. Hay yields are generally very good with the exception of western and north central counties.

Main farm activities consisted of harvesting small grains, irrigating, working summer fallow, weeding soybeans, fertilizing and putting up hay. Nearly the entire week was suitable for field-work.

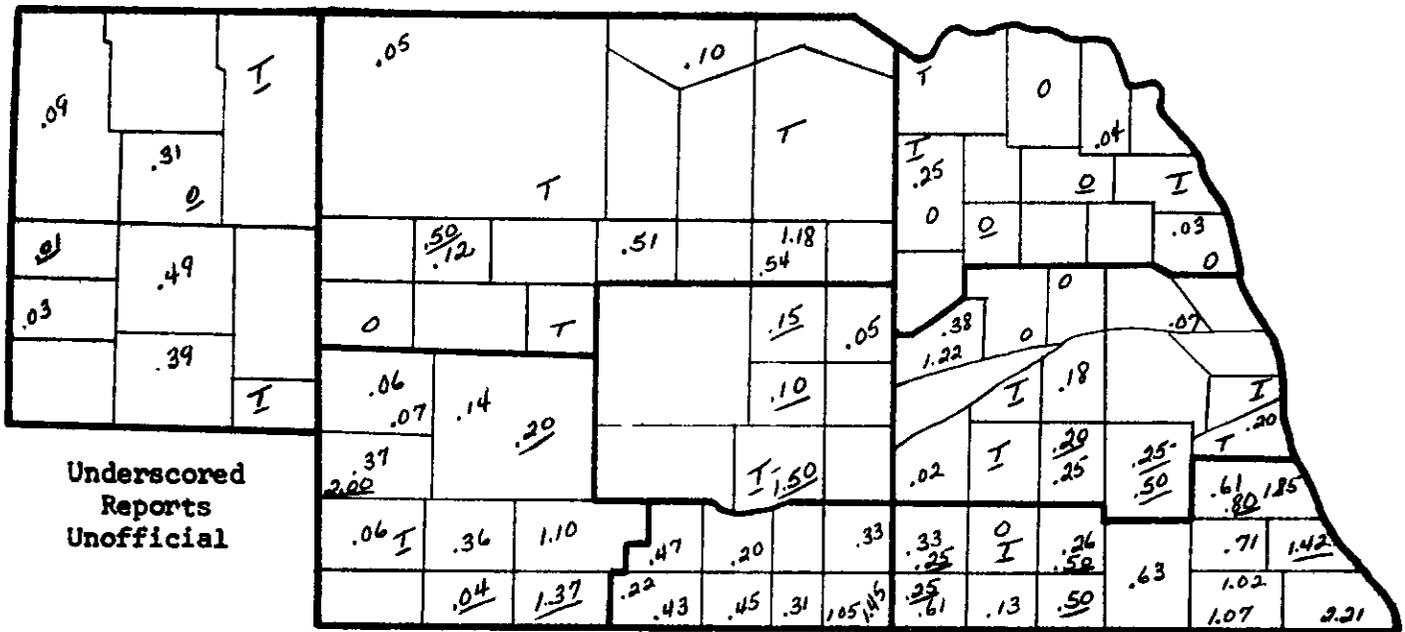
LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture condition was reported as mostly average to above average with 14% of counties reporting above average, 74% average and 12% below average. Movement of cattle to market continues to be slow. Some feeders are now buying yearlings. Normal movement of hogs and lambs were reported. Livestock are generally in good condition.

Precipitation, April 1 - August 10, 1973

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week.....	.20	.30	.10	.00	.30	.30	.60	.80
Total since April 1.....	7.90	11.80	13.00	14.10	16.40	10.70	12.20	16.80
Normal since April 1....	10.28	12.12	14.01	13.33	14.88	11.54	13.25	15.88

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1973



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 1973

Station	Temperature				Precipitation Inches Total 1/
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	92	51	72	--	.08
Scottsbluff	89	52	70	-5	.09
Sidney	93	50	70	--	.38
NC Burwell	90	55	74	--	.68
Valentine	99	55	74	-1	.87
NE Norfolk	92	59	76	-1	.90
Sioux City	91	59	76	-2	.13
CEN Grand Island	93	58	77	-1	T
EC Lincoln	90	65	77	0	.49
Omaha	90	62	76	0	.46
SW Imperial	94	55	73	--	.25
North Platte	93	51	72	-4	.15

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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