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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Seasonable temperatures prevailed during the week. Moderate showers fell over the northeastern and extreme north-central portions of the State, but there was very little rainfall elsewhere. Sunshine was ample, and several days were rather windy.

CROPS Winter wheat condition dropped a little since the first of April, largely because of windy weather and a dry top soil. The outlook for the late planted wheat in south central Nebraska is very poor and it appears that a considerable percentage may be abandoned; in fact, some has already been reseeded to oats or barley.

The rain and moisture from the melting snow packed the ground, after which rapid drying caused crusting, as well as cracking of the ground, and exposing the roots of the wheat plants that survived. It appears that considerable of the wheat had sprouted last fall and dried out before the moisture arrived, causing thin, spotted stands. While complaints of damage from wind come from nearly all parts of the State, it has resulted in little more than a temporary setback, except in the areas of late seeded wheat.

High winds dried out the soil so that most of the oats and barley have been seeded. Reports up to Saturday indicate that 81 percent of the oats, 72 percent of the spring wheat and 68 percent of the barley has been seeded. Also, about 63 percent of the potatoes have been planted. Reports indicate considerable loss of alfalfa that was seeded last fall and more than the usual spring seeding of alfalfa is expected. The outlook for wild hay is very good. Some sugar beets are being planted. Pastures are beginning to green up, and some land is being disced and prepared for corn.

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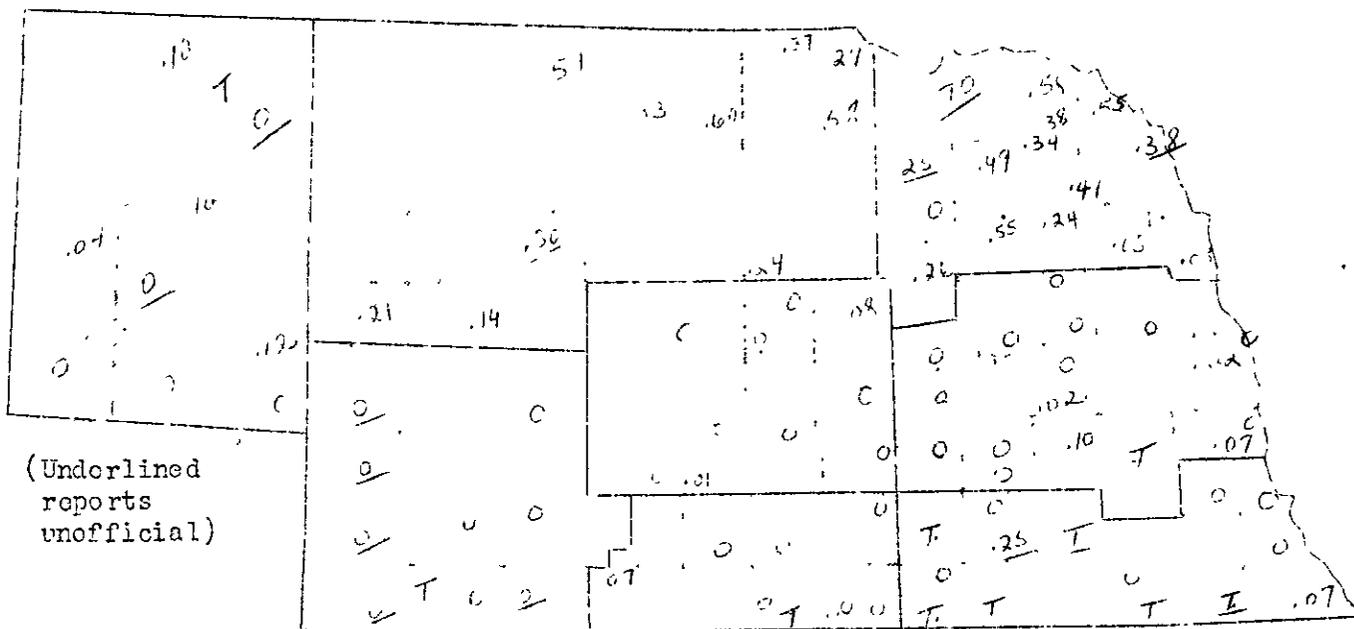
Feed grains are generally reported ample, but there are a few counties having a shortage and some having a surplus. The hay supply is generally ample. Most of the counties report need for rainfall as surface moisture is short. With a few exceptions, the subsoil moisture supply is reported ample.

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WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 12, 1948

Eastern Division		Eastern Div., Cont'd.		Central Division		Western Division	
Albion	.26	Hastings	0	Broken Bow	0	Alliance	.10
Auburn	.16	Lincoln	0	Burwell	.19	Chadron	.14
Beatrice	0	Norfolk	.57	Cambridge	0	Culbertson	.05
Columbus	0	Oakdale	.01	Holdrege	.04	Hayes Center	0
Fairbury	.28	Omaha	.10	North Loup	0	Kimball	0
Fairmont	.03	Red Cloud	.13	North Platte	0	Merriman	---
Falls City	.07	St. Paul	0	O'Neill	.58	Scottsbluff	.04
Frederick	.09	Tekamah	.13	Ravenna	0	Sidney	0
Grand Island	0	Wakefield	---	Valentino	.50		
Hartington	.64	York	.10				
Average this week		0.14		0.15		0.05	
Total since April 1		0.18		0.15		0.07	
Normal since April 1		0.78		0.65		0.57	

PRECIPITATION, WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1948



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hours ending 6:30 a.m.)

		April													
		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	65	33	57	32	52	14	62	36	73	40	70	30	54	21
	Scottsbluff	60	34	63	28	53	15	60	35	71	39	74	32	54	23
	Sidney	65	31	71	25	55	17	59	34	72	30	80	35	53	26
N-C	Durwell	63	43	66	38	64	24	52	34	69	44	79	36	60	39
	Valentine	63	44	62	38	53	22	50	34	72	47	--	37	54	29
NE	Norfolk	63	38	70	42	66	25	50	31	65	48	68	39	58	40
	Sioux City	65	35	72	45	66	27	50	27	62	42	67	33	59	37
Cen.	Grand Island	64	44	69	40	70	30	54	39	67	49	75	41	58	43
E-C	Lincoln	63	43	69	48	72	30	56	39	63	48	72	44	58	44
	Omaha	63	44	71	52	72	29	55	34	59	45	66	43	60	44
	Hayes Center	65	37	70	42	63	31	55	37	71	42	81	--	52	39
SW	North Platte	64	42	68	39	59	25	56	41	71	45	79	42	56	39

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