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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged above normal, with unseasonably hot weather during the first half of the week, (Culbertson reported 105° on the 12th) but rather cool during the latter half. Precipitation ranged from light along the southern border to heavy over much of the central and northern portions, and a few locally excessive downpours were reported, with locally severe hail.

CROPS Considerable corn has been re-planted in some counties and in a few cases fields were planted to sorghum. Rains of the past week delayed cultivation. Some corn has been cultivated twice. The high temperatures in the early part of the week were favorable for corn.

Some wheat in central and south-central and western areas was beginning to show the effects of high temperatures and dry weather, until relieved by rain last week. Generally, counties bordering the Nebraska-Kansas line and most of the counties bordering the Nebraska-Colorado state line received very little rain and are short of moisture. Straw is short in the west. There were several hail storms with considerable damage reported. Aside from the hail and dry areas, the outlook for wheat is very good. The wheat in most of the southern counties is ranging from milk to the dough stages and beginning to ripen in a few counties.

Condition of oats and barley is somewhat lower. The crops are very spotted. Generally, the outlook is quite favorable on the better land. Oats have been heading in southern counties. Weeds are a menace in some of the fields.

About 80% of the sorghum crops have been planted. Harvest of the first crop of alfalfa is generally completed in southern counties and well advanced in northeastern Nebraska. Rains delayed the alfalfa harvest somewhat in northeastern Nebraska, but were of real benefit in starting the second crop. There is very little change in the outlook for wild hay. Pastures are good. Keith county reported a very poor outlook for pasture and wild hay because of continued dry weather locally.

Thinning and blocking of sugar beets continues in the North Platte Valley. Seed beds have been prepared and planting of the late commercial potato crop is in progress in North Platte Valley.

LIVESTOCK Cattle have been doing well on pastures except in a few western counties, where grass has not made good growth because of dry weather. Commercial chick hatchings to date are only slightly below that of 1949.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 19, 1950

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Eastern Div., Cont'd.</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Albion	1.31	Hastings	0.43	Broken Bow	2.13	Alliance	0.16
Auburn	2.20	Lincoln	1.77	Burwell	.97	Chadron	1.52
Beatrice	.51	Norfolk	1.87	Cambridge	.83	Culbertson	.21
Columbus	1.26	Oakdale	2.46	Holdrege	1.90	Hayes Center	1.23
Fairbury	1.60	Omaha	1.01	North Loup	1.75	Kimball	.95
Fairmont	1.16	Red Cloud	.15	North Platte	.68	Scottsbluff	.39
Falls City	1.83	St. Paul	4.08	O'Neill	2.57	Sidney	.54
Fremont	1.65	Tekamah	1.55	Ravena	2.69		
Grand Island	3.15	Wakefield	3.17	Valentine	2.20		
Hartington	5.05	York	1.75				
Average this week		1.80		1.75		0.71	
Total Since April 1		8.71		8.23		4.43	
Normal Since April 1		9.36		8.16		6.98	

