

NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 5-5-52

WEATHER The week was unseasonably warm, with abundant sunshine. Most of the state received light to moderate showers during the first half, but the latter half was dry with hot winds on Sunday.

April was considerably warmer than normal over the northern portion of the state, but most of the southern portion was slightly cooler than normal. Rainfall was heavy in the southeast and light over the north-central, northwestern and extreme northeastern portions. The first half of the month was generally cooler than normal, but the latter half was considerably warmer.

CROPS A little corn was planted last week throughout the state. Northeastern, central and south-central Nebraska reported 4% of the corn planted, east-central Nebraska 10% and southeastern Nebraska 7%. If weather continues favorable this week, a large percentage of the corn will be planted by next Saturday. High temperatures of the past two weeks have warmed the soil. Practically all of the land has been disked and fields are in excellent shape for planting. There are a few reports of packed soil.

The acreage to be planted is now expected to be a little larger due to less oats planted than intended. There were a few reports of farmers treating corn land with BHC to control corn root worm. Others are planning to spray corn for corn borers if they appear. The need for early corn for feed and fresh memory of damage to corn from frost last year prompted earlier planting.

Reports on wheat are highly favorable. There are a few thin stands. Generally, wheat has stooled well and is making a rank growth. A period of hot, dry weather would be desirable to check the rank growth. There is considerable wheat planted in corn stalks. It appears that more than the usual acreage of volunteer wheat will be left for harvest.

Seeding of oats was completed last week. Some of the late oats are not up to the average and there were a few reports that crusted soil is preventing oats from coming up. Generally, the crop looks very good. Reports indicate that the acreage is somewhat below the intended.

The shortage and high price of seed potatoes is expected to reduce the acreage to be planted. A reduced acreage of dry edible beans is in prospect. An increased acreage of sugar beets is evident. Farmers in the potato, bean and sugar beet area of the North Platte Valley may plant more corn for feed and silage due to the shortage and high price of feed last winter.

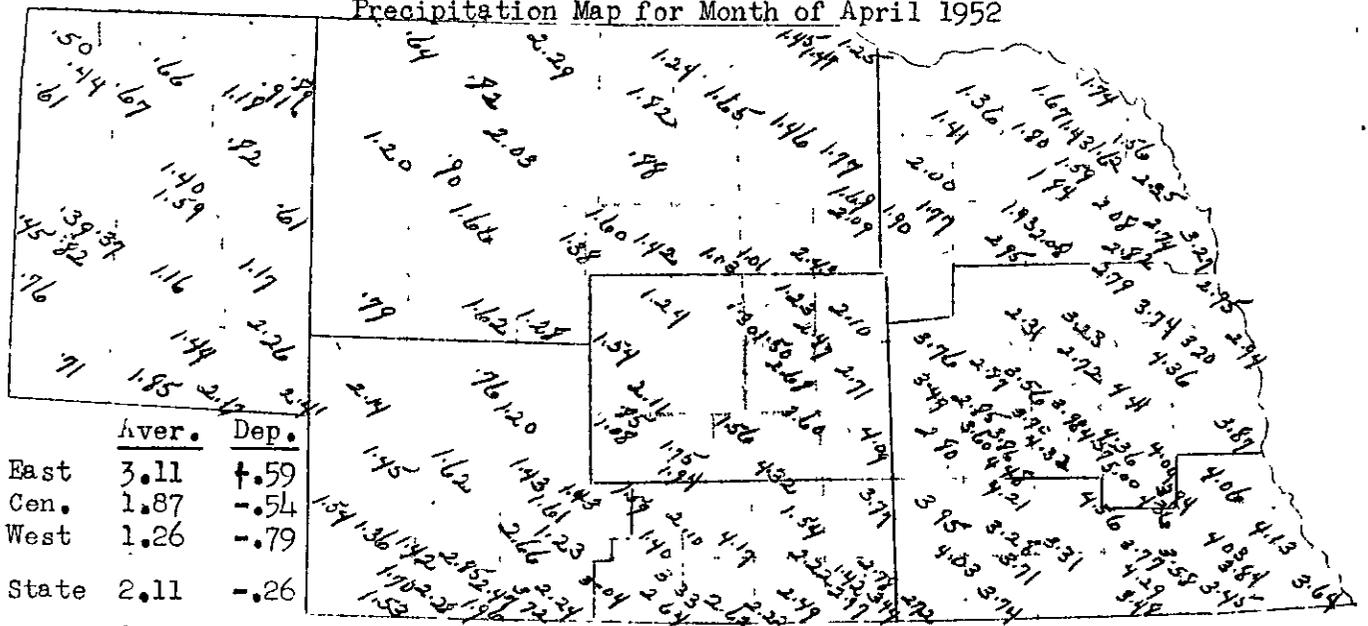
Reports on alfalfa, wild hay and pasture are highly favorable. In some counties alfalfa has been a little slow in starting while in others it is up to normal. There are an increasing number of reports of loss of fall seeded alfalfa due to planting seed that was not adapted. The outlook for wild hay has seldom if ever been better. High temperatures of the past two weeks have started pastures but so far there isn't much grass in the Sandhills and western Nebraska. Some of the counties in the Panhandle need more moisture for pasture.

LIVESTOCK About a third of the cattle in the Sandhills have been turned out on pasture. Range feed together with new grass is about ample. There has been some loss of cattle from disease. There was some loss of livestock, mostly pigs and poultry due to the flood in the Missouri Valley.

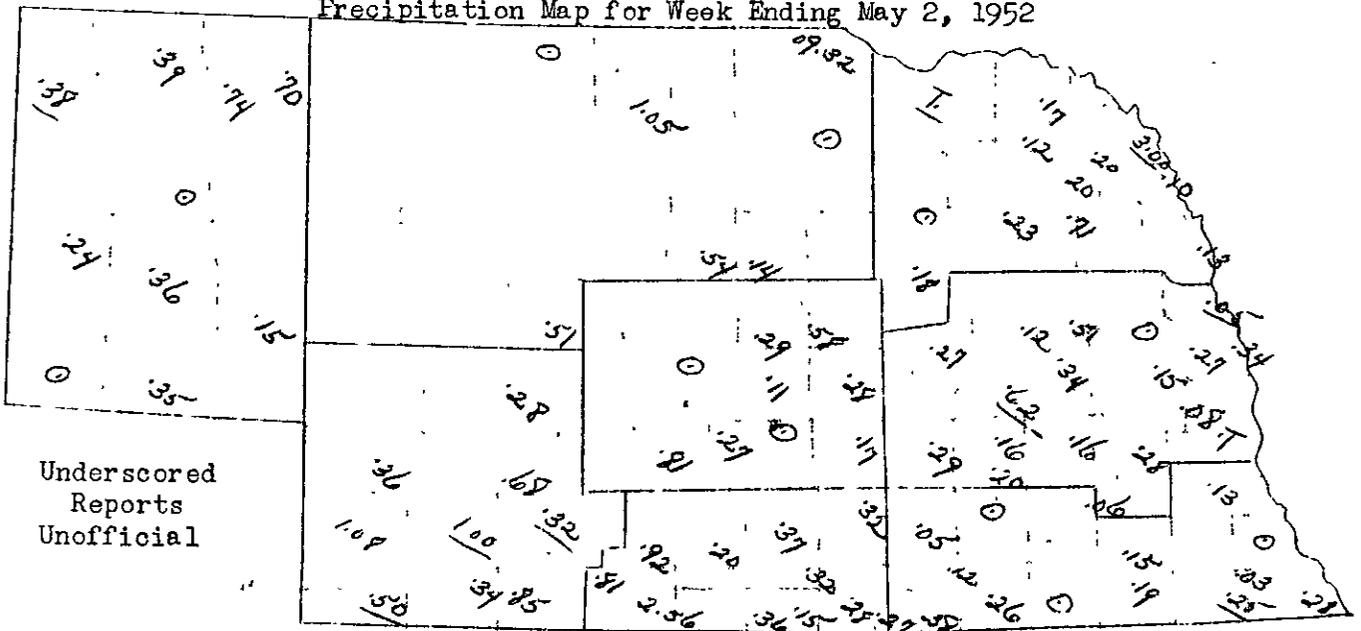
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 5, 1952.

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Eastern Div., Cont'd.</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Albion .18	Hastings .32	Broken Bow 0	Alliance 0
Ashland .30	Lincoln .28	Burwell .14	Chadron .39
Auburn 0	Norfolk .23	Cambridge .81	Culbertson .29
Beatrice .16	Oakdale 0	Holdrege .20	Imperial 1.03
Columbus .12	Omaha .34	Lexington .81	Kimball 0
Fairbury 0	Red Cloud .28	North Loup .58	Scottsbluff .24
Fairmont 0	St. Paul .26	North Platte .28	Sidney .42
Falls City .28	Tekamah .13	O'Neill 0	
Fremont 0	Wakefield .20	Ravenna 0	
Grand Island .19	York .16	Valentine 0	
Hartington .17			
Average this week	0.17	0.28	0.34
Total since April 1	3.16	2.01	1.14
Normal since April 1	3.11	2.87	2.48

Precipitation Map for Month of April 1952



Precipitation Map for Week Ending May 2, 1952



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		APRIL		MAY		2nd		3rd		4th		5th	
		29th	30th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	81	49	79	48	58	40	72	42	83	49	88	59
	Scottsbluff	79	--	68	46	58	36	71	44	82	48	87	52
	Sidney	75	39	63	43	58	36	67	38	75	41	83	49
N-C	Burwell	--	--	--	--	76	54	73	50	81	49	86	55
	Valentine	83	52	--	--	--	--	--	--	80	53	85	60
NE	Norfolk	86	46	82	57	80	57	75	57	84	55	86	61
	Sioux City	86	51	85	57	81	56	80	55	87	56	87	58
CEN.	Grand Island	82	49	80	52	78	55	66	52	82	54	83	61
	Lexington	82	44	73	49	73	51	69	48	79	48	84	58
E-C	Lincoln	84	53	83	58	79	61	77	56	85	59	86	62
	Omaha	86	54	85	55	80	62	84	62	88	61	89	62
SW	Imperial	77	41	60	45	63	46	65	41	73	47	81	51
	North Platte	79	46	72	50	66	50	66	43	78	51	82	56

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