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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged a few degrees below normal in the west to slightly above in the southeast. There were no excessively high or low readings. Rainfall was heavy except in the north-central portion of the state. Some flooding and washing rains occurred over the weekend, mostly in the northeastern portion of the state.

CROPS Corn planting was completed last week. Only a small percent was unplanted by June 1. Corn showed a marked improvement during the past week. There was a little replanting and so far there has been less than the usual damage from insects. Local floods may necessitate a little additional replanting. Seldom has the season been more favorable for planting corn than the last half of June. Most of the corn has been cultivated once. Rains of the past week were general and account for the marked improvement since the surface soil in some of the local areas was getting a little dry.

Winter wheat showed a little improvement but some damage from drouth was showing up in the western third of the state until relieved by the rain that fell mostly during the past weekend. With a few exceptions, the central and eastern portions of the state have had ample rain during the past two weeks and the present outlook is very good. More rain is needed in Chase and Dundy counties and most of the Panhandle except Cheyenne county. Hitchcock and Red Willow counties could use a little more moisture. Hayes and Lincoln counties, which have been unusually dry this spring, received $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches of moisture. Wheat started to head in the southern Panhandle June 4. Wheat that came up early last spring is better than expected, while wheat that came up late last spring did not stool and has a poor outlook.

The outlook for oats and barley is not so good and the condition is unchanged. The crop was damaged from freezing weather in April and May. Lack of nitrates is apparent from the yellow color. Some fields are weedy but generally oats on land in a good state of fertility are much better. Slow germination prevented the oats from getting an early start.

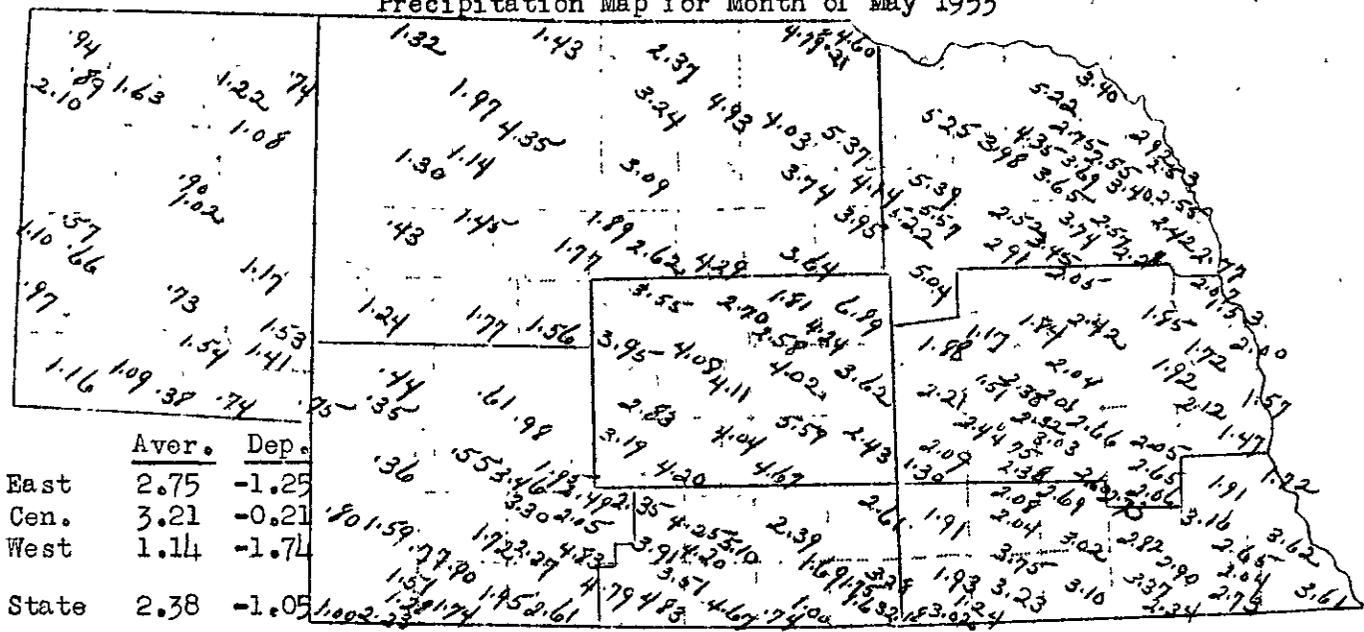
Some of the first crop of alfalfa was harvested last week. Yields vary considerably, being poorest in south-central Nebraska and generally better in the northern portions of the state. The present moisture supply is generally ample to give the second crop a good start after harvest is completed. Wild hay shows some improvement. The condition of pasture is unchanged but should improve after the recent rains.

About two-thirds of the sorghum crop has been planted and conditions are favorable for giving this crop a good start. Thinning of sugar beets continues in the North Platte Valley. Planting of dry beans is progressing and potato planting is under way. There is some interest in safflower in western Nebraska.

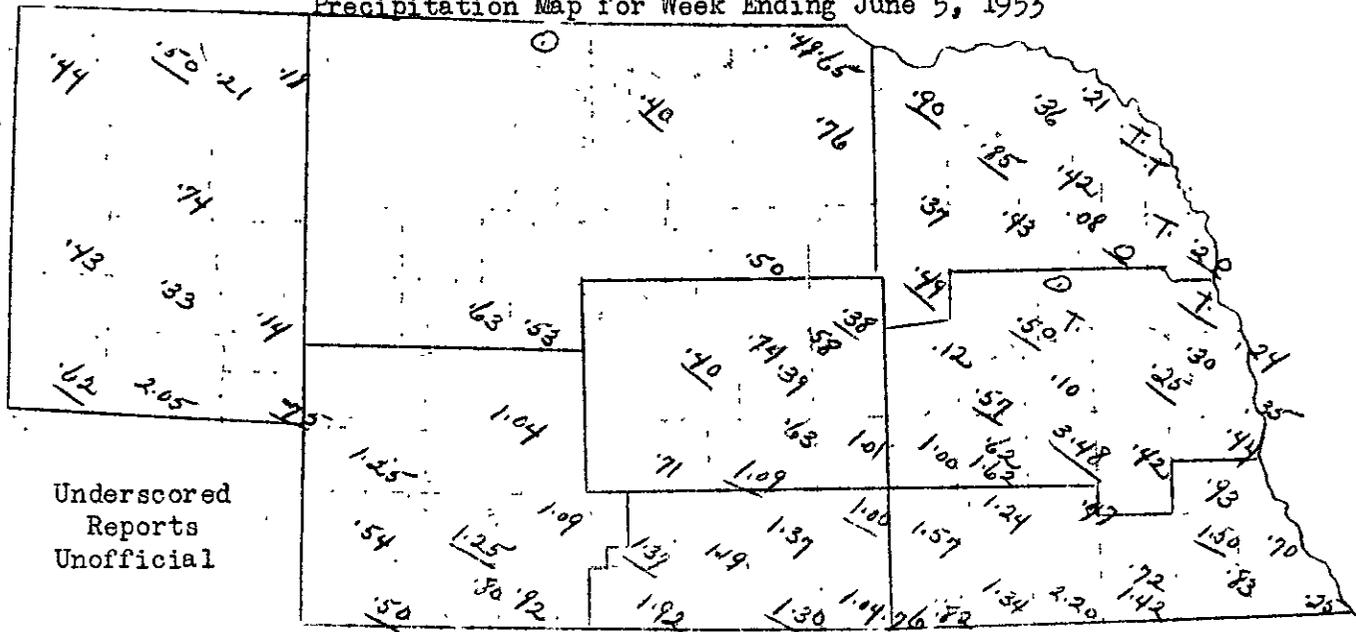
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 8, 1953

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>		
Grand Island	2.04	Burwell	-	Chadron	.93
Lincoln	1.40	Lexington	.99	Imperial	.84
Norfolk	2.34	North Platte	1.20	Scottsbluff	2.05
Omaha	1.13	Valentine	.28	Sidney	3.48
Sioux City	2.98				

Precipitation Map for Month of May 1953



Precipitation Map for Week Ending June 5, 1953



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

		JUNE		2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	84	61	86	41	84	47	72	49	58	47	70	54	64	45		
	Scottsbluff	81	57	88	51	84	44	75	49	55	46	67	49	63	45		
	Sidney	78	55	85	39	81	48	77	47	55	47	57	50	64	43		
N-C	Burwell	84	60	85	53	87	58	80	53	59	46	--	--	--	--		
	Valentine	84	65	--	--	85	50	--	--	--	--	55	49	65	50		
NE	Norfolk	82	63	85	64	88	66	79	54	63	45	67	57	74	57		
	Sioux City	84	59	83	64	92	64	85	55	63	46	71	54	75	58		
CEN.	Grand Island	83	61	87	61	89	62	82	55	62	45	64	58	80	55		
	Lexington	83	61	89	51	85	58	80	54	64	48	62	56	78	49		
E-C	Lincoln	83	65	86	73	92	69	87	56	70	48	67	62	85	59		
	Omaha	83	61	85	67	95	68	89	56	69	47	71	62	87	61		
SW	Imperial	83	56	89	45	83	50	80	53	63	47	57	55	77	44		
	North Platte	83	60	90	46	84	54	82	54	58	48	--	--	72	45		