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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 11-2-53

WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal, with warm days and cool nights. There was practically full sunshine and winds were light to moderate. There was no precipitation of consequence over the state.

October was warm, sunny and rather dry. Wind movement was below normal. The north-central portion of the state received approximately normal precipitation, as well as some of the south-central and the southern portion of the Panhandle, but rainfall was considerably deficient elsewhere, particularly over the eastern portion of the state and the northern half of the Panhandle.

CROPS About 89% of the corn was husked by November 1. This is approximately three times the usual amount of harvesting done by November 1. The 10-year average shows 36% completed by November 15, in contrast to the 89% completed by November 1 this fall.

The moisture during the latter part of October improved the operation of mechanical corn pickers. Harvesting completed by districts is as follows: Northwest, 68%; North-central, 79%; Northeast, 94%; Central, 84%; East-central, 92%; Southwest, 84%; South-central, 82%; Southeast, 87%.

Winter wheat shows some further improvement but the condition is below the average for this date. Some of the unsprouted wheat came up after the rain. Considerable of the wheat has made a good growth. The Panhandle has the best condition but more moisture is needed there also, particularly the northern portion. Kimball county has been reporting considerable mosaic during the past two or three weeks.

Rail shipments of potatoes are very slow due to the low price. The sugar beet harvest is about completed. Preliminary reports indicate good yields with a satisfactory sugar content.

The condition of pasture is very low. Range feed in the Sandhills is very good in the eastern portions but short in a number of the southern counties of the range area. Some reports indicate that the corn stalk pasture is not as good as usual. Some wheat pasture is still possible.

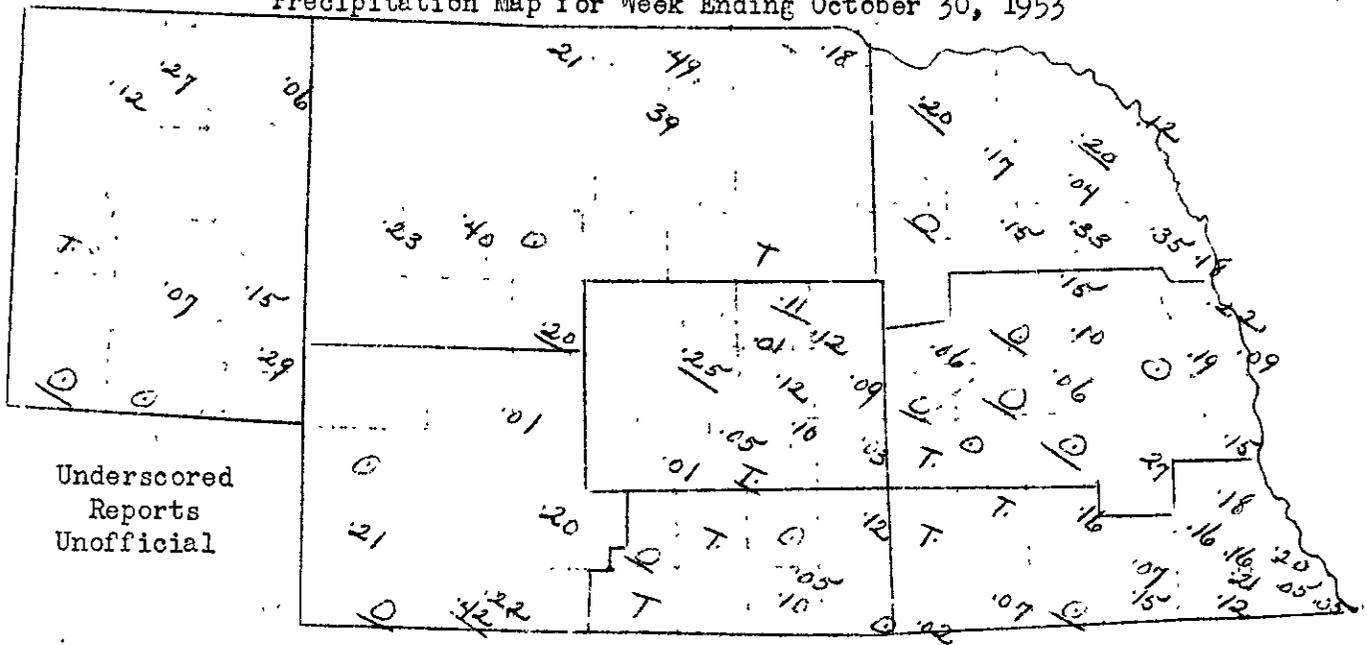
Owing to the favorable weather, farm work is much further advanced than usual for this date. Farm labor has been ample. Farmers will have more time for the usual feeding and care for livestock.

LIVESTOCK All except a few counties report ample feed grain, but a fifth of the counties report a short supply of hay and forage. The shortage of pasture necessitated feeding hay much earlier than usual. An encouraging note comes from Frontier county, where top steers brought \$19.80 a hundred at a local sale. Some county reports indicate an increasing interest in cattle feeding, with some hopes for a more stable cattle market. Some increased interest in pork production is also noted.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 2, 1953

| <u>Eastern Division</u> | | <u>Central Division</u> | | <u>Western Division</u> | |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Grand Island | 0 | Burwell | 0 | Chadron | 0 |
| Lincoln | 0 | Lexington | 0 | Imperial | .01 |
| Norfolk | 0 | North Platte | .01 | Scottsbluff | 0 |
| Omaha | 0 | Valentine | 0 | Sidney | 0 |
| Sioux City | 0 | | | | |

Precipitation Map for Week Ending October 30, 1953



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

| | | October | | | | November | | | | | | | | | |
|------|--------------|---------|-----|------|-----|----------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | 27th | | 28th | | 29th | | 30th | | 31st | | 1st | | 2nd | |
| | | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min |
| NW | Chadron | 55 | 35 | 58 | 40 | 72 | 35 | 76 | 42 | 64 | 27 | 66 | -- | 73 | 55 |
| | Scottsbluff | 58 | 37 | 65 | 35 | 71 | 30 | 78 | 39 | 65 | 30 | 66 | -- | 73 | 50 |
| | Sidney | 53 | 33 | 60 | 36 | 69 | 32 | 75 | 39 | 61 | 30 | 65 | -- | 68 | 43 |
| N-C | Burwell | 54 | 30 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | Valentine | 50 | 37 | 59 | 43 | 66 | 46 | 76 | 40 | 63 | 37 | -- | -- | 72 | 55 |
| NE | Norfolk | 50 | 28 | 53 | 29 | 61 | 28 | 75 | 46 | 72 | 37 | -- | -- | 72 | 43 |
| | Sioux City | 52 | 31 | 52 | 29 | 62 | 32 | 70 | 40 | 76 | 35 | -- | -- | 70 | 39 |
| CEN. | Grand Island | 52 | 29 | 57 | 34 | 65 | 34 | 75 | 47 | 72 | 35 | -- | -- | 73 | 48 |
| | Lexington | 51 | 34 | 56 | 39 | 69 | 33 | 76 | 33 | 69 | 30 | 59 | -- | 74 | 41 |
| E-C | Lincoln | 52 | 30 | 55 | 32 | 64 | 34 | 70 | 52 | 77 | 38 | 55 | 34 | 69 | 50 |
| | Omaha | 53 | 28 | 53 | 33 | 62 | 38 | 69 | 47 | 78 | 40 | -- | -- | 70 | 47 |
| SW | Imperial | 52 | 37 | 60 | 40 | 69 | 35 | 76 | 36 | 66 | 30 | 65 | -- | 74 | 39 |
| | North Platte | 52 | 31 | 60 | 35 | 70 | 39 | 75 | 30 | 67 | 30 | -- | -- | 74 | 41 |

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