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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 11-9-53

WEATHER The week was considerably colder than normal, with warm weather during the first day and generally cold weather thereafter. Heavy rain and snow fell over the south-central portion of the state, diminishing to light over the northern border and to practically none along the Missouri River. The snow was mostly wet and sticky, so drifting was only moderate, although strong winds blew during the storm.

CROPS Except for most of the eastern third of the state, the rain and snow of the past week, including moisture that fell between October 17 and 24, has put the surface soil in winter wheat fields from fair to good condition. All except a few of the counties in the eastern third of the state need moisture badly. South-eastern Nebraska which usually receives the most moisture has received the least, and some of the wheat is quite spotted. Reports up to last weekend indicate that not all of the wheat has sprouted yet.

With few exceptions, the wheat in the balance of the state is generally in good condition with present prospects good for winter survival. The soil moisture conditions in the western two-thirds of the state are slightly better than a year ago, with moisture penetration averaging nearly 38 inches. Moisture in non-fallow fields averaged 32 inches and in summer fallow fields 42 inches. With the moisture that was received in the western two-thirds of the state during the past two weeks, most of the surface soil is generally in good condition now. The Panhandle has the best wheat outlook at present. Wheat showed further improvement in condition, especially in the western two-thirds of the state.

The stormy weather delayed corn picking, particularly in western Nebraska. About 6% was still unharvested by last weekend. While a little corn is still unharvested throughout the state, most of the unharvested corn is in western Nebraska. Yields have been averaging a little better than expected a month ago.

The harvesting of sugar beets is nearly completed. Stormy weather of the past week caused a little delay. Very few potatoes are being sold because of the low price.

A little improvement in pasture is noted since the moisture of the past two weeks. Range is also better after softening by the moisture, but is still reported short except in the northern portion of the Sandhills.

With the exception of a few southwestern counties, feed grain was reported ample throughout the state. The hay and forage supply is reported ample except in some of the counties south of the Platte River. Because of early feeding due to lack of pasture, some counties may run short before next spring. The moisture has made corn stalk pasture more palatable. The outlook for fall seeded alfalfa and pasture improved since the rain.

LIVESTOCK Returns are still showing a little less cattle feeding than a year ago. There is increasing interest in hog production. Some of the cattle feed lots are beginning to fill up in the North Platte Valley.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 9, 1953

Eastern Division

Grand Island .59
Lincoln .41
Norfolk .13
Omaha 0
Sioux City, Ia. 0

Central Division

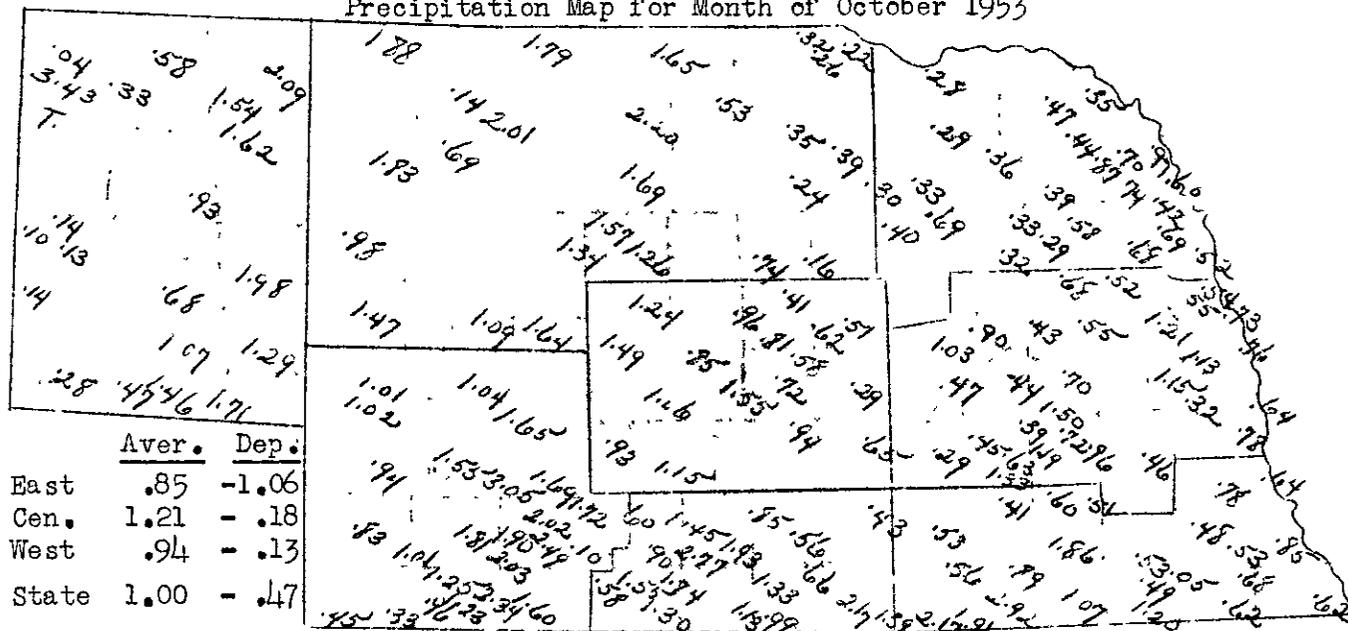
Burwell .55
Lexington 1.16
North Platte .95
Valentine .30

Western Division

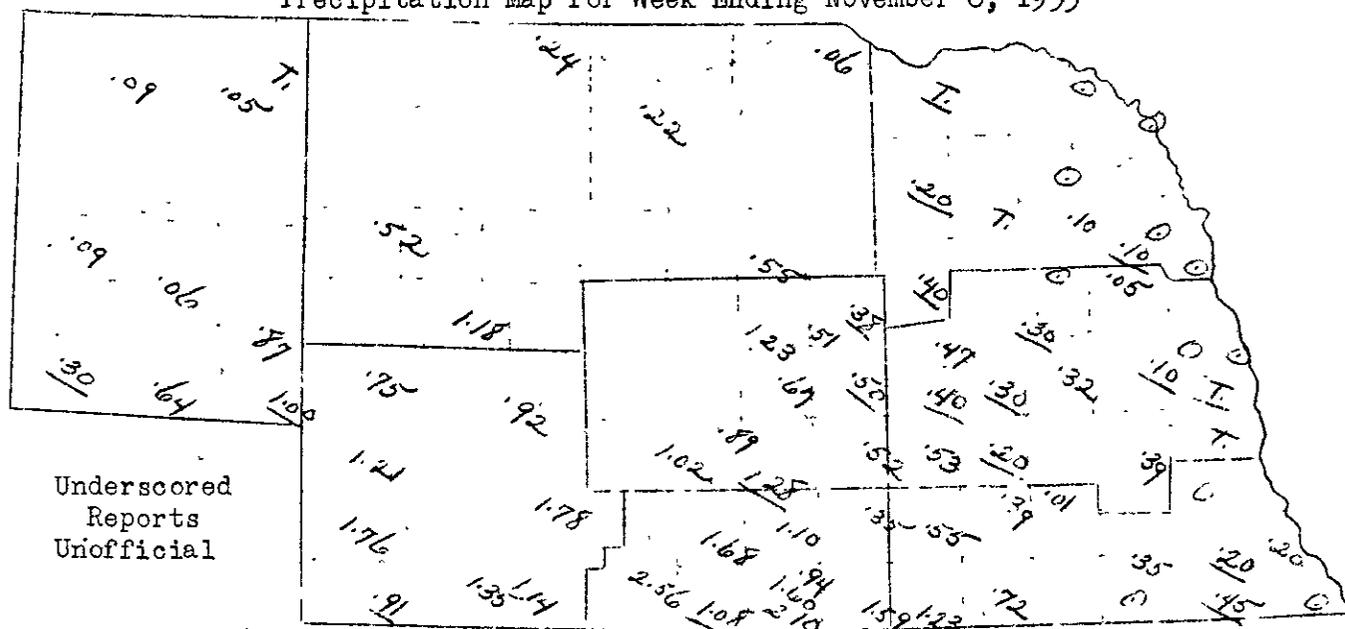
Chadron .09
Imperial 1.04
Scottsbluff .17
Sidney .59

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Precipitation Map for Month of October 1953



Precipitation Map for Week Ending November 6, 1953



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

		November													
		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th		9th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	61	38	54	34	52	36	41	33	36	30	48	23	56	25
	Scottsbluff	71	40	51	35	42	34	39	--	35	30	50	21	56	25
	Sidney	67	36	45	29	35	30	34	--	32	25	46	25	33	25
N-C	Burwell	--	--	--	--	47	19	47	27	33	23	36	17	44	13
	Valentine	65	38	43	31	51	36	43	28	31	25	31	20	51	27
NE	Norfolk	76	41	54	28	51	20	44	29	36	29	35	18	36	17
	Sioux City	67	40	58	29	52	20	45	22	40	30	45	20	49	18
CEN.	Grand Island	78	41	52	39	48	28	46	32	33	27	34	17	44	13
	Lexington	78	41	57	37	39	35	43	27	35	24	42	--	40	14
E-C	Lincoln	73	40	54	40	52	25	44	30	38	31	33	18	39	26
	Omaha	77	44	57	40	54	28	45	29	41	31	45	20	46	22
SW	Imperial	74	39	46	31	35	31	35	--	32	23	31	20	47	21
	North Platte	70	41	48	36	39	35	38	28	31	25	34	20	44	14

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