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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER June was warm. Temperatures averaged from 4° to 6° above normal over the State. The average precipitation was only slightly below normal. Distribution was good for a summer month. The only large dry areas were the Panhandle and the extreme southwestern portions of the State.

Temperatures averaged below normal during the week, with unseasonably cool weather at the close. Heavy rains fell over the southeastern and most of the western portions of the State, and moderate to locally heavy showers over most other areas.

CROPS Corn made excellent progress throughout the state last week. The crop is much farther advanced than usual for this date. Some of the earliest has started to tassel. Most of the corn has a good dark green color. Stands are not up to normal because of lighter planting due to limited subsoil moisture. The subsoil moisture situation improved somewhat from fairly substantial rains in Central and southern Nebraska. Part of the counties in northeastern Nebraska did not receive as much moisture as counties in other areas.

The wheat harvest is earlier than usual but rains during the last week caused some delay. However, 41% of the harvesting had been completed by the close of the past week. A little harvesting of wheat was done in the Panhandle last week and considerable will be done this week if weather permits. Farmers are eager to get harvesting completed before possible destruction by hail. Ten of the counties reported hail storms last week, some being very severe. Yields ranged from low to some very high yields.

Reported yields on oats and barley are generally very low. Comments indicate that much of the crop will not be harvested for grain but used for pasture, hay, silage or plowed up in order to qualify for the Soil Bank Program.

The sorghum crop made further improvement. Part of the sorghum area has been getting a fair amount of moisture into the subsoil since the rains of the past week. Some farmers are planting sorghum and other forage in harvested wheat fields in order to get more feed for livestock.

Alfalfa shows very little improvement. Rains came too late to help the second crop except in a few counties. The outlook for the third crop is a little better, but continued rains will be needed as the subsoil is very dry.

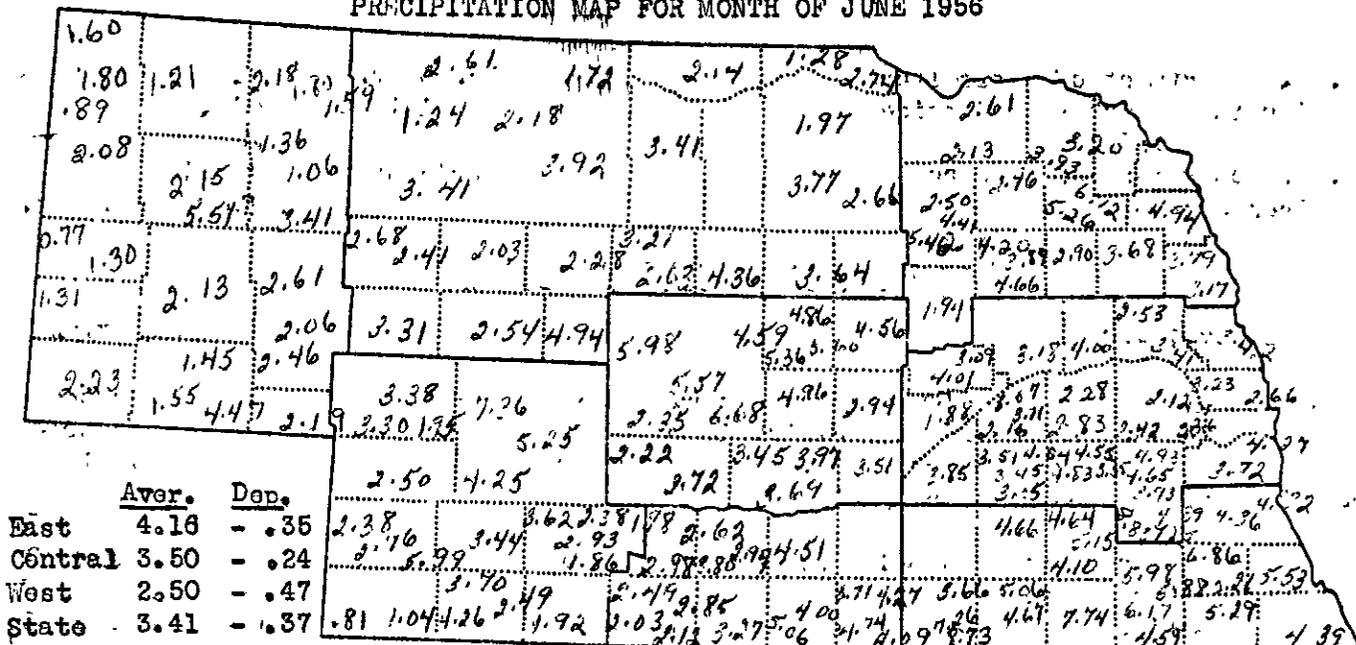
Pastures show a slight improvement. Some of the counties are now reporting a fair amount of pasture feed. However, many counties are still short.

A little wild hay has been harvested in the Sandhills. Rains have improved the outlook somewhat in North Central Nebraska. Harvest of wild hay may be late in eastern Nebraska to get additional growth of grass.

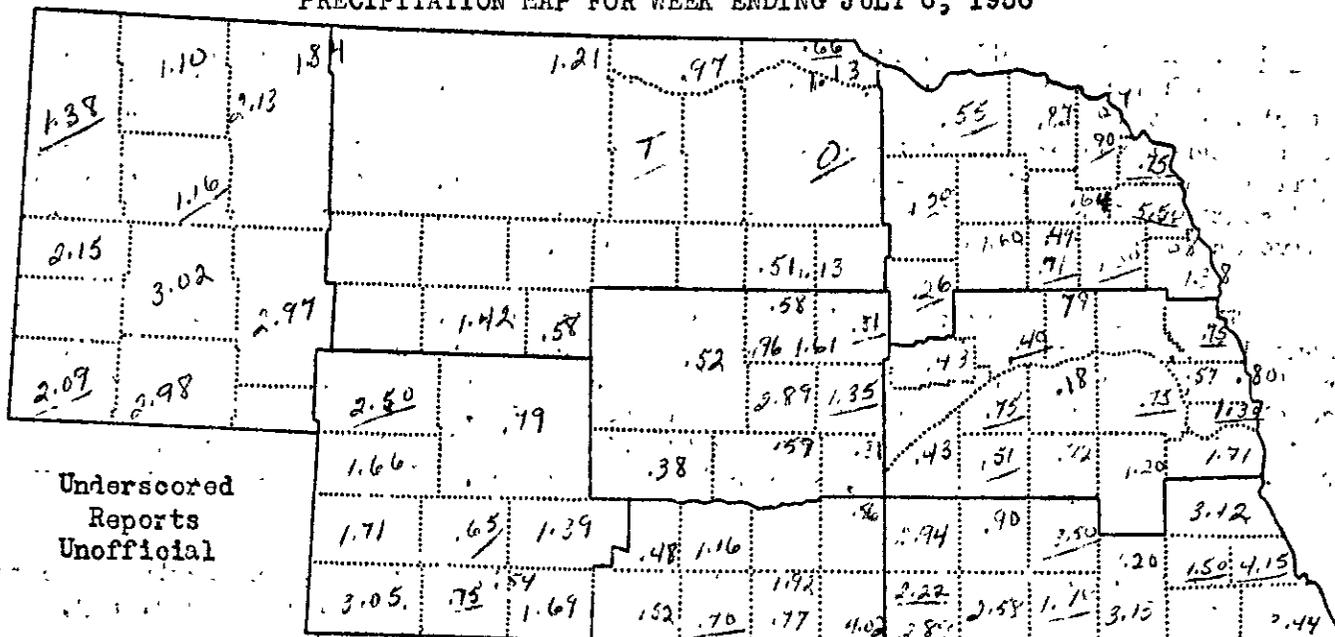
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF JUNE 1956



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 6, 1956



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		July 3d		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th		9th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	79	56	85	54	85	55	85	57	94	59	85	47	83	47
	Scottsbluff	78	55	83	57	82	56	80	57	93	60	82	55	83	50
	Sidney	76	54	81	56	82	55	75	55	88	59	81	56	81	48
NC	Burwell	81	59	79	62	91	59	84	56	89	64	--	--	83	51
	Valentine	82	62	86	59	85	62	84	58	94	61	82	50	79	48
NE	Norfolk	79	61	77	62	84	59	85	65	91	61	83	57	82	54
	Sioux City	82	62	74	61	85	61	91	65	91	61	80	58	83	56
CEN	Grand Island	77	63	80	60	86	63	85	63	89	70	90	54	86	54
	Lincoln	73	64	78	64	80	65	90	70	90	65	93	59	87	59
SW	Omaha	75	60	74	61	77	61	86	67	87	61	85	59	80	56
	Imperial	82	61	80	61	85	59	77	57	86	61	82	59	82	51
	North Platte	79	61	82	63	88	62	81	55	89	65	83	50	83	47

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 9, 1956

Eastern Division		Central Division		Western Division	
Grand Island	0.30	Burwell	0.35	Chadron	0.12
Lincoln	1.39	North Platte	0.46	Imperial	1.25
Norfolk	1.52	Valentine	1.18	Scottsbluff	1.87
Omaha	1.83			Sidney	2.90
Sioux City	0.47				

Precipitation, April 1 - July 6, 1956

	Eastern Div.	Central Div.	Western Div.
Total past week	1.47	1.00	1.93
Total Since April 1	9.09	7.98	6.44
Long-Time Average since April 1	11.63	10.14	8.32