

NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 4/11/66

WEATHER It was a cool week with several windy days. Temperatures averaged from 2 degrees below normal in the Panhandle to 6 degrees below normal in the east. Light showers or snow flurries fell on a number of days, but the totals were under a quarter of an inch at most stations.

CROPS Lower temperatures slowed the growth of winter wheat during the past week. A number of farmers were rotary-hoeing wheat fields, particularly in those areas where heavy fall rains caused the surface soil to crust and where weed problems appear to be developing. A number of fields in the southwest are infested with tansy mustard and chemical control may be necessary if the weed is to be controlled. High winds again caused erosion on some fields but in most areas the plants have developed enough to protect the soil.

Seeding of oats is about 60 percent completed. In the northeast, where wet fields had previously held up field operations, sowing moved at a rapid pace. An average of nearly 5 days were favorable for field operations last week and as a result the progress of spring field work remains ahead of normal. Although seeding of corn, sorghum, and soybean fields will probably not occur for some time, stalk chopping, fertilizing and disking operations are well underway across the State. More than half of the sugar beet acreage has been planted in the Upper Platte Valley. Additional surface moisture is still needed in some areas if uniform germination is to occur in fields now being planted.

LIVESTOCK Cattle producers generally report that calving is progressing normally with no more than the usual disease problems. Supplemental feeding of hay and roughage to livestock continues and it will be necessary until grasses have enough growth to permit grazing. The heavy growth of wheat is being utilized as livestock pasture in several areas. Feed lots are reasonably dry and production rates are favorable for most classes of livestock.

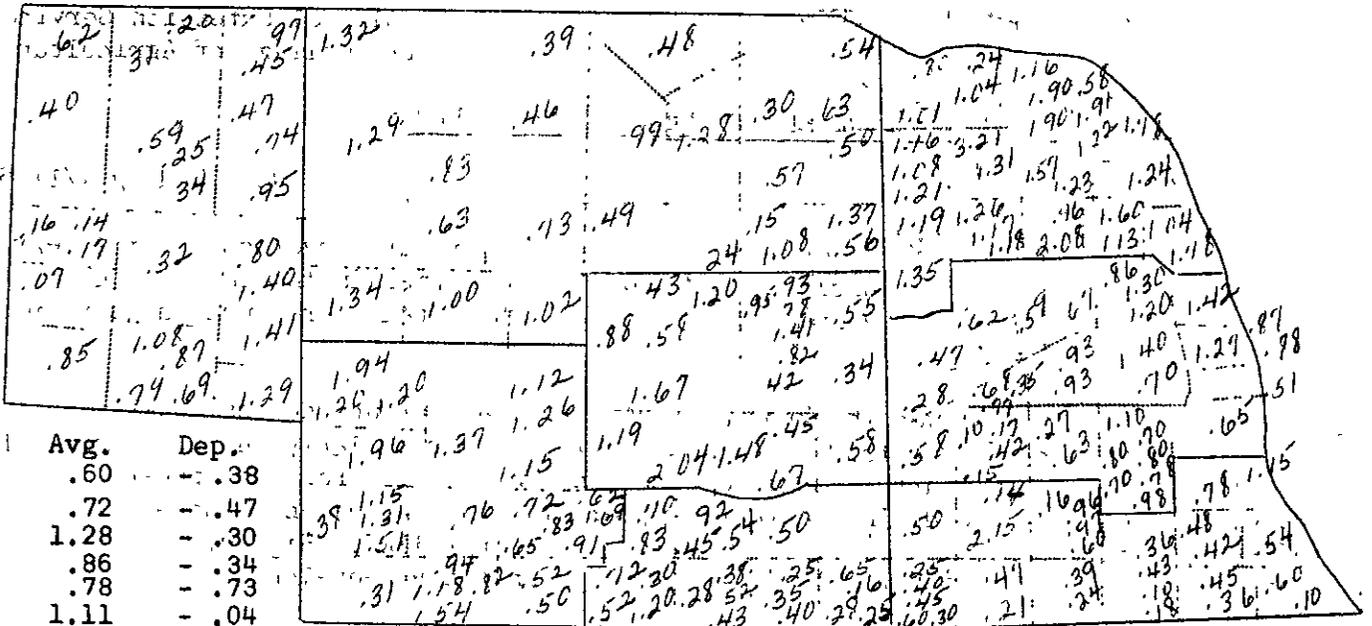
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 10, 1966

<u>EAST</u>		<u>CENTRAL</u>		<u>WEST</u>	
Grand Island	.18	Burwell	.14	Chadron	.24
Lincoln	.16	North Platte	T	Imperial	T
Norfolk	T	Valentine	.12	Scottsbluff	.14
Omaha	T			Sidney	.13
Sioux City	T				

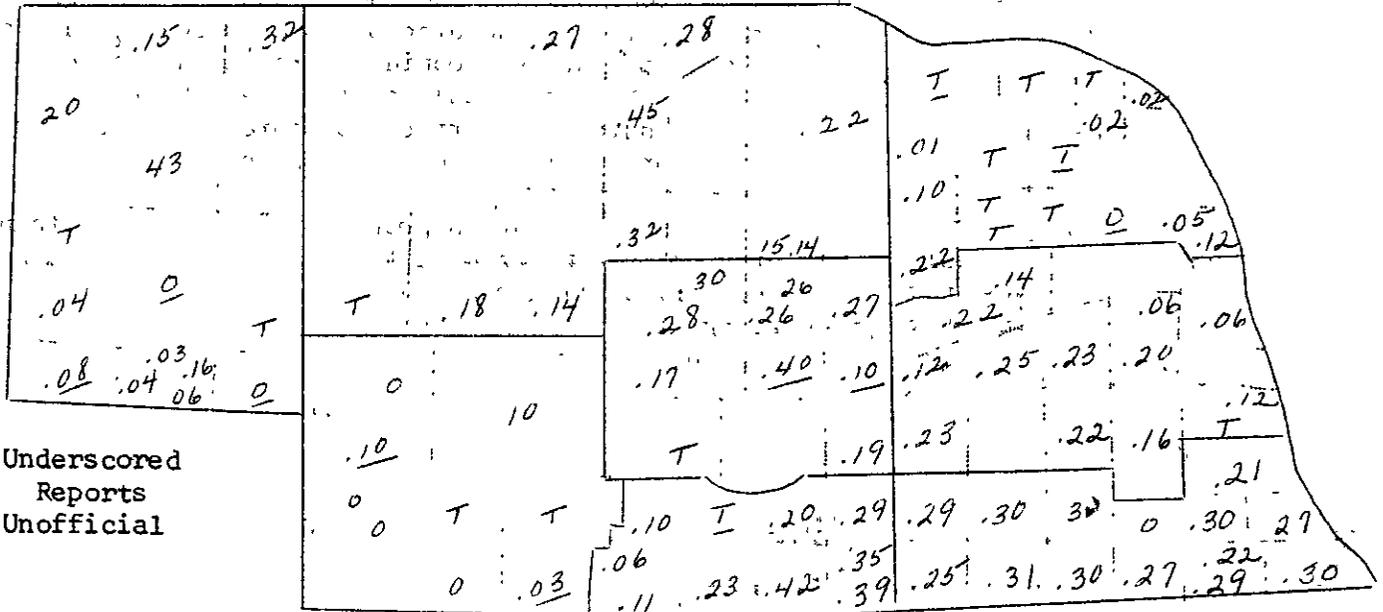
Precipitation, April 1 - April 8, 1966

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.12	.22	.05	.21	.16	.01	.24	.25
Total since April 1	.17	.28	.12	.27	.22	.06	.30	.31
Normal since April 1	.45	.48	.56	.48	.57	.45	.49	.58

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF MARCH 1966



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 8, 1966



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		April													
		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	40	26	52	28	60	31	50	28	49	25	66	41	67	39
	Scottsbluff	43	19	51	36	63	30	59	20	56	24	70	36	62	37
	Sidney	41	20	48	26	62	26	65	19	54	23	64	29	64	33
NC	Burwell	41	27	45	22	54	25	54	29	47	24	53	36	65	32
	Valentine	38	28	45	21	55	24	47	31	45	24	56	40	67	32
NE	Norfolk	43	31	42	26	54	27	54	32	47	20	48	32	56	35
	Sioux City	42	34	43	30	54	29	55	35	49	23	48	34	48	40
CEN	Grand Island	47	27	47	22	59	27	60	33	51	26	53	36	72	36
EC	Lincoln	45	30	43	27	57	30	56	35	50	26	48	37	59	42
	Omaha	41	31	40	26	56	28	56	31	49	24	47	30	51	40
SW	Imperial	46	27	47	36	61	30	71	25	57	22	62	37	62	40
	North Platte	45	24	46	26	58	27	63	26	51	22	57	39	62	37