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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The weather was cloudy and cool at the beginning of the week and again at the end of the week. In general, warm nights and cool days resulted in temperatures that averaged a little above normal in the west and north to a few degrees below normal in the southeast. Temperatures rose into the 60s and 70s Thursday through Saturday for the only warm days during the week.

Precipitation fell over the entire State during both weekends. In most areas, totals were about a quarter of an inch or less, but the Panhandle and Southwest received amounts ranging from a half inch to over an inch from the first storm. The Panhandle portion on Monday morning had two inches of snow on the ground at Scottsbluff and 3 inches at Sidney. It was still snowing late Monday morning in the west and north central and light rain or freezing rain was falling elsewhere.

CROPS The wheat crop continued to show good to excellent development over most parts of the State. Stands are generally quite even and plants have tillered well in most fields. Other fall sown grains are also showing very good development. Soil moisture supplies are adequate at present in most areas. Some fields are infested with weeds and chemical controls have been used in some instances. A number of farmers have used rotary hoes on their fields in an attempt to break up the crust which formed during the heavy rains last fall.

Nearly 75 percent of the oats acreage has now been seeded. Sowing operations are nearly completed in the east while most of the acreage remaining to be seeded is in the south central and western areas. About 60 percent of the spring barley is seeded. Spring field work continues to make quite favorable progress. Seedbed preparation has progressed at a rapid pace in most of the State and disking and plowing operations on fields to be fallowed this year are underway in the west. An average of about 4.5 days were favorable for field work last week. Development of alfalfa and grasses was slowed by cool, cloudy weather.

LIVESTOCK Most classes of livestock are in a thrifty condition. Calving operations are nearing completion in some areas. Lambing and farrowing operations are also progressing well.

Inshipments of stocker and feeder cattle into Nebraska during March totaled 132,000 head. This compares to 114,000 head during March of 1965. Arrivals of sheep and lambs during March numbered 8,500 head while 25,000 head arrived in March 1965.

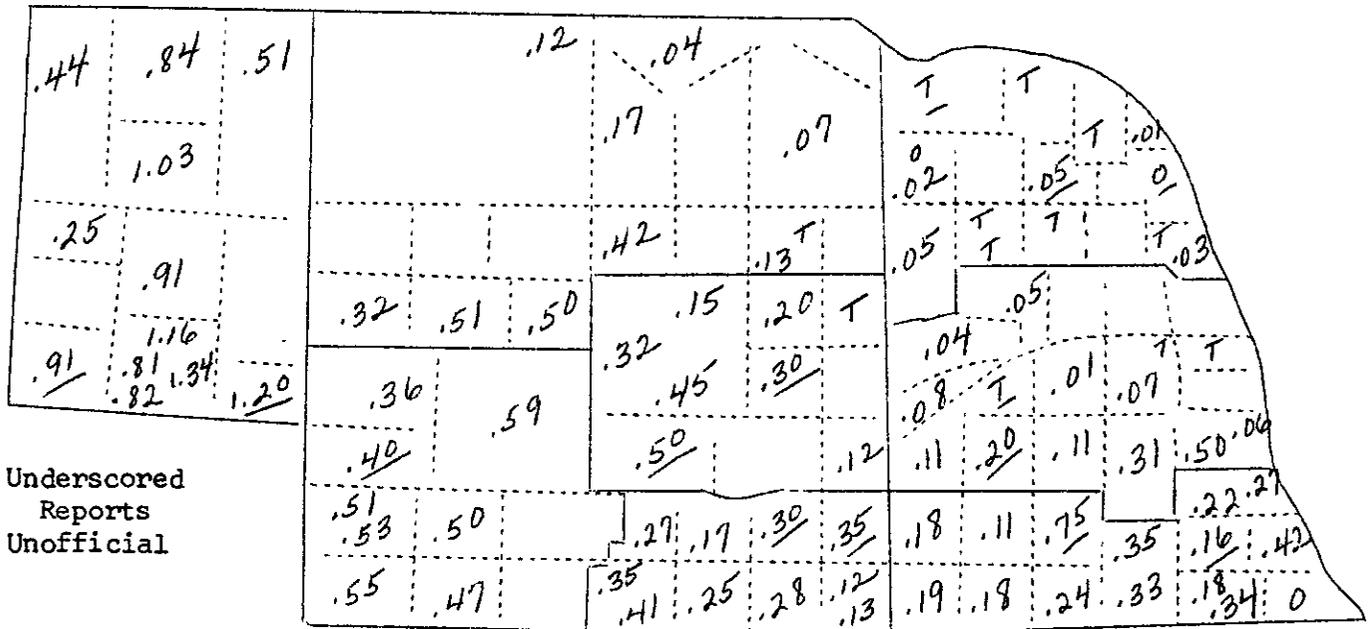
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 17, 1966

East		Central		West	
Grand Island	.12	Burwell	.38	Chadron	1.04
Lincoln	.31	North Platte	.59	Imperial	.51
Norfolk	.08	Valentine	.29	Scottsbluff	.52
Omaha	.01			Sidney	1.31
Sioux City	.01				

Precipitation, April 1 - April 15, 1966

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.84	.27	.01	.24	.11	.46	.23	.21
Total since April 1	1.01	.55	.13	.51	.33	.52	.53	.52
Normal since April 1	.87	.96	1.12	.96	1.13	.88	.96	1.15

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 15, 1966



		April													
		11th		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	50	36	48	37	48	28	64	34	68	43	72	31	36	27
	Scottsbluff	65	42	52	35	55	26	65	33	72	42	73	36	37	28
	Sidney	62	36	41	33	60	27	60	32	69	38	69	34	36	25
NC	Burwell	54	37	40	36	44	34	64	29	65	44	72	44	47	33
	Valentine	51	37	41	33	47	26	64	30	70	45	71	34	45	26
NE	Norfolk	43	37	48	39	54	43	63	29	62	49	69	46	48	33
	Sioux City	45	36	57	39	57	33	65	30	61	46	69	47	55	36
CEN	Grand Island	49	38	42	39	48	43	64	32	66	48	73	48	51	37
EC	Lincoln	46	40	47	39	55	38	59	33	62	49	69	48	57	39
	Omaha	43	37	52	39	57	34	61	32	62	46	65	46	60	39
SW	Imperial	65	36	37	34	50	34	62	36	68	45	72	45	45	31
	North Platte	62	36	36	32	45	29	63	32	69	41	74	41	47	33

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