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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures for the week averaged a little above seasonal being warm early in the week and cooler over the weekend. Averages ranged from two degrees above normal in the west to four above normal in the east.

Precipitation amounts were spotty, with the heaviest showers reported in a band extending from the south-central portion to the northeastern part of the State. There were also widely scattered local downpours west of this band, but the heavy showers did not reach the southeast. Many stations in the southeast corner received no precipitation. Some of the heavier amounts officially reported included Dalton, 2.69"; North Platte, 2.72"; Beaver City, 6.10"; Minden, 4.40"; and Pilger, 2.35". Up to 10" to 14" were reported unofficially in some areas of Harlan County. Hail accompanied some of the heavy showers; but in general, the areas of heavy damage were small and well scattered. The exception was in Cheyenne and Kimball Counties where many wheat fields were stripped in a band 3 to 4 miles wide and 30 miles long.

CROPS Rains over the State during the past week brought improvement to all growing crops. A few fields of wheat were harvested ahead of the rain, and harvest will be resumed as soon as fields dry sufficiently for machine operations. The crop ripened rapidly under the influence of higher temperatures, and some of the early varieties in the Panhandle are turning color. Harvest should be in full swing soon after the Fourth of July. Hail has taken a toll of the acreage in some of the Panhandle Counties, and heavy rains caused minor losses from flooding and lodging. Harvest of barley, oats, and rye will follow close to the wheat harvest. Some early barley has been harvested.

Cultivation, fertilizing, and spraying for weeds continue for row crops, with some corn having received the last cultivation. Plant development of corn is well advanced for this time of year. More than the usual acreage of corn and sorghum has been planted to narrow rows. Some stands of sorghum are quite irregular because of poor germination. Soybeans are making good growth, but some replanting has been necessary in north-east counties because of heavy, washing rains.

Harvest of alfalfa continues, with the first cutting in the windup stage and the second cutting starting in irrigated areas. Wild hay harvest will get under way soon after July 1. Pasture and range feed made some improvement as a result of the rains; but in the extreme northwestern counties and some of the south central areas, pastures continue to be short of feed.

LIVESTOCK All livestock continue in good condition. Ranchers are starting to cull their herds of older cows, and the volume of feeders being offered for sale is increasing. Feedlot cattle continue to make good gains.

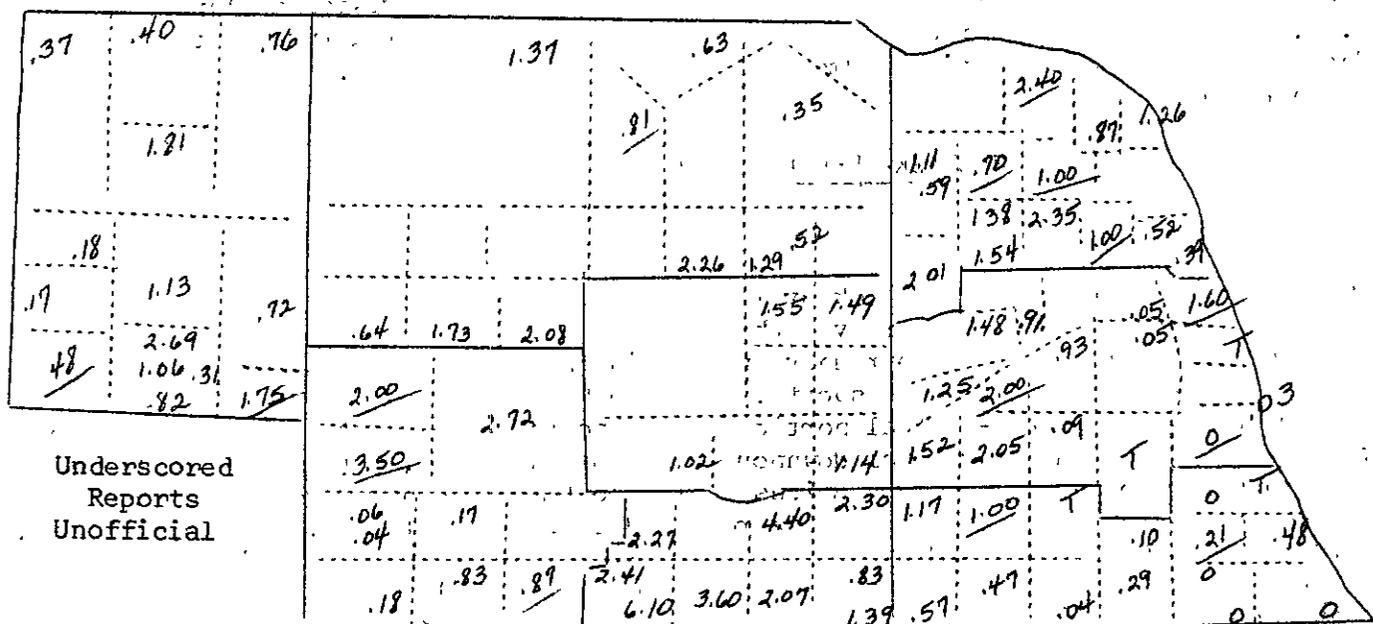
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 26, 1966

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	1.14	Burwell	1.29	Chadron	.59
Lincoln	.27	North Platte	2.72	Imperial	.11
Norfolk	1.38	Valentine	1.37	Scottsbluff	.13
Omaha	1.67			Sidney	.82
Sioux City	1.26				

Precipitation, April 1 - June 24, 1966

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.87	1.21	1.20	1.30	.60	.67	2.74	.22
Total since April 1	4.95	6.58	8.00	6.91	6.63	4.67	6.79	5.10
Normal since April 1	7.24	8.33	9.39	9.07	9.76	7.71	9.03	10.66

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 24, 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)

		June 20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th		25th		26th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	99	70	93	65	92	56	83	64	89	52	80	49	82	69
	Scottsbluff	96	58	93	60	93	55	84	59	89	51	82	51	85	60
	Sidney	93	56	86	59	90	54	79	59	90	55	78	50	80	58
NC	Burwell	95	67	91	65	88	61	73	61	87	69	80	52	80	65
	Valentine	99	70	95	71	90	60	81	64	89	61	77	50	81	66
NE	Norfolk	95	70	91	69	89	66	76	64	88	72	82	58	82	68
	Sioux City	91	67	87	71	87	71	81	66	89	74	86	58	84	67
CEN	Grand Island	96	68	93	68	91	68	84	63	89	72	85	61	82	65
EC	Lincoln	93	70	90	71	89	70	87	72	92	75	97	64	82	69
	Omaha	90	68	88	69	87	67	84	70	88	74	94	64	79	66
SW	Imperial	96	66	93	63	90	53	83	59	96	66	83	57	84	63
	North Platte	94	70	91	66	87	57	80	63	88	68	80	55	79	65

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