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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 5/13/68

WEATHER The past week in Nebraska was cool with temperatures averaging from four to seven degrees below normal. Light freezes occurred in the west and north central portions, and light frost was reported in low areas elsewhere.

Widespread showers occurred early in the week with all sections except the southwest and southeast corners receiving generous amounts. Scattered light showers fell again on Friday and Saturday morning.

CROPS The wheat crop continued in good condition with significant precipitation occurring in much of the wheat producing areas. Top soils are still dry in parts of the southwest and southeast. The crop has started to head in the extreme southern counties. Most cutworm activity has stopped with little damage occurring in the Panhandle.

Corn planting progressed at a rapid rate even though rains early in the week halted field activity. About 55 percent of the crop is planted compared to 35 percent normal. Early plantings are up to good stands.

Sorghum planting progressed somewhat slower but is still ahead of normal. There is about 10 percent of the acreage planted compared to 5 percent normal. Some of the crop is emerging. Soybean planting is about 5 percent complete with most of it occurring in the east central. Spring seeded crops made normal progress.

The sugar beet crop is making favorable progress. Little damage occurred from the snow and freezing temperatures early in the week. Many fields are now ready for thinning.

Alfalfa and wild hay condition is good in most areas. Cool temperatures have retarded growth. Canal irrigation water will start flowing in the Panhandle for use on alfalfa fields. Cool season grasses have made good progress, but the warm season grasses are slow starting.

LIVESTOCK Livestock condition was generally good. Hay and roughages are being fed where pastures have not made enough growth for continuous grazing.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 12, 1968

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.66	Burwell	.57	Chadron	.90
Lincoln	.21	North Platte	.86	Imperial	.75
Norfolk	.55	Valentine	1.35	Scottsbluff	.81
Omaha	1.29			Sidney	1.24
Sioux City	.71				

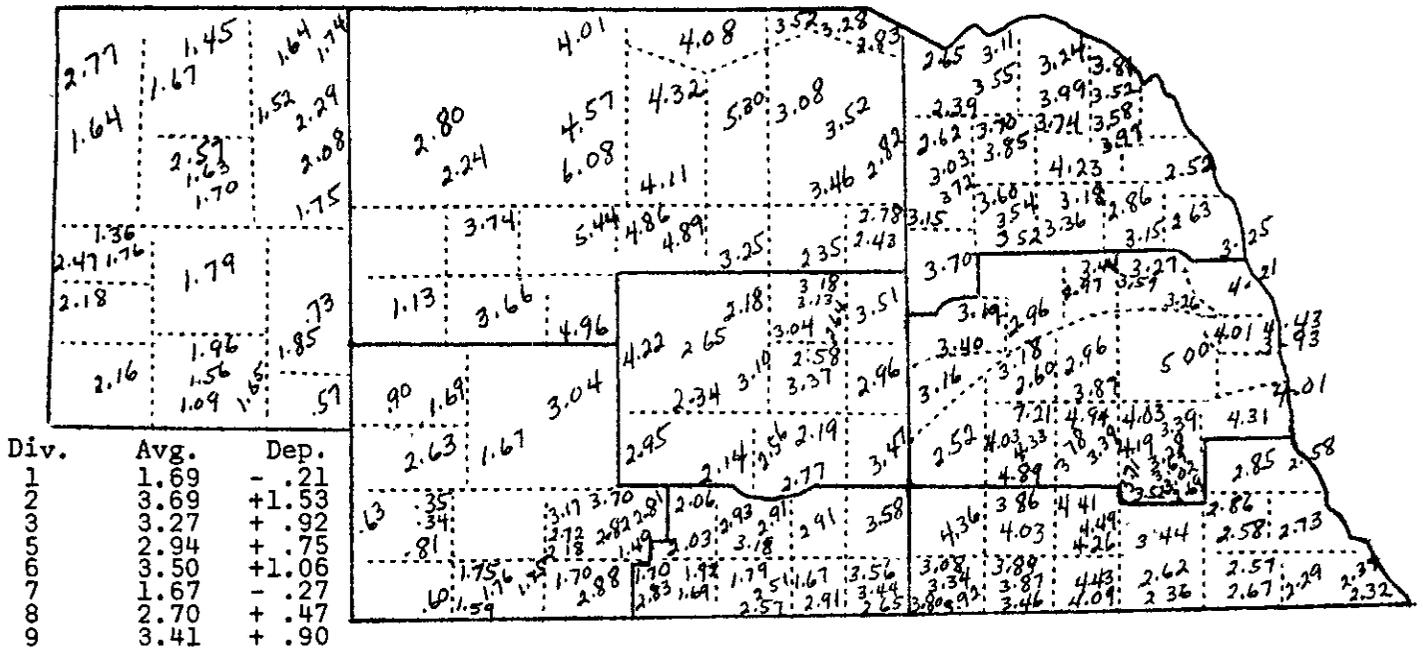
Precipitation, April 1 - May 10, 1968

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	1.50	1.39	.57	.70	.75	.52	1.10	.74
Total since April 1	3.21	5.03	3.93	3.61	4.31	2.41	3.75	4.28
Normal since April 1	2.72	3.05	3.33	3.22	3.45	2.85	3.24	3.73

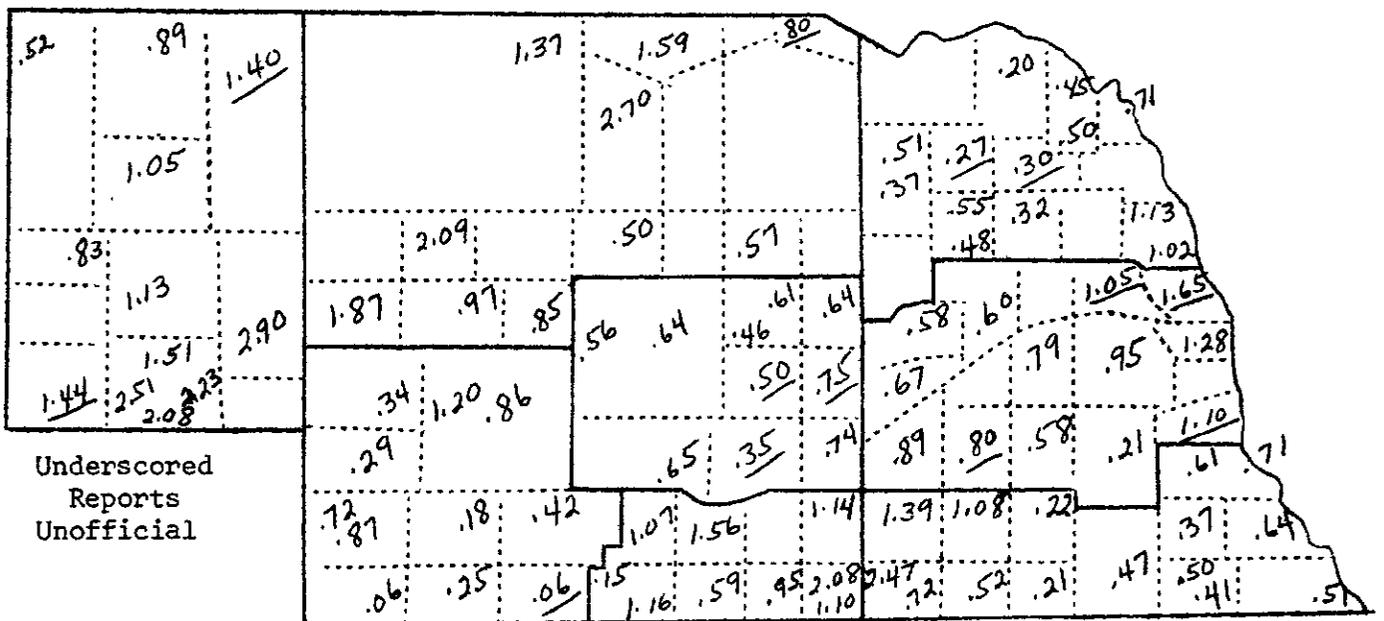
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF APRIL 1968



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 10, 1968



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)

		May 6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	64	34	55	39	54	28	66	45	55	21	59	41	67	51
	Scottsbluff	69	34	57	33	57	31	66	39	60	32	59	39	66	48
	Sidney	67	31	53	33	58	30	62	35	50	30	55	36	60	48
NC	Burwell	67	42	52	44	67	34	64	40	67	38	61	35	70	53
	Valentine	68	40	52	38	56	31	62	41	64	28	59	32	70	53
NE	Norfolk	57	53	56	43	68	41	61	38	71	40	60	34	72	57
	Sioux City	61	55	59	44	71	45	65	42	73	42	62	36	75	57
CEN	Grand Island	62	51	58	44	73	39	66	45	67	42	64	39	73	57
EC	Lincoln	62	55	61	48	75	42	65	46	69	43	63	39	74	60
	Omaha	58	51	60	43	72	43	63	42	69	41	61	41	72	57
	Imperial	79	38	58	33	66	31	66	40	48	35	58	40	56	52
SW	North Platte	74	39	58	38	65	32	65	49	55	35	60	36	62	53