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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures in Nebraska averaged near to or slightly above normal last week. Showers were widespread on Monday and Tuesday nights, but were sparse the remainder of the week. Monday night the far southeast corner had excessive rainfall. Many stations reported over three inches. Falls City had over six inches, and there was an unofficial report of 10 inches south of Humboldt. The rest of the State had amounts that were generally less than an inch. Showers returned the next night and brought an additional half inch to an inch over much of the east. Scattered points in the northeast and isolated points in the Sandhills received an inch and a half to three inches that night. Some light hail and locally damaging winds accompanied the showers.

CROPS The condition of row crops is mostly good; however, rains are needed in many areas for dryland crops to maintain this condition. Locally heavy rain and hail in eastern areas caused some crop damage. In most areas the benefits of moisture more than offset crop losses.

Corn is making favorable progress in most areas. Winds and high temperatures caused additional evaporation of soil moisture supplies and fields in the extremely dry areas started showing some damage. Irrigated corn continued to make very good development. About 15 percent of the crop is in the silking stage.

Sorghum development slowed in dry areas but heading has started in eastern and southeastern areas.

Soybeans are making good progress with farmers roguing fields to rid them of large weeds and other volunteer crops. Sugar beets, potatoes and dry bean development was good, but some hail-damaged bean fields were abandoned.

Wheat harvest was slowed in the Panhandle by showers but is making good headway. About 85 percent of the crop has been combined; well ahead of last year when 65 percent had been cut. Spring small grain harvest made good progress during the week.

Alfalfa and wild hay condition was unchanged from last week, but non-irrigated second crop alfalfa is mostly short. About 60 percent of the second crop has been cut. Wild hay harvest made good progress except where slowed by rains. Pasture and range feed conditions declined in eastern areas.

LIVESTOCK Livestock gains were limited by high temperatures. June inshipments of 69,000 head of stocker and feeder cattle showed a 12 percent decline from last June when 79,000 head moved into the State. Sheep and lamb inshipments of 9,000 head during June were off sharply from last June's movement of 16,000 head.

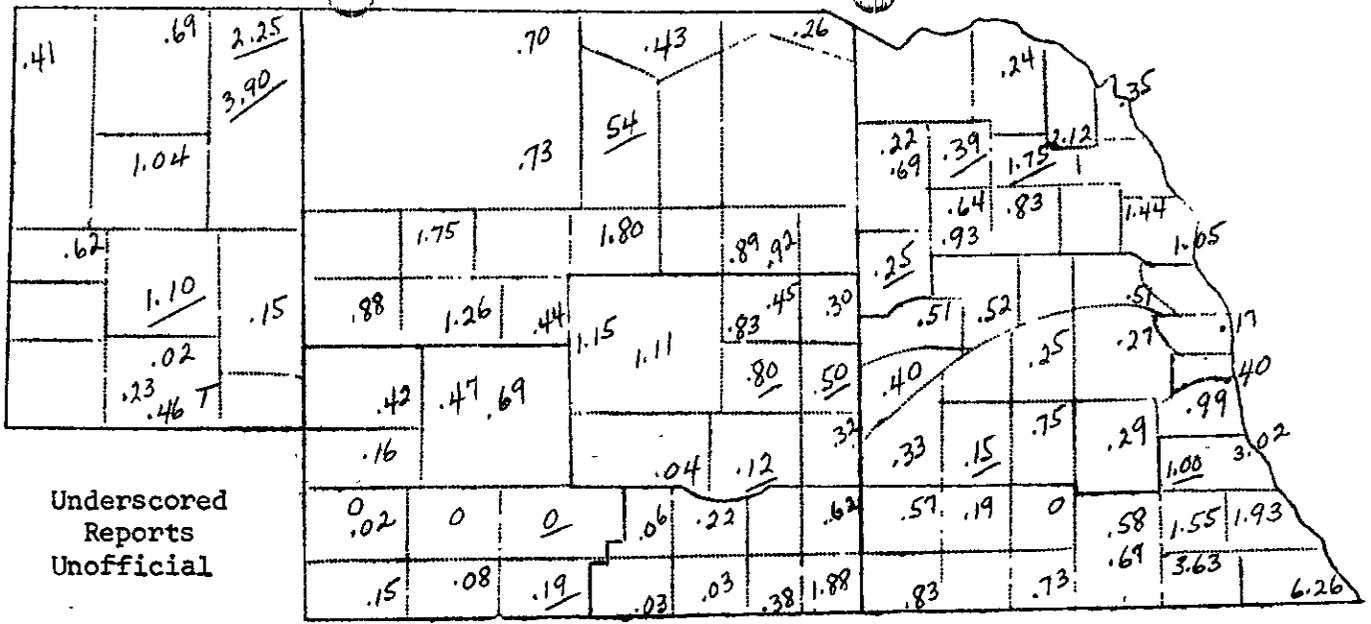
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 21, 1968

East		Central		West	
Grand Island	.32	Burwell	.89	Chadron	.69
Lincoln	.29	North Platte	.69	Imperial	.02
Norfolk	.64	Valentine	.70	Scottsbluff	.62
Omaha	.76			Sidney	.46
Sioux City	.35				

Precipitation, April 1 - July 19, 1968

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.40	.91	.82	.46	.46	.19	.45	1.79
Total since April 1	8.43	10.99	9.87	11.20	11.59	7.01	10.48	10.76
Normal since April 1	9.00	10.40	12.13	11.45	12.70	9.63	11.25	13.59

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 19, 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)

		July 15th		16th		17th		18th		19th		20th		21st	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	98	62	92	60	88	60	78	63	96	68	100	60	81	69
	Scottsbluff	99	60	94	60	90	61	79	63	93	67	101	60	84	64
	Sidney	96	57	95	57	90	57	82	59	90	64	96	64	83	61
NC	Burwell	90	67	95	63	88	65	80	--	84	66	94	69	85	--
	Valentine	96	69	95	63	87	61	78	56	86	69	99	65	81	54
NE	Norfolk	91	70	95	65	87	69	84	60	83	69	95	73	89	63
	Sioux City	93	73	92	70	83	69	86	61	85	65	92	72	92	60
CEN	Grand Island	90	70	97	66	87	67	83	63	84	69	96	72	94	62
EC	Lincoln	92	73	96	70	89	70	91	65	86	72	96	77	98	69
	Omaha	90	70	91	69	83	67	87	64	83	67	88	72	95	65
SW	Imperial	95	65	102	60	93	63	90	63	93	67	102	64	90	57
	North Platte	93	65	96	61	89	64	83	63	88	68	95	71	84	56

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