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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 10/7/68

WEATHER It was a cool, dry week in Nebraska. Temperatures averaged two to five degrees below normal. Monday and Tuesday were warm; the remainder of the week was cool. Frost or freezing temperatures were experienced over most of the State with scattered sprinkles early in the week and again near the week end. The southeast corner of the State received about a half inch of moisture during Friday and Saturday for the only appreciable moisture.

CROPS Most crops were safe from the season's first killing frost. Temperatures were variable but few if any areas were bypassed from receiving at least a light frost. Frost was beneficial to some fields as it will cause grains to dry faster and will kill green shoots in milo fields. The corn crop was about 98 percent matured which compares to 75 percent last year. Silage cutting progressed rapidly as most days during the week were favorable for work. Some corn is being harvested for grain, but this is mostly for seed corn and high moisture storage.

Sorghum and soybean maturity progressed to 90 percent ripe. This compares to last year's 65 percent ripe for sorghum and 70 percent for soybeans. Harvest of both crops is accelerating as moisture content of the grain is dropping to safe storage limits.

Dry bean harvest is in cleanup stages in the Panhandle. Farmers are now turning efforts to the sugar beet crop which is ready to dig. Fall potato digging continued with favorable weather existing during the week. The cutting of fourth crop alfalfa made good progress with 75 percent harvested. Cool season grasses are providing good feed in most areas.

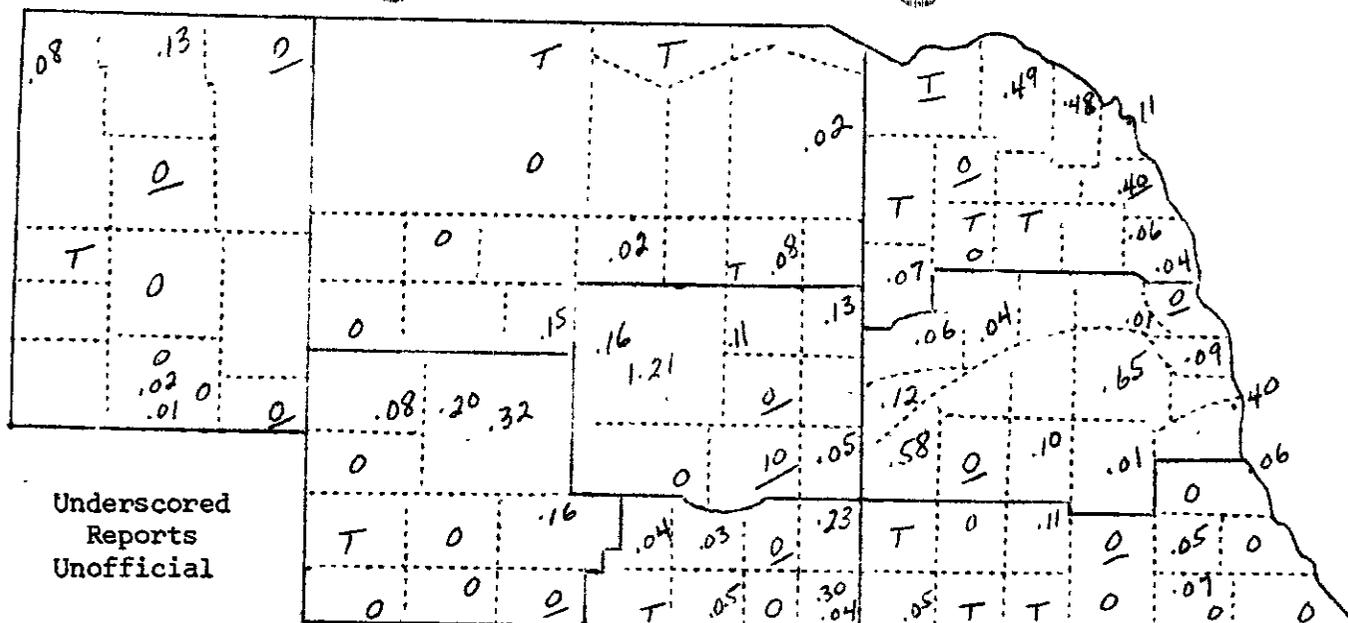
Wheat planting is almost complete with a few farmers in the southeast area still plagued by wet field conditions. Seedings are up to good stands in all areas, and the early plantings are making vigorous growth.

LIVESTOCK Livestock condition is generally good. Movement of feeder cattle is variable as range feed conditions dictate. Problems from shipping such as shipping fever and red nose were noted.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 6, 1968

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.05	Burwell	.23	Chadron	.13
Lincoln	.45	North Platte	.08	Imperial	T
Norfolk	.04	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	T
Omaha	.67			Sidney	.01
Sioux City	.15				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 4, 1968



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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)

		September		October											
		30th		1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	89	40	80	45	54	32	57	34	77	53	68	28	72	48
	Scottsbluff	84	47	80	48	53	36	60	36	71	48	64	32	78	54
	Sidney	84	50	78	47	51	34	58	31	73	51	64	29	77	51
NC	Burwell	75	44	85	47	56	30	57	26	69	47	65	31	69	--
	Valentine	83	41	83	46	57	27	56	27	72	45	66	27	74	51
NE	Norfolk	75	47	80	57	59	35	58	26	67	52	53	36	68	51
	Sioux City	80	53	79	53	61	34	58	27	65	56	57	39	67	45
CEN	Grand Island	72	51	84	56	62	40	60	31	79	52	57	38	71	49
EC	Lincoln	80	62	82	61	63	44	60	34	67	50	52	44	69	52
	Omaha	79	56	83	56	65	37	59	35	63	50	50	45	67	47
SW	Imperial	87	50	85	52	58	37	61	32	74	47	68	28	81	43
	North Platte	82	40	86	44	55	37	59	28	70	50	68	27	75	46

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