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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Nebraska had a warm humid week. Showers early in the week left amounts ranging up to one to three inches in the southeast, up to an inch locally in the north-east and to a half inch in the southern Panhandle. Amounts were smaller in the central portion of the State. Some hail fell in Jefferson County.

CROPS Harvest of all row crops accelerated, but some eastern areas have wet fields. Farmers were searching for fields or areas in fields in which the grain was dry and equipment could travel.

Corn harvest was slow as most farmers are waiting for the grain to dry down to safe storage levels. About 5 percent of the crop has been harvested and moisture content of grain was 24 percent. Moisture content of grain is near normal but amount harvested is slightly below normal. Some corn was cut for silage but most chopping operations have been completed.

Approximately 10 percent of the sorghum crop has been combined. This is somewhat below the five-year (1963-67) average of 30 percent. Much of the delay can be attributed to wet fields. Immature, second growth heads are causing problems in some fields by increasing moisture content. The moisture content is about 17 percent and near normal.

Soybean harvest is near normal with 45 percent of the crop out of the field. Moisture content of beans was 13 percent.

Wheat continued to make good growth, with crown roots developing on early plantings. However, surface soil was becoming dry in portions of the west and southwest.

Range and pasture feed condition is below average in the northeast and southwest. Feed grain, hay and forage supplies are below average in the northeast.

LIVESTOCK Livestock condition is generally good. Ranchers are moving hay stacks and fencing hay supplies in order to move cattle into wintering areas.

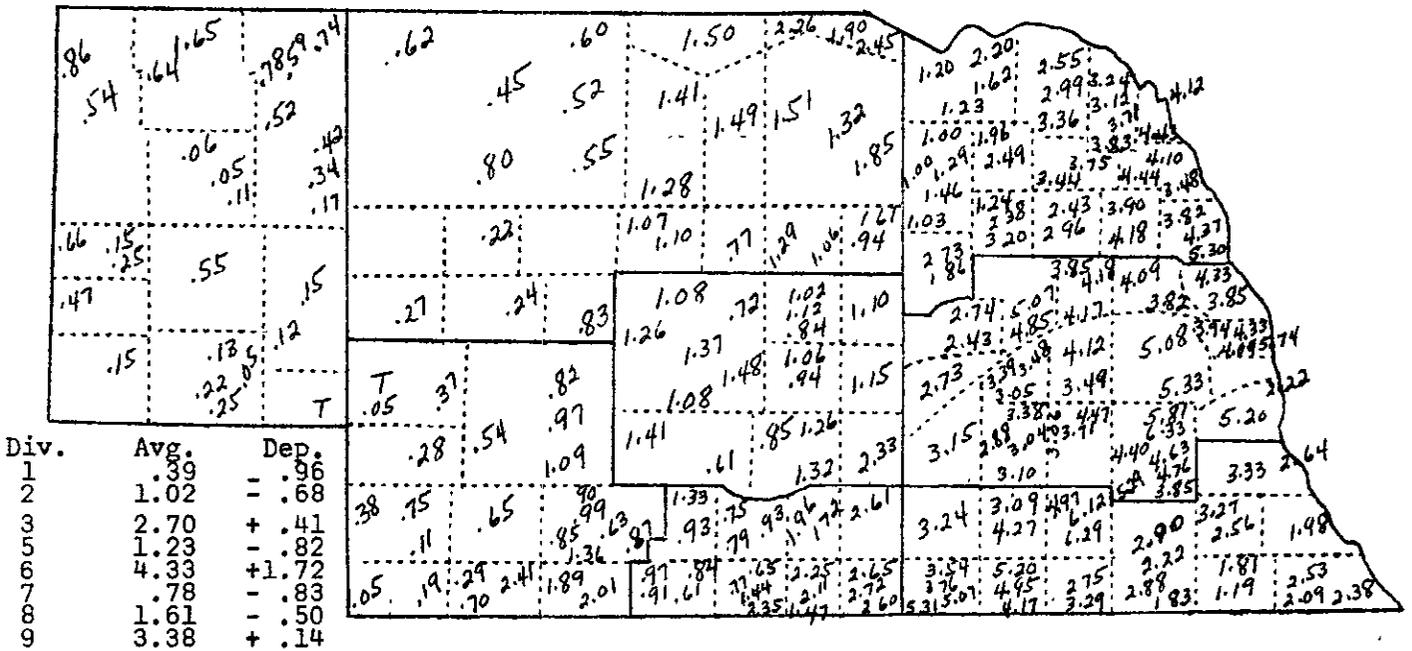
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 13, 1968

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.03	Burwell	.01	Chadron	T
Lincoln	.47	North Platte	.17	Imperial	.13
Norfolk	.05	Valentine	.36	Scottsbluff	.55
Omaha	.75			Sidney	.50
Sioux City	.48				

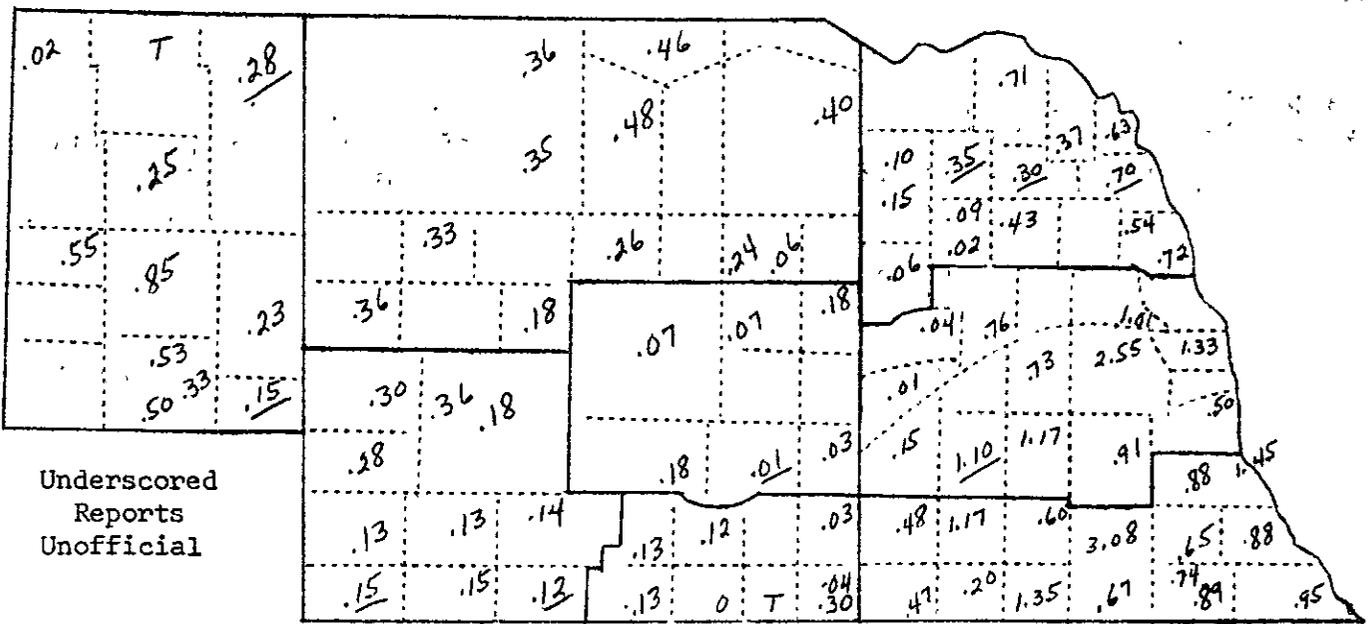
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1968



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 11, 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)

		October 7th		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th		13th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	72	42	49	26	63	34	79	47	72	53	83	48	83	52
	Scottsbluff	71	44	51	31	61	40	76	43	68	43	81	42	82	43
	Sidney	70	41	51	29	57	33	72	38	69	36	77	39	79	42
NC	Burwell	72	47	59	38	61	33	69	40	76	39	71	54	85	--
	Valentine	73	42	50	34	60	38	70	42	70	35	82	50	87	50
NE	Norfolk	72	48	60	46	59	35	67	48	76	51	65	63	79	53
	Sioux City	73	57	63	48	60	36	68	48	72	55	67	64	79	65
CEN	Grand Island	77	50	63	44	63	36	70	45	77	52	67	60	83	51
EC	Lincoln	77	60	64	50	62	40	66	50	73	64	71	69	80	65
	Omaha	73	58	63	48	59	39	66	49	72	60	70	60	77	64
SW	Imperial	78	47	57	34	61	35	71	42	76	38	80	44	85	42
	North Platte	80	42	57	36	61	33	69	35	75	35	70	48	87	41