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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The past week was cloudy and cool in Nebraska. Temperatures averaged from three degrees below normal in the west to six to eight degrees below normal in the east. Frequent rains brought moderate to heavy precipitation to all sections of the State except the Panhandle and north central portions. Temperatures moderated in the west and north on Saturday, and it was warmer with considerable sunshine over the entire State Sunday. Temperatures reached the 80's and 90's over most of the State on Sunday with Valentine the warmest at 94 degrees.

CROPS Wet, cool weather continued to delay field work throughout most of the State. At the present time about 72 percent of the expected corn acreage has been planted compared with 85 percent normal for this date. The southeastern part of the State is far behind schedule, and some acreage may be shifted from corn to later planted crops. About 17 percent of the sorghum acreage has been planted compared with 46 percent normal. Again, the southeastern area is the farthest behind schedule. Only 15 percent of the soybeans have been planted, and most of this has been in the northeastern part of the State. Corn that has emerged is making limited growth and showing a yellow color because of cool, wet weather. Weeds are growing rapidly in wheat, corn and sorghum fields.

Wheat is heading in most counties south of the Platte River including Cheyenne County in the Panhandle. Some lodging of the crop has occurred in the southern and southeastern counties in lowland areas. The crop continues in good condition, and there is adequate surface and subsoil moisture in most areas to carry the crop through to harvest. Spring planted grains are making good progress, and rye has headed in most areas of the State.

Sugar beets have been making slow growth because of the cool, wet weather, but thinning operations are going forward as soon as fields can be worked. Planting of early potatoes in the Panhandle is under way, and plans are being made for planting dry beans within a short time.

Harvest of the first cutting of alfalfa for hay is starting but has been interrupted by rains. The crop is being harvested for dehydration in the central part of the State. Pasture and range feed has made excellent growth and supplying good quality grass for livestock. Some areas of the Sandhills have been missed by the rains and are a little dry.

LIVESTOCK All livestock continue in good condition. Demand has been sharp for feeder cattle and fat cattle are moving to market as soon as they reach desired quality. Some feed lots in the eastern part of the State were very muddy as a result of the heavy rains occurring the past week.

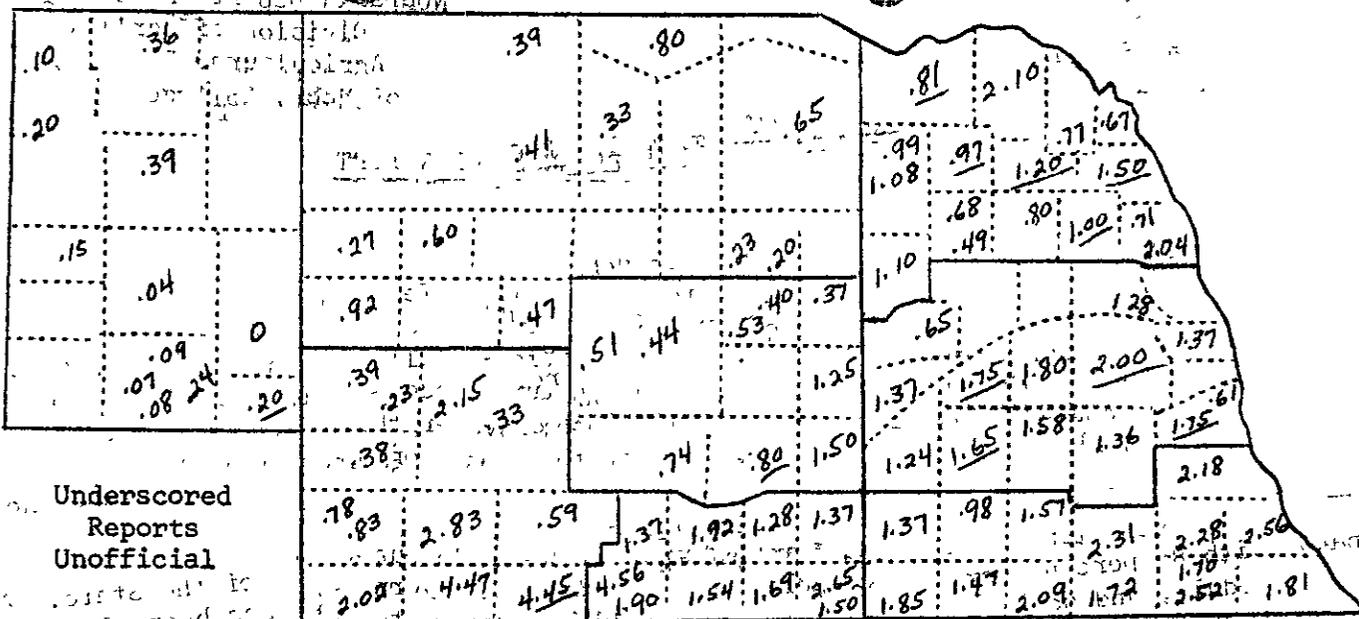
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 25, 1969

East		Central		West	
Grand Island	1.50	Burwell	.23	Chadron	.16
Lincoln	1.36	North Platte	.31	Imperial	.31
Norfolk	.68	Valentine	.39	Scottsbluff	.14
Omaha	1.35			Sidney	.05
Sioux City	1.12				

Precipitation, April 1 - May 23, 1969

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.17	.46	.99	.69	1.24	1.52	1.98	1.75
Total since April 1	4.00	2.14	3.51	3.03	6.29	5.21	5.77	9.44
Normal since April 1	3.95	4.42	4.89	4.73	5.00	4.19	4.75	5.46

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 23, 1969



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Day-time highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Night-time lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CST)

		May 19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th		25th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	61	47	53	46	52	40	64	40	75	43	84	53	90	52
	Scottsbluff	63	47	48	44	60	39	57	40	71	47	81	50	92	52
	Sidney	63	45	49	40	59	38	55	36	64	48	78	46	89	58
NC	Burwell	71	37	56	45	52	44	60	35	74	42	80	58	81	--
	Valentine	61	36	54	45	50	41	60	42	76	43	81	56	94	61
NE	Norfolk	70	43	56	47	50	44	57	39	68	51	78	55	78	65
	Sioux City	65	39	62	49	51	45	57	34	67	49	80	51	79	64
CEN	Grand Island	75	43	60	49	53	44	54	40	65	48	75	59	75	61
EC	Lincoln	74	52	63	52	56	45	53	51	63	48	74	57	80	66
	Omaha	69	43	61	50	53	43	53	42	65	44	74	52	78	63
SW	Imperial	73	46	54	44	60	44	57	40	61	51	74	57	90	58
	North Platte	74	46	57	47	62	41	61	37	70	41	73	57	88	58

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