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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

Week Ending 9/1/69

WEATHER Temperatures were above normal until cool weather moved in over the week end. Weekly averages were two to four degrees above normal.

Showers began in the Panhandle on Thursday and moved clear across the State by Sunday. Amounts were generally less than a half inch west of the Imperial-Valentine line but were much larger east of that line. Heavy showers were reported from the south central to the northeast portions in about the same area that received generous amounts the previous week. Amounts of one to three inches were common again this week, and a number of sites received even greater amounts. Downpours of six to nine inches fell in Adams County resulting in considerable inundation and some downstream lowland flooding along the Little Blue River.

CROPS Rains improved soil moisture conditions and halted dryland crop deterioration. Benefits generally more than offset the damages of lowland flooding which occurred in central areas. Corn maturity advanced rapidly and is near normal in most parts of the State. About 85 percent of the crop has reached or has passed the dough stage, and 55 percent is denting. There was increased activity in cutting corn for silage, especially where dryland crops were hurt by lack of moisture.

Sorghums are mostly good to excellent. Warm temperatures pushed maturity, and about 30 percent of the fields are turning color. There were a few scattered reports of greenbugs giving some trouble to late sorghum fields, and spraying was accomplished. Soybeans are making good progress with leaves turning color in 15 percent of the fields. This maturity is about the same as the previous two years.

Sugar beets, dry beans, and potatoes made favorable progress. Fall potato harvest is under way with good yields and quality reported. A few dry beans were harvested, but most of the crop will be later.

About 80 percent of the third crop alfalfa has been cut and some have started on the fourth crop. Pasture and range feed conditions are making seasonal declines, but the cool season grasses should develop now. Farmers continued tilling fall seed beds, and wheat planting has started in a few western counties.

LIVESTOCK Livestock condition is good, but flies are a problem where not controlled. Feeder cattle movement was quite limited.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 31, 1969

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	2.20	Burwell	.50	Chadron	.22
Lincoln	.80	North Platte	.78	Imperial	.12
Norfolk	1.90	Valentine	.07	Scottsbluff	.80
Omaha	2.46			Sidney	.58
Sioux City	2.55				

Precipitation, April 1 - August 29, 1969

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.26	T	.01	.15	.03	.13	1.75	.18
Total since April 1	10.64	9.99	14.63	12.36	14.84	12.75	17.87	22.69
Normal since April 1	11.23	13.58	15.91	14.69	17.08	12.78	14.77	18.30

