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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The past week was warm in the Panhandle and the north central portions where temperatures averaged about six degrees above normal. Temperatures averaged near normal elsewhere with readings at night consistently above normal while those in the day-time were generally below seasonal. Heavy showers fell in the south central and central portions during mid-week with a few reaching the northeast. Elsewhere showers were widely scattered and light.

CROPS Row crops are good to excellent over most of the State.

Corn maturity is making good progress with favorable weather.

About 95 percent of the crop has reached or exceeded the dent stage and 60 percent is mature. The late planted fields in the Panhandle have made better progress than was expected, and some short maturing varieties are expected to yield well. Cutting of corn and sorghum for silage is a major activity in many areas.

Sorghums have made favorable progress with heads turning color in 95 percent of the fields. Advanced stages of maturity are noted in 25 percent of the fields. Soybean leaves are turning color in 90 percent of the fields, and 40 percent are shedding leaves. About 10 percent of the crop is ripe and can be harvested as soon as the moisture content of the beans declines to safe storage levels. Dry bean harvest is making very good progress with more than half the crop combined. Sugar beet condition is good, and a limited amount of digging has been done in the southwest. Fall potato harvest is under way, but late blight has appeared in some fields. About 40 percent of the fourth crop alfalfa has been cut.

Wheat planting made good headway with most of the Panhandle and over three-fourths of the southwest acreages drilled. About 75 percent of the State acreage is in the ground, and early plantings are up to good stands. Good rains in portions of the southwest, south central and central benefited fall seedings.

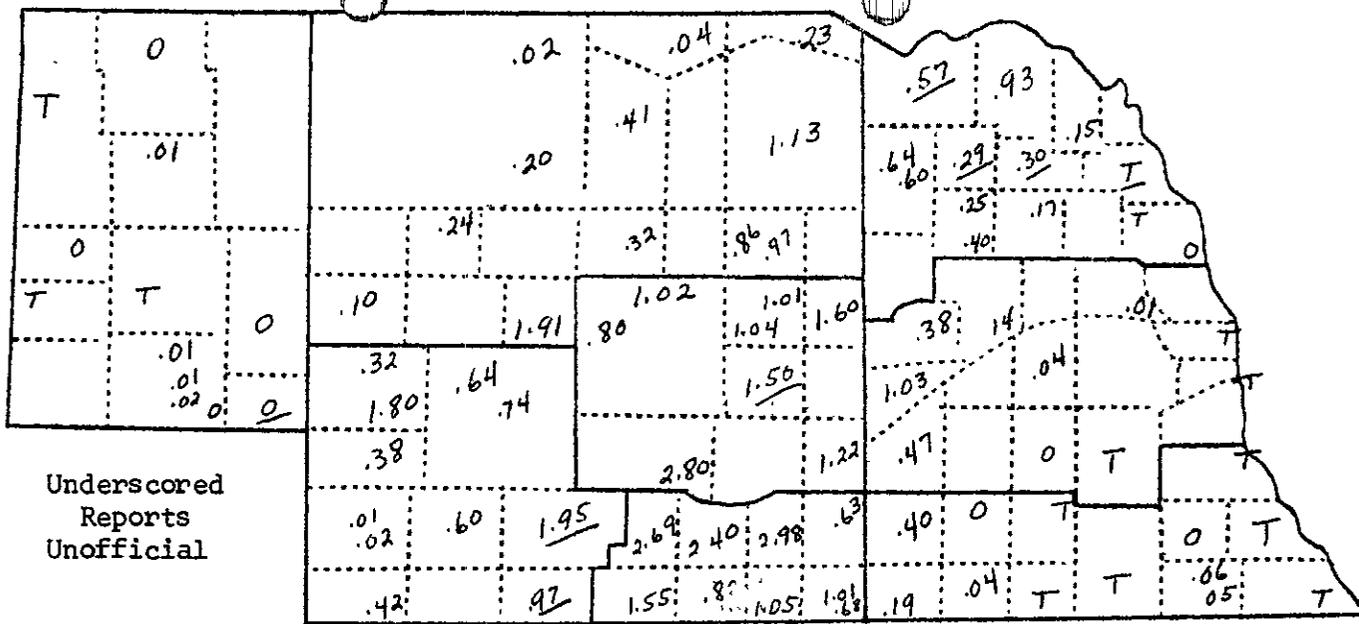
LIVESTOCK Livestock condition is good with pastures and ranges still providing good forage except drought areas in the north. Ranchers are moving stacks to winter feeding areas. Feeder cattle movement has started to pick up. Inshipments of stocker and feeder cattle for the month of August amounted to 138,000 head, down 18 percent from August 1968. Sheep and lamb inshipments during August were 28,000 head, up 56 percent from last year.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 21, 1969

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	1.22	Burwell	.86	Chadron	.26
Lincoln	T	North Platte	.74	Imperial	.01
Norfolk	.27	Valentine	.18	Scottsbluff	.72
Omaha	T			Sidney	.25
Sioux City	.01				

Precipitation, April 1 - September 19, 1969

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.01	.54	.38	1.58	.21	.84	1.53	.06
Total since April 1	11.04	11.75	17.66	15.54	18.01	14.10	22.22	24.78
Normal since April 1	12.24	14.87	17.64	16.15	19.01	13.96	16.36	20.82



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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)

		September 15th		16th		17th		18th		19th		20th		21st	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	73	47	78	56	78	54	81	60	88	63	87	64	84	49
	Scottsbluff	72	47	79	50	77	57	84	54	86	59	87	57	80	52
	Sidney	73	50	73	51	71	48	78	53	79	56	81	55	82	49
NC	Burwell	67	54	76	55	62	52	62	54	73	54	79	--	80	--
	Valentine	72	46	75	58	75	56	80	57	76	60	84	62	84	52
NE	Norfolk	73	59	71	55	64	53	61	52	72	53	77	58	81	65
	Sioux City	73	58	74	54	65	58	62	52	73	51	76	53	80	67
CEN	Grand Island	77	58	74	55	64	54	65	54	72	54	77	59	82	66
EC	Lincoln	77	62	70	56	73	60	66	53	74	55	78	60	80	69
	Omaha	74	59	70	54	70	57	64	50	71	53	75	55	78	65
SW	Imperial	78	49	76	59	70	55	79	58	77	57	85	59	87	55
	North Platte	76	45	73	57	60	57	72	54	72	54	82	59	84	56

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