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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 10/6/69

WEATHER The weather in Nebraska the past week was warm with scattered light showers until cold air moved into the western portion of the State on Friday. The cold air had spread across the entire State by Sunday. The advancing cold air was accompanied by precipitation with amounts ranging from a half inch to an inch and a half.

Following the cold front temperatures fell below the freezing point in portions of the west and into the 30's over most of the State. Frost in low places was common in the west and central Monday morning and in isolated places in the east.

CROPS Frost and freezing temperatures over the week end in central and western areas were an aid to maturing most crops. Only a few late planted fields in these areas had not matured and crop damage was quite limited.

The weather was generally good for maturing crops, and the corn is now 95 percent ripe. A limited amount of corn was harvested for grain, but moisture level of grain is too high for safe storage. Normal percent harvested for this date is 3 percent. Some corn silage cutting continued.

Sorghums made favorable progress and about 85 percent of the crop is matured. Some fields have been combined and most of the harvested crop required artificial drying before storage. Harvesting is near normal for this date which is 10 percent. Farmers were busy putting up sorghum silage and hay.

Soybean harvest picked up momentum at mid-week as the beans became dry enough. Combining is near normal which is 15 percent. Maturity is lagging a little in the southeast but about 80 percent of the State acreage is ripe. Dry bean harvest is in cleanup stages in the Panhandle and southwest. Sugar beet digging is just getting under way in many areas. About 60 percent of the fourth crop alfalfa has been cut.

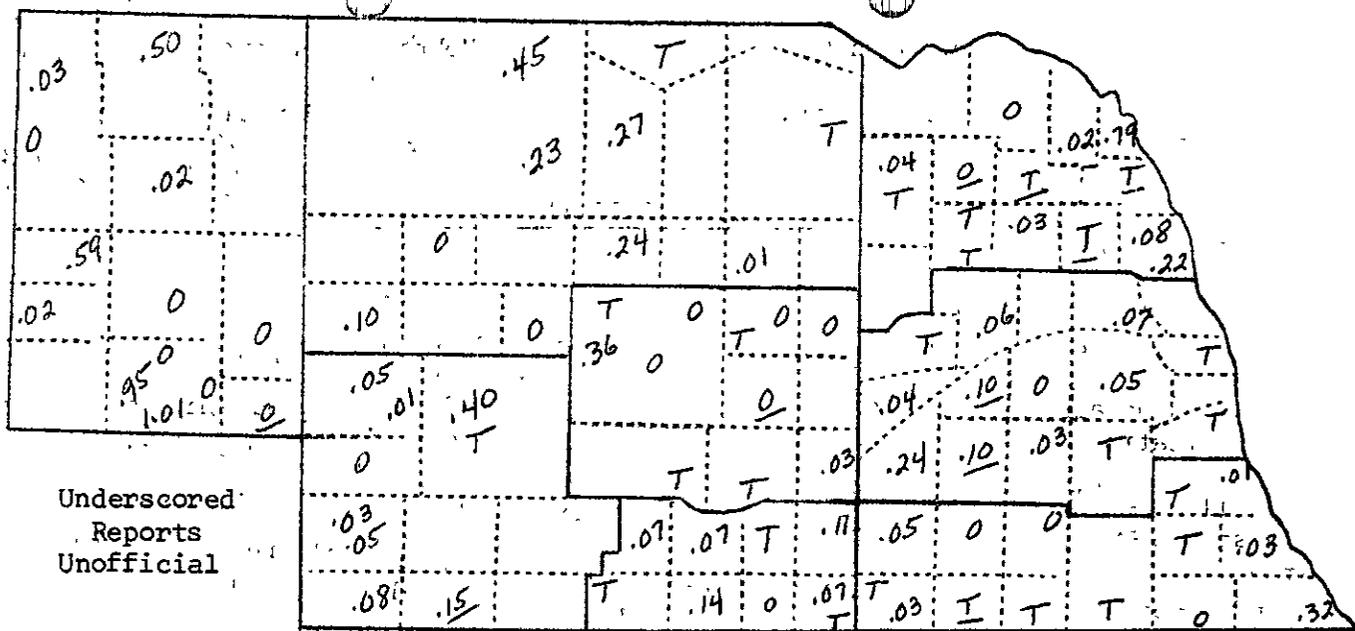
Wheat planting is about complete with early drillings generally up to good stands. Moisture in the Panhandle, southwest and southeast was quite beneficial for fall sown crops.

LIVESTOCK Livestock condition is good. There was an active movement of feeder cattle.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 5, 1969

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.56	Burwell	1.37	Chadron	.70
Lincoln	.06	North Platte	.87	Imperial	.76
Norfolk	.52	Valentine	.91	Scottsbluff	.94
Omaha	.07			Sidney	1.37
Sioux City	1.54				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3, 1969



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				October									
		29th		30th		1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	84	64	84	46	71	45	82	45	51	36	43	34	57	33
	Scottsbluff	84	55	78	48	72	43	81	42	47	33	43	32	54	33
	Sidney	81	55	78	54	70	41	85	42	59	33	38	30	52	33
NC	Burwell	78	46	76	49	73	36	77	49	66	41	47	37	57	--
	Valentine	78	59	85	47	71	40	80	47	57	41	43	36	59	34
NE	Norfolk	78	48	83	58	72	42	75	59	86	56	63	42	53	40
	Sioux City	80	47	82	62	76	44	75	58	87	66	81	45	51	37
CEN	Grand Island	80	52	89	58	75	42	77	58	86	58	73	42	57	38
EC	Lincoln	81	55	92	69	81	49	78	63	91	70	86	48	52	42
	Omaha	81	56	84	62	80	49	74	58	89	69	86	46	49	37
SW	Imperial	84	50	85	48	74	40	86	49	69	43	46	30	57	33
	North Platte	82	46	85	41	75	37	81	52	65	46	50	34	58	34

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