

NEBRASKA CROP CONDITIONS

Official Reports from United States Department of Agriculture.

HEAT UNFAVORABLE TO GROWING GRAIN
Yield of Wheat Good and Quality Fine - Corn Generally Has Decreased, but Will Improve with Rain - Potatoes Poor.

United States Department of Agriculture, Nebraska Section, Climate and Crop Service of the Weather Bureau, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, July 16.

The past week has been hot and dry. The daily mean temperature has averaged 11 degrees above the normal. The rainfall of the past week has been very light, no amount sufficient to aid crops having been reported.

The hot, dry weather has been very unfavorable for all growing crops. Threshing of winter wheat has made good progress, and the yield is good and the quality fine.

Spring wheat and oats have ripened too rapidly in northern counties, and the yield will be somewhat reduced. Early planted corn is beginning to tassel in southern counties and has been considerably damaged by the drouth.

Later planted corn is standing the drouth well, but corn generally has deteriorated in condition during the past week. Corn is small and late and most of it has not tasseled, and with rain soon would recover largely from the effects of the dry weather.

However, with the rain the crop would generally be decidedly below the average. Apples and pears generally have been injured, and the hay crop will be less than expected earlier in the season. Potatoes are a very poor crop.

Report by counties:
Southeastern Section.
Butler-Oats and spring wheat light; winter wheat not yielding as well as expected; corn roller, but not tassel; corn damaged.

Case-Growth of corn checked by drouth, but damage has been slight; tasseling is beginning and is now needed.
Chay-Corn suffering; winter wheat fairly good; potatoes suffering; winter wheat fairly good.

Fillmore-Corn needs rain badly, but is not seriously damaged, wheat is threshing off to little extent.
Greeley-Early corn damaged, tasseling begun as fast as possible; winter wheat poor; potatoes very dry; wheat yielding well.

Hamilton-Corn has stood the heat and drouth remarkably well, but needs rain badly; early corn injured; wheat yielding well.
Jefferson-Corn is standing the dry weather well, but needs rain badly; winter wheat not yielding as well as expected; corn roller, but not tassel; corn damaged.

Lincoln-Corn too small to be easily killed by drouth, but is suffering, and every day diminishes possible yield; wheat yielding well.
Lancaster-Corn small, but where tasseling is being injured; wheat yielding well; little better than elsewhere.

Nemaha-Wheat fine in quality and quantity; corn is better than elsewhere.
Nickolls-Corn retarded in growth, but not damaged, except where stalks have tassel; early corn damaged; winter wheat a failure.

Osceola-Corn injured, but late corn all right if it rains soon; wheat where three weeks old.
Pawnee-Corn that is tasseling is being injured.
Polk-Corn is beginning to tassel and needs rain badly; winter wheat not yielding as well as expected; corn roller, but not tassel; corn damaged.

Richmond-Corn good; corn needs rain badly; winter wheat not yielding as well as expected; corn roller, but not tassel; corn damaged.

Seward-Corn very good; winter wheat not yielding as well as expected; corn roller, but not tassel; corn damaged.

Washington-Corn good; winter wheat not yielding as well as expected; corn roller, but not tassel; corn damaged.

York-Corn good; winter wheat not yielding as well as expected; corn roller, but not tassel; corn damaged.

Northwestern Section.
Antelope-Small grain suffering from drouth; corn injured.

Barth-Small grain suffering from drouth; corn injured; wheat not yielding as well as expected; corn roller, but not tassel; corn damaged.

Boone-Wheat and oats damaged; corn injured; winter wheat not yielding as well as expected; corn roller, but not tassel; corn damaged.

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Weather Bureau Reports No Serious Damage in Four-Fifths of the State.

United States Department of Agriculture, Iowa Section, Climate and Crop Service of the Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., July 15.—Another week of intense heat and severe drouth must be added to the records of this exceptional season.

The maximum temperature for the week ending July 15 was 103 on four to five days in numerous localities and the general excess has been 7 to 8 degrees in the daily means.

The air has been excessively dry as well as hot, with occasional brief showers. The extent of the injury to the crops is not yet known, but the 12th a portion of the southern quarter of the state was favored by refreshing showers, which brought temporary relief in the drier part of the state.

Harvesting has been quite general in the prematurely ripening grain fields, with variable results as to quality of the crop, but generally the small grain crops will be below average in yield and less than average yield. Potatoes, pastures and garden truck of all kinds have suffered great damage.

Reports as to the corn crop indicate that it has suffered some injury within quite limited areas, but the bulk of the crop, in at least four-fifths of the state, is stoutly holding its own with promise of a fair output. But the result is contingent upon the amount of the rain that falls.

Raspberries, blackberries and apples have been materially injured.

WEATHER BUREAU SUMMARY

Third Week of Drouth in the Central and Mississippi Valley States.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions is as follows: The states of the middle Rocky mountains and Missouri and Minnesota have experienced another, the third consecutive week of intense heat, the maximum temperature over a large part of these districts ranging above 100 daily during the week, many stations reporting from 100 to 107. With an almost total absence of rain the crop in the territory named have been subject to the most unfavorable conditions.

In the states lying immediately to the eastward of the Mississippi river very high temperatures have also prevailed, but the heat has been somewhat less intense and so serious as in the districts to the westward. On the Atlantic coast very favorable temperature conditions have prevailed with abundant rains, excessive and damaging in portions of the middle and south Atlantic states. On the Pacific coast it has been cool and dry with frost in Washington on the 12th.

The corn crop as a whole in the great corn states of the central valleys has deteriorated and has sustained serious injury over the greater portion of the corn belt, especially in Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma. A very large part of the crop is late, however, and this has withstood the trying conditions of drouth and heat remarkably well and with early rains will make a fair crop. This is particularly applicable in Iowa, Nebraska and portions of Kansas and northern Missouri.

The following places report rain during the twenty-four hours ending 4 a. m. July 16: Springfield, Ill., 0.2; Kansas City, 0.2; Springfield, Mo., trace; Fort Smith, Ark., 0.1; Wichita, Kan., .10; Omaha, 78; Valentine, Neb., .18; Huron, 0.8; St. Paul, 30; Cheyenne, Wyo., .08.

The early corn in central and southern Missouri, northern and eastern Arkansas and in the central and western parts of the state has been irreparably injured. In the upper Ohio valley corn, while needing rain, has improved and in the Atlantic coast districts the crop has made excellent progress.

Winter wheat harvest about finished except in the more northerly portion of the Atlantic coast district, where, in some sections, it has been retarded by rain. Harvesting has begun in the north Pacific coast region under very favorable conditions.

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LINCOLN, July 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The State Board of Public Lands and Buildings this afternoon completed the purchase of the state fair grounds and the Board of Agriculture immediately ordered the builders to begin work on the new live stock sheds and barns.

The maximum temperature for the week ending July 15 was 103 on four to five days in numerous localities and the general excess has been 7 to 8 degrees in the daily means.

The air has been excessively dry as well as hot, with occasional brief showers. The extent of the injury to the crops is not yet known, but the 12th a portion of the southern quarter of the state was favored by refreshing showers, which brought temporary relief in the drier part of the state.

Harvesting has been quite general in the prematurely ripening grain fields, with variable results as to quality of the crop, but generally the small grain crops will be below average in yield and less than average yield. Potatoes, pastures and garden truck of all kinds have suffered great damage.

Reports as to the corn crop indicate that it has suffered some injury within quite limited areas, but the bulk of the crop, in at least four-fifths of the state, is stoutly holding its own with promise of a fair output. But the result is contingent upon the amount of the rain that falls.

Raspberries, blackberries and apples have been materially injured.

Rock Island Appeals.

The case of the state against the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad company, which was instituted by former Attorney General Smith to collect penalties for violation of the maximum freight rate law, has been appealed from the federal court to the United States supreme court. The question to be decided is whether or not the supreme court of the state has jurisdiction to hear the case.

In a recent opinion, Judge Sanborn held that the supreme court had no right to consider the issue. On the demurrer, the state appeals to the United States court. The controversy is extremely complicated and has been before the courts for several years past. The petitioner for appeal was filed several weeks ago and last week Deputy Attorney General Norris Brown, in the absence of Attorney General Munger, argued in its favor before Judge Munger and the appeal was allowed.

Open Charges of Perjury.

Open charges of perjury and intimations of attempted bribery were made in the district court yesterday morning when John Riley, who is suing the Missouri Pacific Railroad company for \$25,000 damages. A verdict for the company was delivered by a jury two weeks ago and now the plaintiff is asking for a new trial.

In support of his motion for a new trial, Riley filed affidavits of several men whose testimony went to discredit the sworn statements of witnesses. During the argument it was intimated that attempts had been made to bribe the jury.

Judge Frost, before whom the motion came for consideration, announced that if the charges were true, it was the duty of the attorney making them to investigate thoroughly and assist in bringing the guilty persons to justice.

Custer County Increases.

Owing to an error in the printed report of the assessed valuation of property for purposes of taxation last year it was made to appear that the county had had been a decline in the valuation of Custer county. The official figures give this county a valuation this year of \$2,441,391, as against \$2,342,283 last year. The increase in Cherry county was from \$1,809,181, for last year to \$1,980,648.

Contract for School Addition.

This morning the members of the Board of Education met in special session and after authorizing Vice President Adams to sign the \$60,000 in school bonds awarded the contract for erecting the addition to the Randolph school to C. J. Olson for the sum of \$9,900. The contractor furnished the usual guaranty bond for the fulfillment of the contract. The following bids for the construction of the building were submitted and considered by the board: H. Cratts, \$12,200; C. D. Campbell & Bro., \$10,897; N. Grimm, \$10,838; C. F. Barras, \$10,400; H. E. Stinson, \$9,900. By vote of the board Vice President Adams was instructed to sign the new bond issue on behalf of the school district. It was also agreed to allow the use of dipped shingles in the construction of the Capitol school building.

City to Adopt Cash Basis.

Within two years the city of Lincoln will be doing business upon a cash-paying basis. Not an obligation will face the city and the long period of extravagance, which plunged the city into an abyss of debt, will in its consequence be a thing of the past. Under the valuation of over \$25,000,000 fixed by the Commissioner Adams, a levy of 10 mills will wipe out the five-year overlap, except in the fire fund, and furnish sufficient money to run all departments without a single deficit. Such a condition is the direct result of the new tax regulations imposed by the new city charter.

Deputy Game Warden.

Governor Savage today appointed the following deputy game wardens to serve without compensation: A. W. Atkins of Sidney, for Cheyenne county; John McConnell of Sumner, for Lincoln county; and W. E. Corwin of McCook, for Red Willow county.

Assistant Engineer.

Ed Bing was appointed assistant engineer this morning by the newly appointed