



Hopefully the message on garage doors at the corner of 4th and Lincoln in Grant belonging to Katy Miyamoto and Harvey Lovenburg will get changed before too long. The drought keeps getting worse—according to the U.S. Drought Monitor which is published weekly, Perkins County is in the “exceptional” category, depicted by the darkest shading. The lighter shading which covers the majority of the state is the “extreme” category. Nebraska’s conditions have deteriorated week to week, with nearly 23 percent of the state now in the exceptional drought category—up from less than four percent a couple weeks ago. The category of exceptional drought is the most severe classification possible for an area experiencing a one-in-50-year to one-in-100-year shortfall of rain, according to Nebraska state climatologist Al Dutcher. Rainfall recorded in the Grant area since the first of the year totals 5.79 inches—one year ago the total was 26.80. (Photo by Jan Rahn)