SOILS OF THE GREAT PLAINS
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The map was printed by Rand McNally.

The map includes more than the Great Plains proper because its eastern boundary is vague and a map of a larger area should be more useful. It includes all of North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska; all of Kansas except a part of the southeast township; all of Oklahoma except the Ozarkian hills; all of Texas except the humid east and the western mountains and valleys; and all of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico east of the Rocky Mountains except the Black Hills and a few mountainous areas of Montana. The scale of the map is 1:2,500,000.

All of the printing is on the front of the map and it includes, in addition to the legend, an explanation of the legend and an explanation of the names used in the legend. Although we plan to include the map in a book to be completed in 1974, the map stands on its own. With a little effort anyone can make about six general statements about each of the 195 units shown on the map.

The color pattern emphasizes soil temperature and soil moisture except that dominantly sandy areas are shown in pink, rocklands in red and Vertisols in purple. The frigid areas are shown in blue; the mesic areas in green, the thermic areas in reddish