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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 2/20/50

WEATHER The week was rather cold at the beginning, warming toward the end over the entire State, and over the west during the middle of the week. Temperatures averaged near normal in the east, but considerably above in the west. There was no precipitation after the light snow on the first day. Winds were mostly rather light, and sunshine was abundant.

CROPS Reports on the winter wheat outlook were very optimistic after the rain and snow that occurred a week ago. The Panhandle received very little precipitation but reports indicate that the wheat is holding up well. Most of the balance of the state received substantial precipitation. While this moisture was needed especially for wheat, it will benefit pasture, alfalfa and put the soil in better shape for spring field work. Wheat has started to green-up in a few counties in Southwestern Nebraska since the rain and snow. In many counties rain preceded the snow which contained a lot of moisture and this prevented drifting to a large extent. Some of the counties reported a little run-off but others reported little or none.

Potatoes have started to move in greater volume again, with offerings of \$1.60 per hundred for No. 1 potatoes, and a \$1.10 for No. 2. A few counties report an increasing demand for farm labor. There is a good demand for seed oats to replace corn and also a good demand for alfalfa and grass seed. One Southeastern county reports that grass will be planted in rows in hopes of getting a better grass seed crop.

LIVESTOCK Range which had been dry, dusty and unpalatable was improved greatly by the snow. There is a good demand for calves and those weighing 150 to 200 lbs. are being picked up at auctions at from \$50 to \$70 a head. There is also a good demand for dairy stock and for bred sows and gilts. The demand for baby chicks is increasing.

The annual inventory of livestock revealed the desire to maintain cattle at the high level of numbers of the past several years. The corn allotments are expected to stimulate seeding of grass for pasture and legumes and may result in further expansion of cattle production. The report reveals the increasing interest in grass and pasture crops while there is increasing interest in hogs. The production is not much more than half of the pre-drouth level of production. Sheep and lambs are low in numbers.

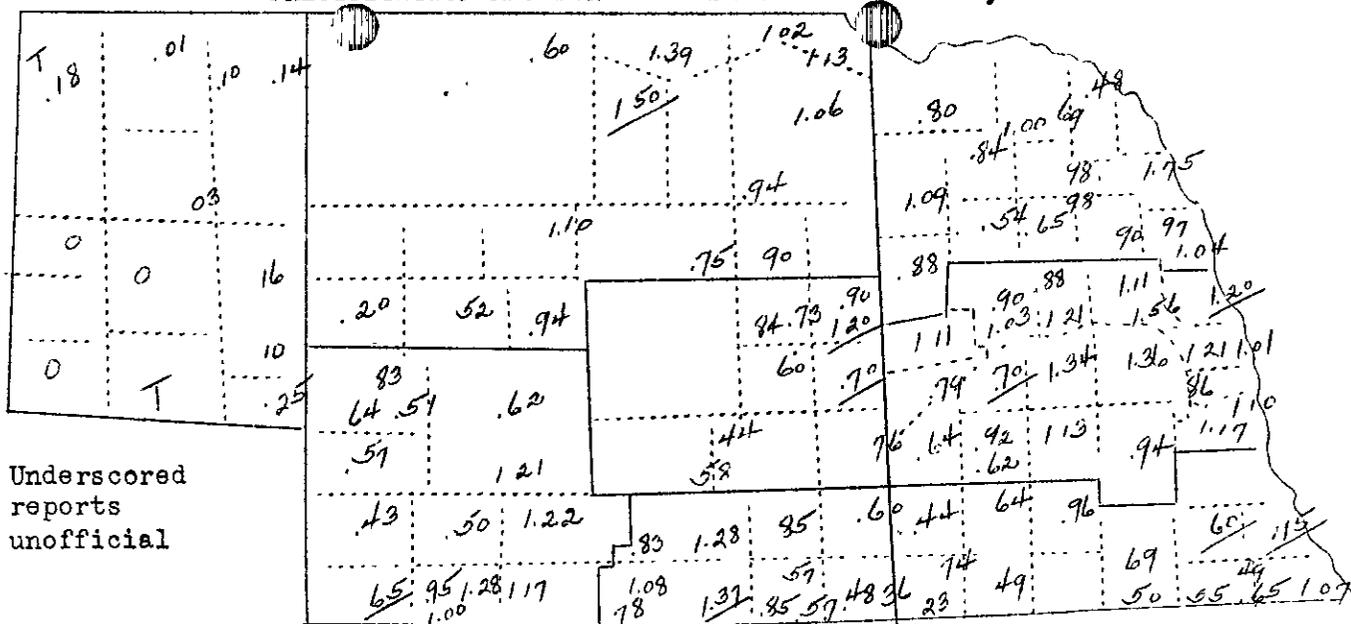
Weather Bureau Telegraphic Report of Precipitation for Week Ending Feb. 20, 1950

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Grand Island	.05	Burwell	.10	Chadron	0
Lincoln	0	North Platte	0	Hayes Center	.02
Norfolk	.06	Valentine	.05	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.03			Sidney	0
Sioux City					

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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 17, 1950



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hours ending 6:30 a.m.)

		Feb. 14th		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th		20th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	30	12	42	24	53	23	64	33	52	15	53	23	64	26
	Scottsbluff	39	10	50	18	54	20	65	24	50	18	55	18	67	25
	Sidney	30	9	44	25	52	22	64	28	53	21	50	18	64	27
N-C	Burwell	20	4	14	-3	--	--	--	--	--	--	28	--	47	22
	Valentine	20	-8	23	2	38	12	50	27	46	12	34	22	45	28
NE	Norfolk	23	14	18	5	22	2	31	14	44	12	20	2	43	21
	Sioux City	23	18	26	6	22	-2	28	13	40	14	21	1	32	16
Cen.	Grand Island	24	14	17	3	31	8	46	28	50	18	30	20	52	30
E-C	Lincoln	26	19	23	13	28	10	36	21	47	19	28	13	48	33
	Omaha	26	19	25	11	23	-2	33	16	45	18	28	4	39	26
SW	Hayes Center	26	8	30	18	42	25	56	29	55	23	47	24	61	30
	North Platte	25	-1	29	7	40	17	49	24	52	24	43	25	59	26

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