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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The week was very cold in the east, where temperatures averaged as much as 15 degrees below normal for this time of year. Seasonable temperatures prevailed in the extreme western portion of the State. The coldest weather occurred during the early and middle portions of the week, with some moderation Friday. Heavy snow fell over the eastern portion of the State, diminishing to very light in the extreme west. Most of the precipitation fell during the first two days of the week. There was considerable wind during the snow, so drifting was bad. Many roads were closed in the eastern portion of the State. Snow on the ground Saturday morning ranged from 12 to 24 inches over the eastern portion of the State, from 1 to 18 inches in the central, and little or none in the western third of the State.

CROPS Farm work was largely devoted to livestock care, snow removal and miscellaneous chores. Higher temperatures in the west caused snow to disappear, resulting in some flooding. Plowland remains frozen and run-off is excessive in some places. The central and eastern counties still had considerable snow cover with only moderate melting and little run-off. Many farmers continue digging out of drifts and clearing paths to feed lots and feed supplies.

Planting of small grains is being delayed. By the third week of March, seeding is usually underway in southern sections of the State. It is expected that it will take at least from two to several weeks before the snow is gone and fields are dry enough to work.

Wheat that is not covered by snow in western Nebraska remains mostly dormant. It is still too early to appraise winter survival. In remaining districts of the State, wheat growers are waiting for the snow to disappear before appraising condition of the stands. Here and there, curious observers report that wheat and pastures are greening up a little under the snow.

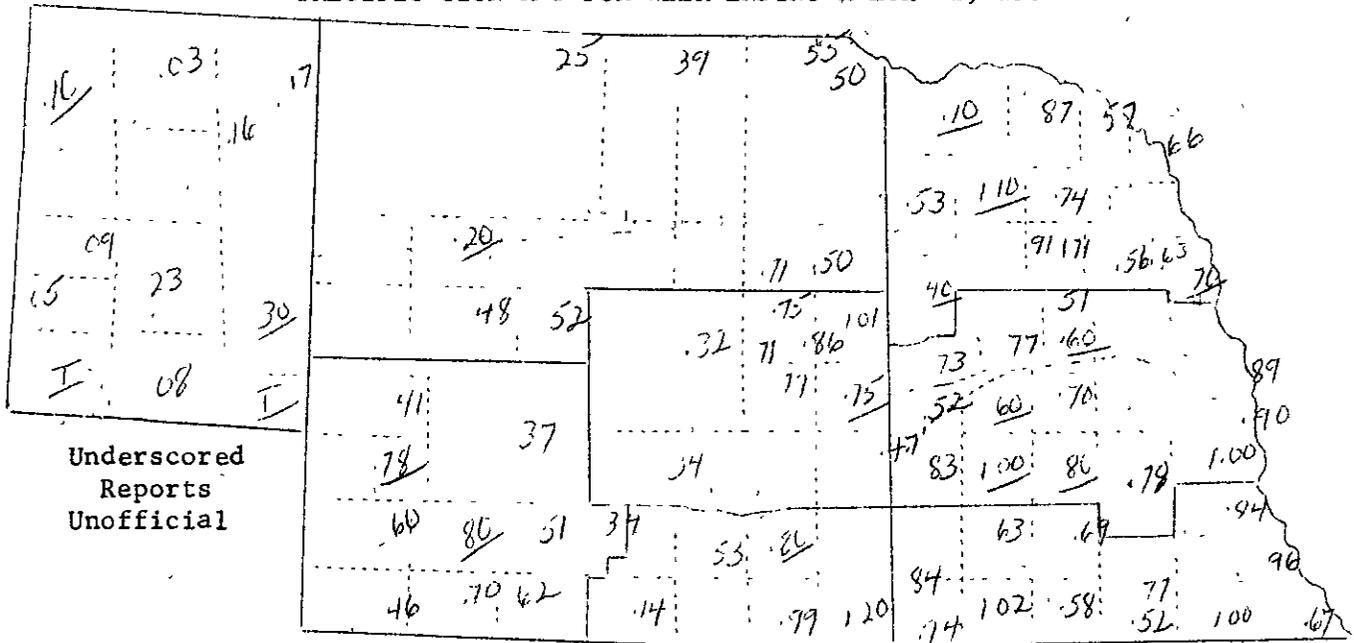
Hay and forage supplies continue to dwindle with a number of sections reporting shortages, especially in the southwest district. Hay prices are rising as local demand increases. In some places, hay and forage supplies on farms and ranches are difficult to reach because of heavy snow. Some thawing in the western counties opened ranges and pastures for grazing and made transportation and moving livestock a bit easier than heretofore.

LIVESTOCK Livestock operations have been hampered by cold weather and snow. More than usual losses of spring calves continue to be reported. In some cases, spring pigs have been hard hit resulting in low survival rates and litters of weak pigs. Gains continue slow and cattlemen dread the muddy feed lot conditions that will be experienced when melting occurs.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 21, 1960

	<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>
Grand Island	.31	Burwell	.52	Chadron	.02
Lincoln	.68	North Platte	.22	Imperial	.11
Norfolk	.64	Valentine	.15	Scottsbluff	.05
Omaha	.70			Sidney	.02
Sioux City	.32				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 21, 1960



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		March													
		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th		20th		21st	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	30	16	41	23	33	14	40	34	48	31	53	33	52	28
	Scottsbluff	30	16	41	23	39	18	43	36	51	28	58	32	63	27
	Sidney	29	20	36	22	35	17	36	34	48	29	54	33	60	27
NC	Valentine	24	9	33	10	31	23	35	30	39	26	37	29	38	25
NE	Norfolk	22	17	26	18	25	6	30	5	38	24	30	23	30	13
	Sioux City	24	19	27	22	29	6	32	8	37	27	31	12	30	2
Gen	Grand Island	25	21	28	13	28	7	32	7	40	25	33	28	35	28
EC	Lincoln	27	24	28	21	28	11	32	15	39	26	33	27	34	18
	Omaha	23	21	25	21	27	9	30	11	36	26	30	18	30	10
SW	Imperial	30	18	28	1	35	9	37	31	43	27	47	35	46	31
	North Platte	27	20	28	10	31	21	35	29	41	26	39	29	43	29

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