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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperature averages were as much as 5 degrees above normal in the north central and near normal elsewhere in Nebraska in the 7-day period ending on the morning of March 11. There were some temperature fluctuations, but the general trend through the week was one of gradual warming.

There was precipitation at the beginning of the period and again at the close. Snow that began in the west on Sunday, March 3rd, ended in the east during the afternoon of the 4th. Snowfall totals from that storm were generally 2 to 3 inches in the northern half of Nebraska and mostly 5 to 10 inches in the southern half of the State. Moisture during the final night of the week excluded the Panhandle. Precipitation totals were slightly over one-tenth inch in the north and central and around one-half inch in the extreme southeast. The earlier snow had melted before the final precipitation, which was mostly rain and snow mixed. This later moisture left little or no snow cover.

CROPS The condition of fall grains was improved by rain and snow received last week in all areas of the State. Run-off was heavy in some places where the ground was frozen, but in other areas the cropland and pastures absorbed most of the moisture supply. Some wheat fields were greening up, but it is too early to evaluate the extent of winter losses. Prospects brightened for spring plantings, especially in areas that received the heavier amounts of precipitation. Surface moisture supplies are generally sufficient for the soil to be worked into good seedbeds and for good seed germination.

The stormy weather and wet conditions prohibited field work, so farm activities were confined to other jobs. More time was being devoted to calving operations and preparations for the planting season. Farmers are eager to begin tilling operations and activity will get underway as soon as the fields become dry.

Pastures and ranges benefited from the additional moisture and grasses will come along rapidly when the weather becomes warmer. Supplemental feeding of livestock in the range country continued at a moderate rate as the snow melted quickly enough to leave pastures and ranges open for grazing. Feedlots were muddy and soft ground made it difficult to haul hay and feed. Hay supplies are generally plentiful and the carry-over for the State is expected to be quite large.

LIVESTOCK Livestock held their good condition and put on satisfactory gains. Calving progressed at a faster rate as lambing operations neared completion. Generally, the new crop of calves, lambs and pigs have been doing well with light losses.

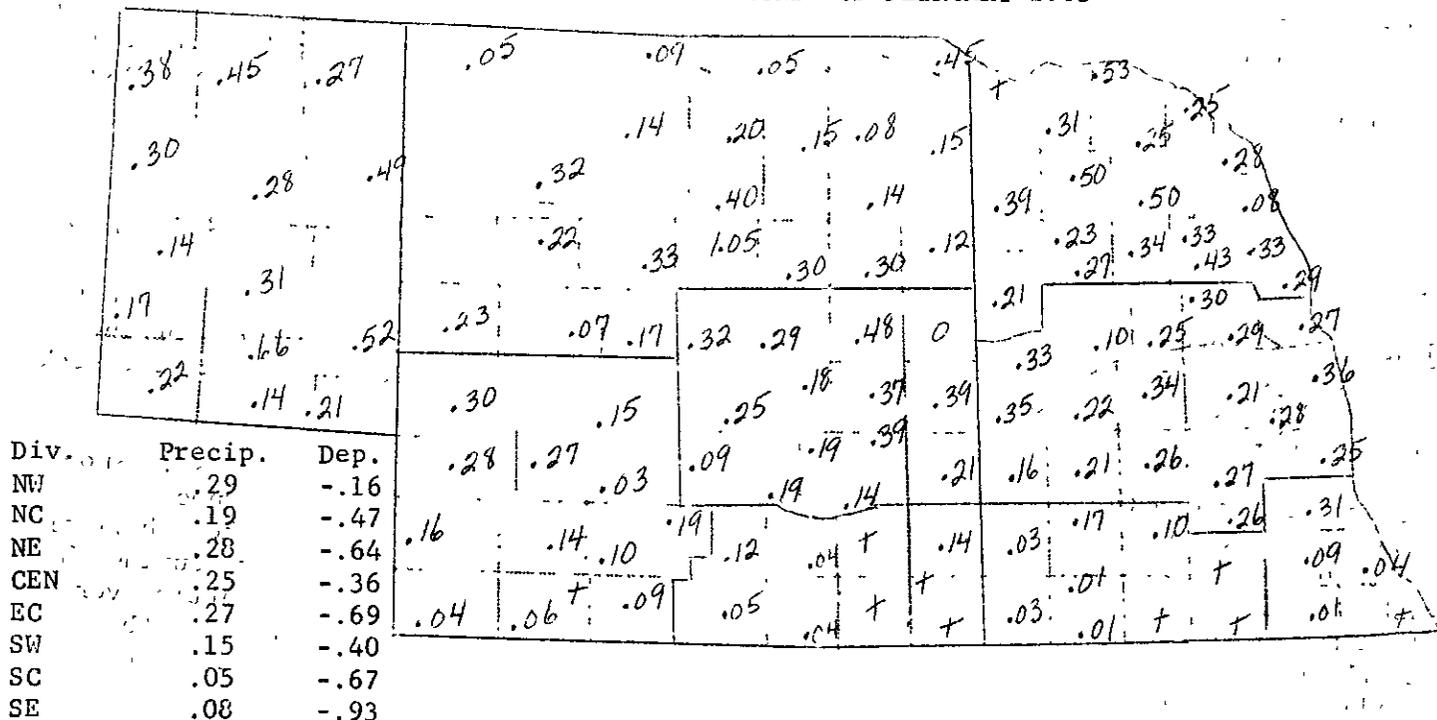
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 11, 1963

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.39	Burwell	.04	Chadron	0
Lincoln	1.09	North Platte	.18	Imperial	.20
Norfolk	.15	Valentine	.18	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	1.57			Sidney	0
Sioux City	.16				

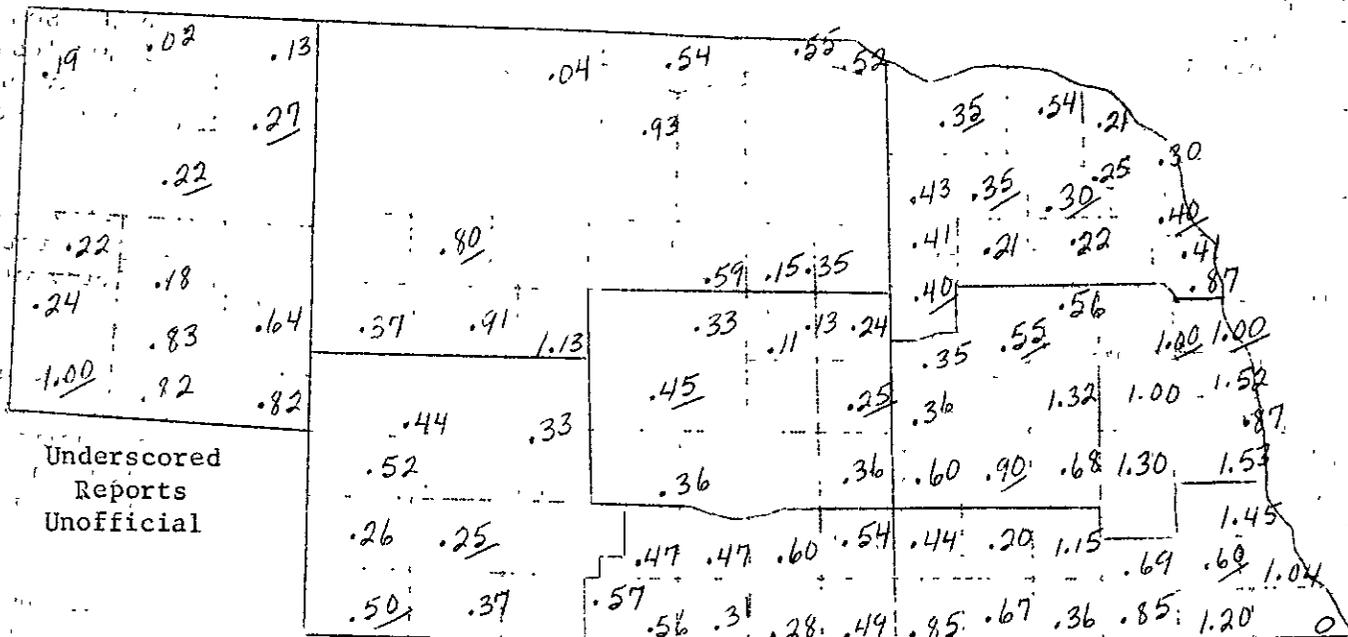
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1963



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 8, 1963



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m.; and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		March 5th		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	35	11	46	30	43	28	46	26	49	25	49	23	57	23
	Scottsbluff	27	6	35	24	38	22	41	20	43	25	47	22	54	28
	Sidney	22	1	31	19	32	10	35	14	41	22	46	25	40	24
NC	Burwell	25	12	35	21	39	26	41	24	40	27	42	22	49	--
	Valentine	29	7	43	28	41	27	44	27	45	30	42	19	53	31
NE	Norfolk	32	22	32	22	41	27	43	29	35	25	45	20	46	32
	Sioux City	33	24	32	22	42	28	41	27	36	23	43	21	43	34
CEN	Grand Island	31	20	32	17	40	25	43	23	44	22	47	21	46	30
EC	Lincoln	35	23	31	22	41	30	43	31	40	26	50	27	47	32
	Omaha	34	24	28	17	37	24	39	25	38	22	42	24	42	32
SW	Imperial	26	16	35	26	39	21	42	22	45	25	50	24	41	31
	North Platte	29	17	32	16	39	25	41	20	42	25	46	23	45	32