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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 3/25/63

WEATHER Snow northwest, rain and snow from southwest to northeast, and rain in the southeast occurred on Monday, March 18. Snowfall of 6 inches brought the snow depth to 24 inches at Harrison. By the weekend the snow depth had melted to 12 inches.

Valentine had 8 inches of snow. Precipitation totals were generally around 1/2 inch in the eastern third of the State and around 1/4 inch in the southwest and south central. Rising temperatures and low humidity along with considerable wind and sunshine, excellent drying conditions, prevailed through Sunday. Thundershowers in the east on the night of the 24th generally totaled less than 1/2 inch, but Wahoo and North Omaha had around 1 inch. Temperature extremes included 8 degrees at Harrison and 83 degrees at Norfolk.

CROPS Winter grains responded to the warm weather last week and favorable surface moisture conditions. Winter wheat fields in the east were "greening" and those in western counties showed a little growth. For the State, the wheat crop appears to have come through the winter with a moderate loss of acreage. An early appraisal indicates there may be considerable loss of winter barley in some western counties, but the crop is more promising in other areas.

A limited amount of field work was accomplished last week and most of it occurred in the southwest district where drier soil conditions prevailed. Stalk cutting, plowing and discing were the most common operations. Some farmers were spreading fertilizer. Seeding of oats and barley was started in a few southern counties. Some sugar beet seedbeds were prepared before the last storm and growers were waiting for the soil to dry sufficiently to permit planting. Tilling operations will get underway soon in other areas if the weather continues warm and dry.

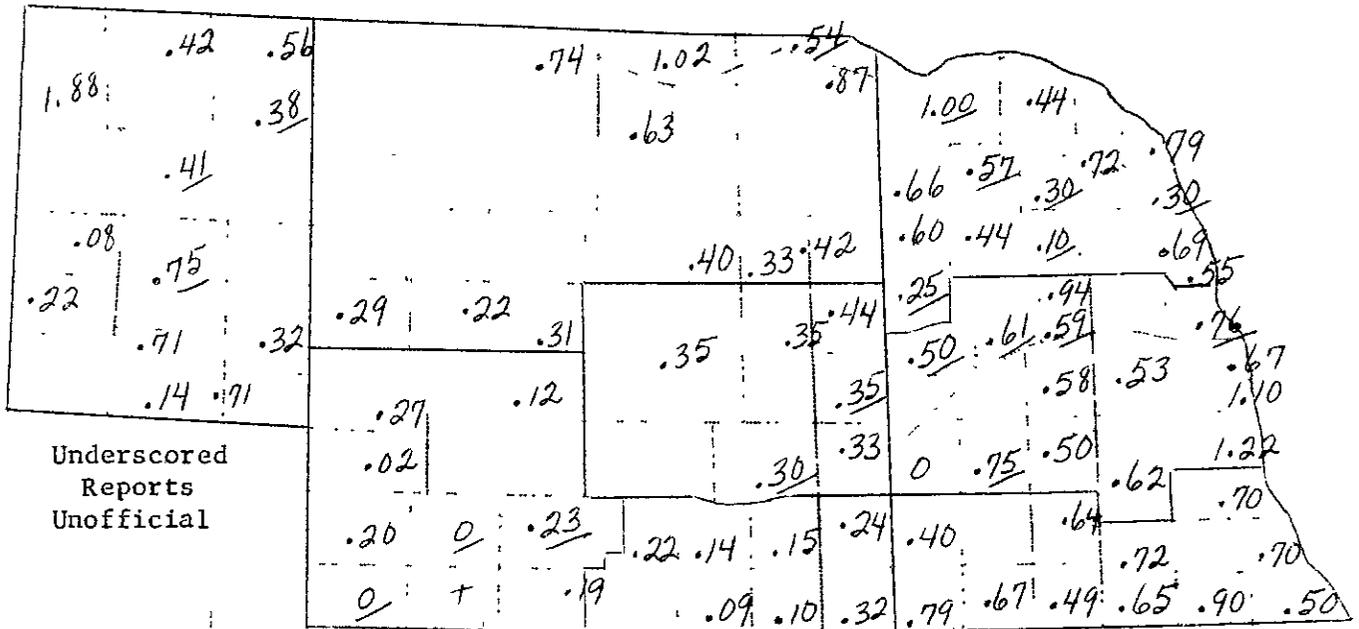
Pastures and ranges were open for grazing and provided good feed. Early grasses were greening up in a few places. Some cattle were moved to spring and summer pastures and will receive supplemental feed until new grass becomes available. Winter wheat fields with new growth and stalk fields provided limited pasture. Cattle will be moved from the stalk fields as tillage operations become more general.

LIVESTOCK Calving operations were favored by the nice weather and made good progress. Losses were about average or less for this time of the year. Cattle on feed made better gains as the dry weather relieved muddy conditions in feedlots. Pigs and lambs also benefited from the mild weather and were doing well.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 25, 1963

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.10	Burwell	.33	Chadron	.42
Lincoln	.69	North Platte	.12	Imperial	.03
Norfolk	.44	Valentine	.74	Scottsbluff	.09
Omaha	1.58			Sidney	.16
Sioux City	.79				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 22, 1965



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		19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th		25th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	37	24	41	25	49	30	59	33	71	34	73	36	69	35		
	Scottsbluff	35	28	46	25	55	29	64	27	73	32	72	35	65	32		
	Sidney	33	27	46	27	55	28	60	36	73	37	74	37	66	--		
NC	Burwell	35	29	48	25	47	19	53	26	77	36	79	32	79	--		
	Valentine	36	27	42	23	42	20	56	31	76	37	77	37	76	42		
NE	Norfolk	34	31	49	27	45	21	49	34	74	43	75	45	83	47		
	Sioux City	34	32	43	30	44	24	46	30	66	46	74	44	81	49		
GEN	Grand Island	35	29	53	25	51	17	48	30	75	43	75	36	74	46		
EC	Lincoln	39	34	54	33	49	28	49	35	73	49	75	52	76	50		
	Omaha	38	33	46	32	46	26	47	30	67	47	73	48	78	50		
SW	Imperial	36	32	52	28	58	21	60	25	76	42	73	34	77	38		
	North Platte	36	29	53	22	57	23	--	28	77	42	74	32	77	38		

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