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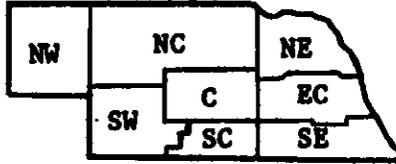
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WEATHER

It warmed up rapidly at the beginning of the week and continued very mild through the entire week. Average temperatures ranged from 8 to 16 degrees above normal. No measurable precipitation was reported in the State.

GENERAL

Temperatures during January averaged well above normal with precipitation very light and scattered across the northern half of the State. Snow cover had disappeared except in a few areas of north central Nebraska where large amounts of snow had accumulated earlier in the season. Farmers continued to whittle away at the corn remaining for harvest with several fields left to harvest in the Panhandle, north central and northeastern districts. A limited amount of disking and stalk shredding occurred with the warming trend in weather. However, most producers concentrated on record keeping, tax preparation, planning and preparing financial statements for the new crop year. Maintenance and repair of equipment, buildings and fencing accounted for many hours as well as livestock care. Others were attending farm sales and meetings.

WINTER WHEAT

Winter wheat condition rated 5% poor, 31% fair, 52% good and 12% excellent, showing a slight decline from a month ago. Lack of adequate moisture during January allowed topsoils to become dry in many areas resulting in some wind erosion. Wet soils delayed fall planting in the southeastern district. This resulted in short early growth and combined with dry conditions which now exist, account for the poorest conditions in the State.

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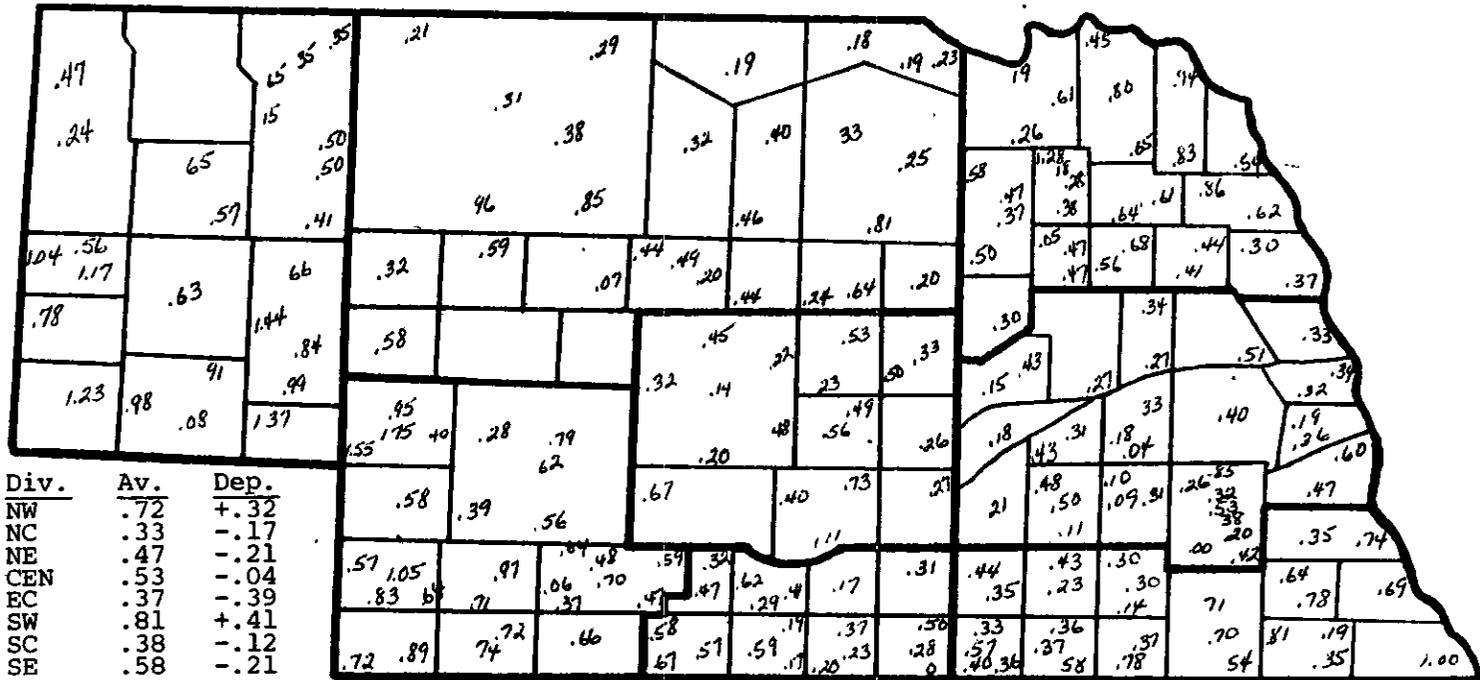
Reduced snow cover during January allowed cattle maximum use of stalks for grazing. Adequate grazing of crop residue reduced demand for supplemental feeding which was crucial to counties in northwest Nebraska where hay and forage supplies are short. Hay, forage and feed grain supplies rated adequate or above elsewhere across the State. Much interest was expressed in hay marketing information where surpluses existed. Ranchers were busy as calving and lambing got underway.

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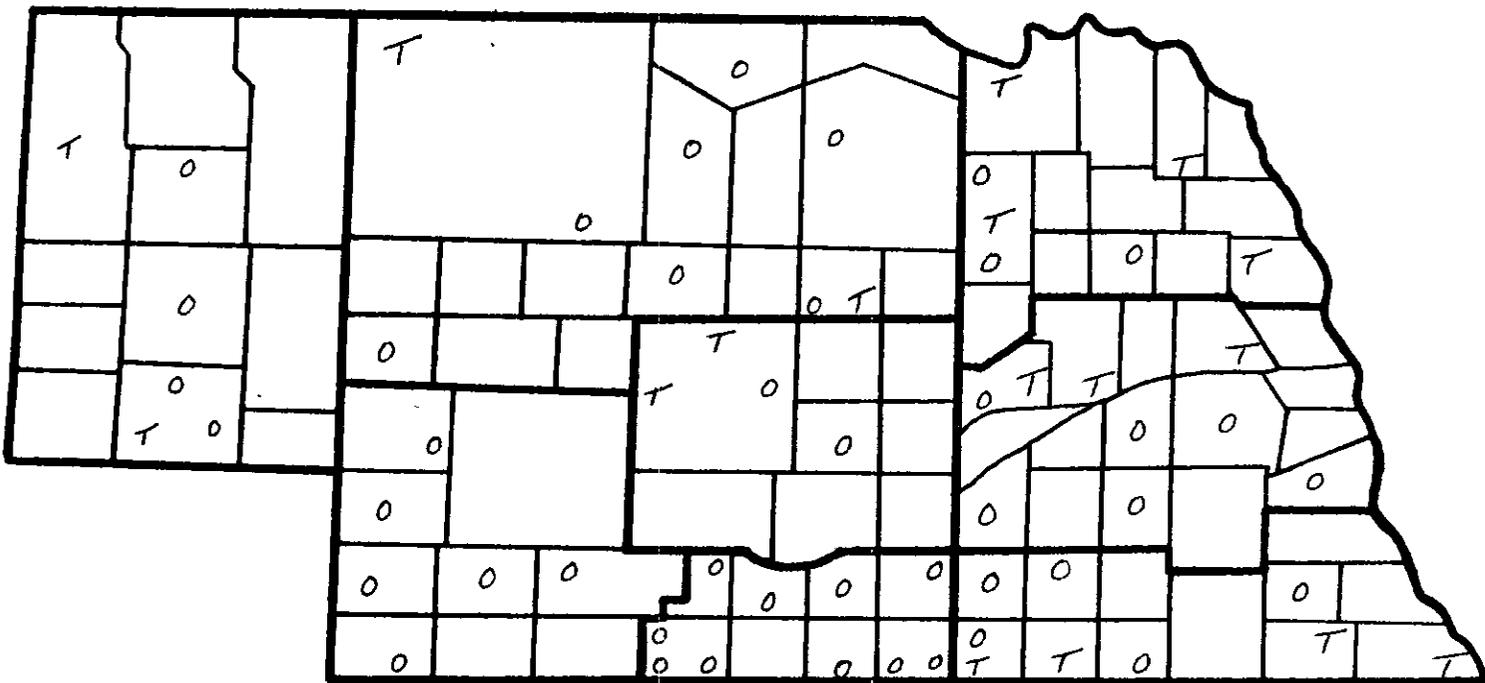
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1985 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Center for Agricultural Meteorology and Climatology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1986



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1986

Station	Temperature				Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/	
	Max	Min				
NW	Chadron	56	17	37	--	0
	Scottsbluff	61	19	42	+16	T
	Sidney	59	16	39	--	0
NC	Ord	61	-1	32	--	0
	Valentine	54	3	32	+12	T
NE	Norfolk	55	-8	29	+10	T
	Sioux City	49	-6	26	+8	T
CEN	Grand Island	63	1	34	+12	0
EC	Lincoln	60	-3	32	+11	0
	Omaha	52	-7	29	+9	0
SW	Imperial	62	14	43	--	0
	North Platte	66	9	39	+16	0

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.