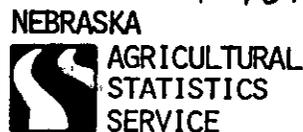


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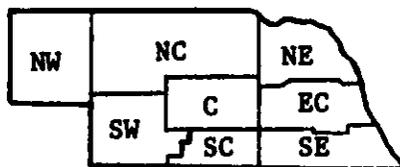
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WINTER WHEAT

Widespread precipitation but mild temperatures featured the State this week. The east reported temperatures up to 12 degrees above normal while the north central and Panhandle reported below normal temperatures. The west reported up to 1.50 inches of precipitation in the form of snow while eastern Nebraska had about a half inch as rain.

Winter wheat condition improved from last month aided by precipitation late in the month. This year's crop rated 29% fair, 62% good and 9% excellent. The crop was breaking dormancy and greening up in many areas before the snow and rain provided additional topsoil moisture. Russian aphid population is still being monitored in the Panhandle.

GENERAL

LIVESTOCK

Weather conditions in February allowed some farmers to jump the gun and start early fieldwork activities. A minimal amount of tillage, along with ammonia application and corn stalk shredding, took place the latter half of the month. Other fieldwork consisted of spreading manure and clearing ditch banks. Snow and rain across the State the last few days of the month stopped all fieldwork. The only measurable snow cover was in the western one-half of Nebraska. The heaviest accumulated depths were recorded in the far western counties with virtually no snow cover in the eastern counties. Planning, farm sales, general farm maintenance, and visits to the ASCS office were major activities.

Continued mild weather has kept residue fields open for grazing. Range and pasture feed supplies rated 7% short, 63% adequate and 30% surplus. Very little supplemental feeding was necessary. Hay and forage supplies rated 2% poor, 29% adequate and 69% surplus. Feed grain supplies rated 2% poor, 24% adequate and 74% surplus. Calving and lambing activities increased with little or no problem reported. Marketing and feedyard maintenance were also major activities.

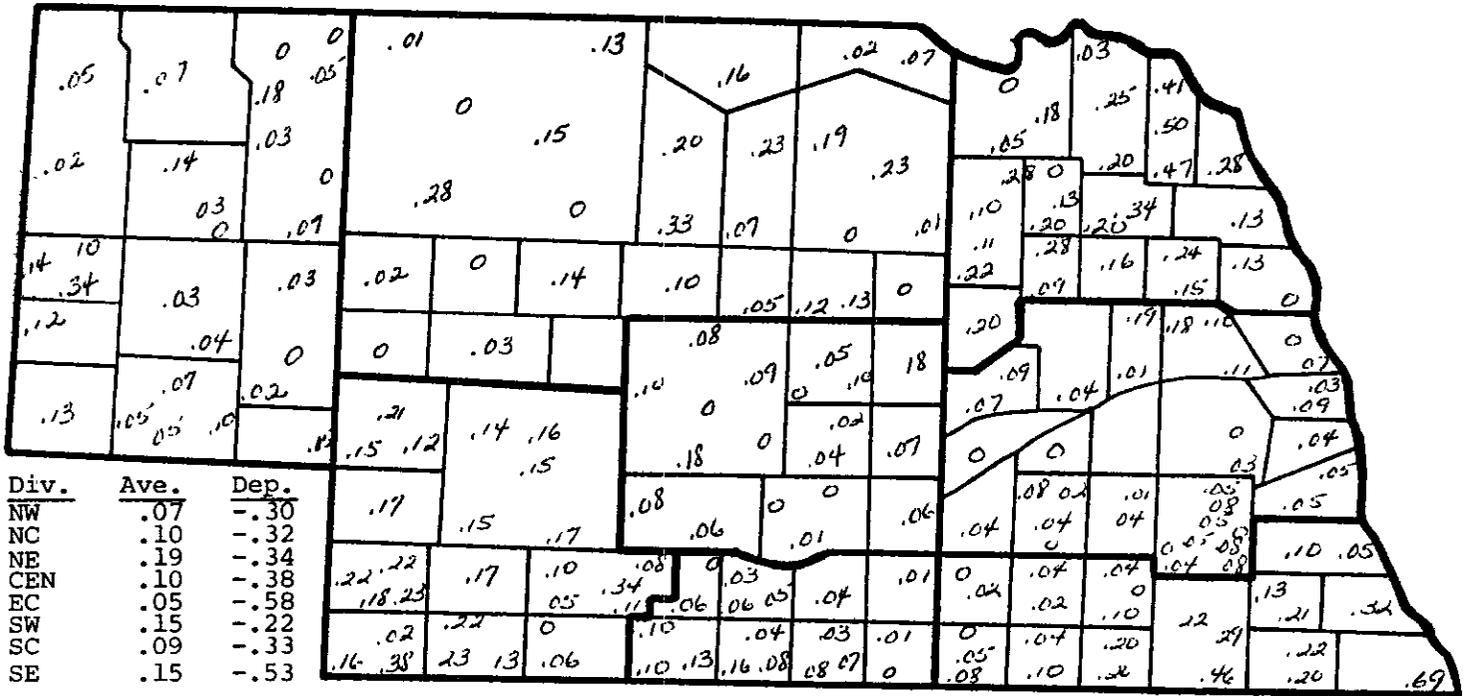
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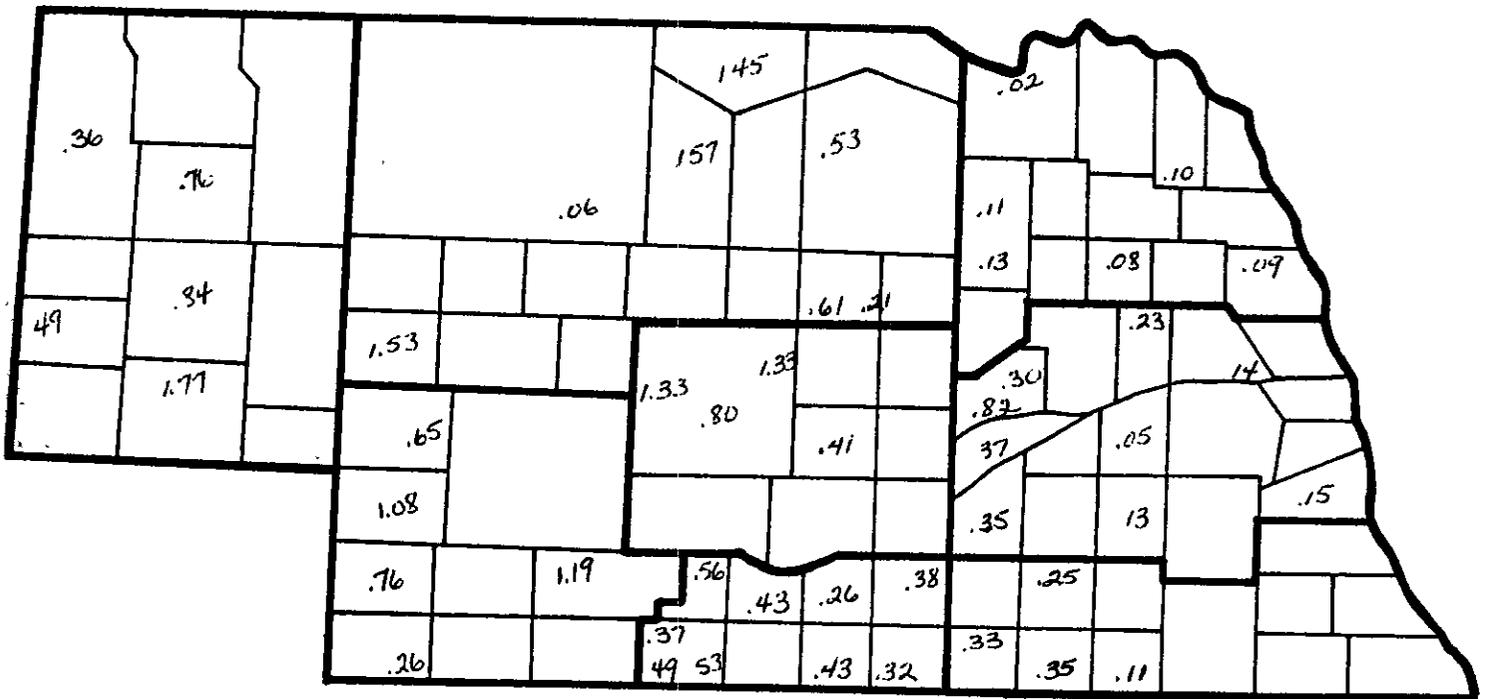
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1987 1/



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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1987



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 1987

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	43	0	20	--	--
Scottsbluff	45	-4	22	-10	1.37
Sidney	--	--	--	--	--
NC Ord	54	18	37	--	--
Valentine	41	2	26	-11	--
NE Norfolk	54	24	39	+12	.48
Sioux City	57	19	39	+12	.12
CEN Grand Island	57	24	39	+9	.65
EC Lincoln	58	19	42	+12	.44
Omaha	56	24	40	+11	.58
SW Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
North Platte	46	14	34	+4	1.09

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.