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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The week was extremely cold, particularly in the western and central portions of the State, where temperatures fell below zero every night at some stations, and remained below zero all day for one or two days. Moderate to locally heavy rain and freezing rain fell over the extreme eastern portion of the State, but only light local snows occurred elsewhere.

CROPS Shortages of hay were reported, which may become serious unless there is a break in the weather. Feeding began earlier and has been prolonged because range has been covered with snow. Delay in the movement of certified seed potatoes to southern States is causing considerable concern because they may be too late for planting unless cars for shipment are available very soon. Husking of corn continues to be at a standstill because of adverse weather conditions. More farm labor is needed in some of the blizzard stricken counties. Blocked roads are still causing much trouble. There is a little concern over possible damage to wheat from the ice on the fields.

LIVESTOCK Many reports continue to indicate that livestock losses were not as large as reported. However, there were some reports of severe losses on the part of individual ranchers. There seems to be more fear of losses in the future because of the weakened condition of cattle and the threatened shortage of hay and feed supplies, especially if the stormy weather continues much longer. The situation is especially serious for those ranchers who windrowed instead of stacking their hay because of the inaccessibility to livestock due to the large amount of snow. Some bulldozers have been used in opening up paths through drifts for the cattle to reach the hay supply. The Department of Agriculture is beginning a survey this week in a number of western States to determine the loss from blizzards, low temperatures and shortage of hay. This survey has been delayed somewhat because of blocked roads which have held up the mail.

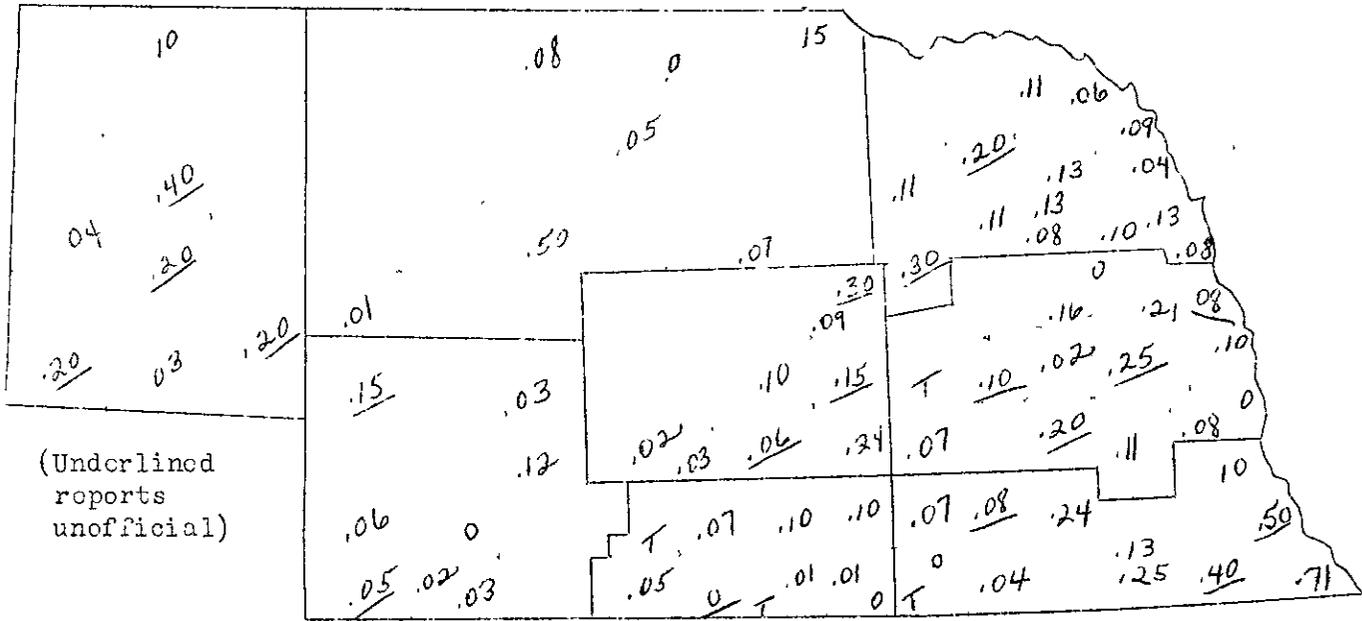
Returns on feed grain supplies indicate a shortage in 8% of the counties, an ample supply in two-thirds of the counties, with a surplus in one-fourth of the counties. Concentrates are reported short in 19% of the counties and ample in 81%. The hay and forage supply is reported short in 38% of the counties, ample in 60% and a surplus in only 2% of the counties. Range and pasture are reported short in 70% of the counties and ample in 30% of the counties.

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 See enclosed comments by counties. Issued by the Weather Bureau and the State and Federal Divisions of Agricultural Statistics.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 24, 1949.

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .04	Burwell .08	Chadron .07
Lincoln .78	North Platte .03	Hayes Center 0
Norfolk .46	Valentine .09	Scottsbluff .04
Omaha .71		Sidney .15
Sioux City .64		

PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 21, 1949



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hrs. ending 6:30 a.m.)

		Jan. 18th		19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	27	15	23	-25	0	-16	-4	-29	26	0	26	--	-2	-17
	Scottsbluff	30	18	22	-9	23	-14	0	-14	26	-1	25	--	-4	-14
	Sidney	28	12	23	-12	21	-13	20	-11	26	-3	23	-5	2	-12
N-C	Burwell	22	-2	23	-20	10	0	14	-24	6	-11	13	-2	--	--
	Valentine	24	15	27	-15	12	-10	-7	-26	8	1	20	-7	-5	--
NE	Norfolk	15	6	20	-10	4	-3	13	-12	0	-14	18	12	--	--
	Sioux City	17	15	22	-6	8	4	16	-2	10	-12	18	14	23	-3
Cen.	Grand Island	22	9	23	-5	20	-1	10	-9	7	-5	22	16	16	-6
E-C	Lincoln	21	10	23	2	14	6	21	1	21	-1	30	8	33	0
	Omaha	19	15	23	1	14	7	19	5	5	-6	34	19	32	2
SW	Hayes Center	31	11	--	-5	27	12	15	-12	23	5	--	1	10	-5
	North Platte	25	8	24	-11	20	4	13	-15	14	-1	16	--	13	-8

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