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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The week was dry and considerably colder. There was much cloudiness and several days were very raw and windy, but a change to the warmer was setting in at the close.

March was cold, in fact, the average temperature for the month was lower than for the very warm February we had this year. Precipitation averaged near normal over the central and western portions of the state, but was much above over the east, where most of the southeastern and extreme east-central portions received as much as three times the normal precipitation. Snowfall was above normal. A severe blizzard overspread the southeastern half of the state on the 21st and 22nd.

CROPS Winter wheat is making fine growth. Some of the later planted wheat is a little spotted, especially on exposed slopes, being most noticeable in parts of southwestern Nebraska where winter moisture was a little short. Some spots of retarded growth are also showing up in south-central Nebraska. However, wheat seems to be growing rapidly and very little abandonment is evident at this time. Most of the wheat looks excellent and some is being pastured.

Considerable oats were planted last week south of the Platte River. Wet fields prevented the expected progress but there was much activity by the close of the week in southern portions. Reports on progress of seeding are as follows: Southwestern Nebraska 28%, South-Central Nebraska 21% and Southeastern Nebraska 50%. There was very little seeding done last week north of the Platte Valley, except for a little in central Nebraska. Soil is still too wet and cool. Scattered reports indicate a little barley sown especially in western Nebraska.

The condition of alfalfa, wild hay, pasture and range is excellent. There are some reports that more of the first crop of alfalfa will be put in silos. Alfalfa has made some growth. One county reports some winter-kill of fall seeded alfalfa. Pastures are just starting in southern portions. With the plentiful supply of moisture, growth should be rapid as soon as temperatures are high enough.

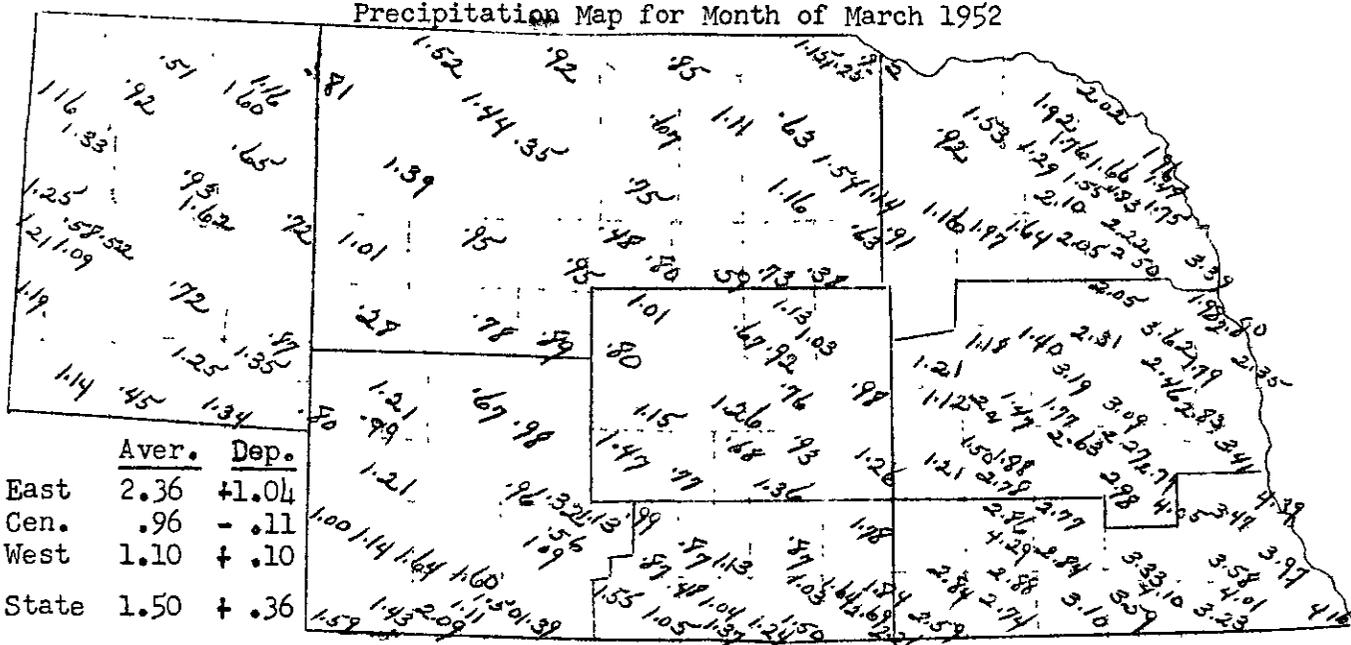
There were a few reports of corn being picked. Some land intended for corn was disked last week. There was considerable field activity in southern Nebraska, beginning this week with farmers working until dark and some working after dark using tractor lights. In northeastern Nebraska the ground is generally reported too wet for field activity. Cloudy weather with some light rainfall checked drying of the soil.

LIVESTOCK Some losses of pigs were reported. There is very little demand for brood sows. There was another report of loss of cattle from eating hay containing ergot. There was little demand for alfalfa hay.

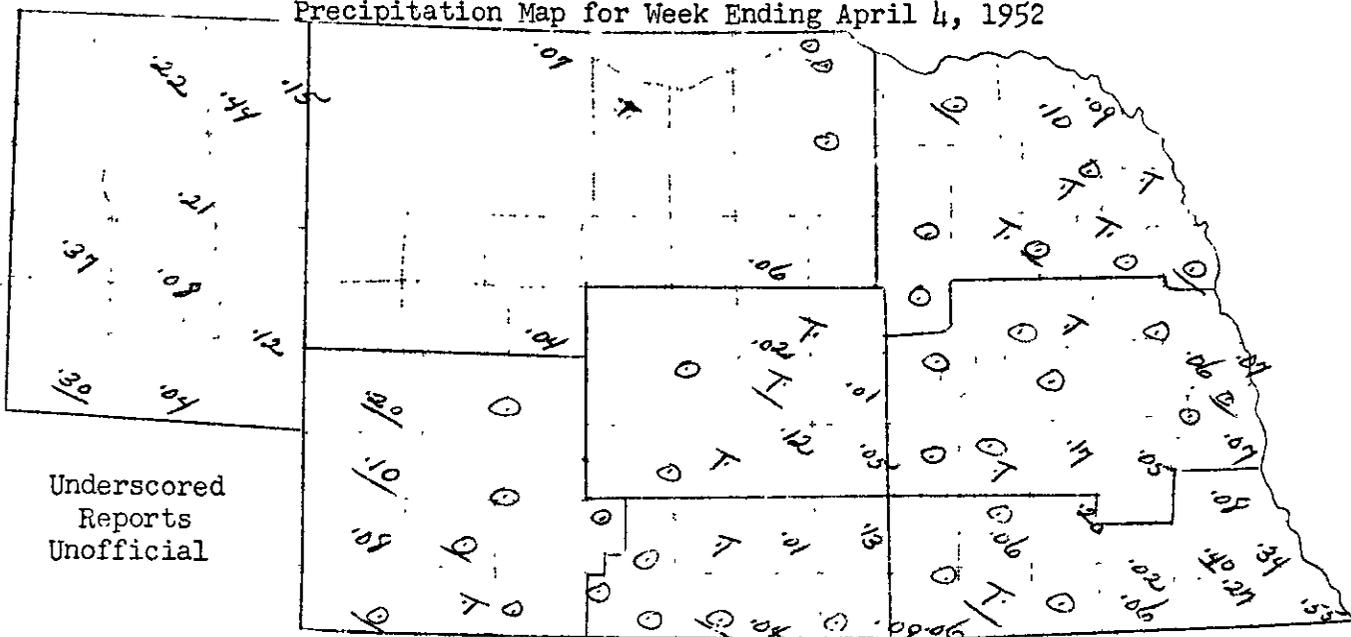
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 7, 1952

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Eastern Div., Cont'd.</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Albion	0	Hastings	.13	Broken Bow	0	Alliance	.15
Ashland	0	Lincoln	.04	Burwell	.01	Chadron	.25
Auburn	.34	Norfolk	0	Cambridge	0	Culbertson	0
Beatrice	.02	Oakdale	0	Holdrege	.01	Imperial	.05
Columbus	0	Omaha	0	Lexington	0	Kimball	0
Fairbury	0	Red Cloud	0	North Loup	0	Scottsbluff	.36
Fairmont	0	St. Paul	.01	North Platte	0	Sidney	.12
Falls City	.60	Tekamah	0	O'Neill	0		
Fremont	0	Wakefield	0	Ravenna	.12		
Grand Island	.05	York	0	Valentine	.05		
Hartington	.10						
Average this week		0.06		0.02		0.13	
Total since April 1		0.06		0.02		0.13	
Normal since April 1		0.34		0.29		0.28	

Precipitation Map for Month of March 1952



Precipitation Map for Week Ending April 4, 1952



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		April													
		1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	54	25	49	19	57	31	45	29	58	29	63	36	78	41
	Scottsbluff	55	30	47	22	62	34	53	27	58	30	69	31	75	39
	Sidney	55	30	49	21	60	33	49	25	55	31	63	31	76	39
N-C	Burwell	56	27	52	23	--	--	--	--	--	--	50	--	--	--
	Valentine	45	26	46	23	54	27	42	27	48	28	51	26	72	42
NE	Norfolk	42	31	53	29	55	32	47	29	40	25	--	--	57	29
	Sioux City	43	32	53	30	52	29	49	28	37	32	37	32	55	34
CEN.	Grand Island	62	30	55	25	59	31	48	29	47	24	52	22	60	36
	Lexington	63	25	55	22	59	32	48	30	54	23	58	24	64	40
E-C	Lincoln	63	37	58	30	59	36	42	31	40	27	46	32	57	40
	Omaha	62	35	58	33	56	31	48	30	40	35	39	29	56	36
SW	Imperial	58	31	52	21	62	36	50	31	56	25	64	26	74	38
	North Platte	59	24	55	21	60	34	43	27	45	25	60	24	70	35

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