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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Unseasonably warm weather prevailed during the week, with no precipitation of consequence, except a little light rain fell over the southeastern corner of the State and the southern portion of the Panhandle Friday. Several days were cloudy and humid, and there was less than the normal amount of wind.

January was cold and dry. Temperatures averaged from 5° below normal in the southern portion of the State to 9° below in the north-central. Most of the State received from one-third to half the normal precipitation, which fell in the form of light snow, with some drifting.

CROPS Winter wheat showed little if any change in condition during the past week as only a limited amount of moisture fell in the eastern part of the State which was of little if any benefit to the crop. In the western area, high winds caused additional loss of acreage and a large area will be subject to wind erosion unless precipitation is received soon.

The prospects for early pasture from cool season grasses as well as alfalfa are declining rapidly as the crops have only limited moisture to draw on when higher temperatures do occur. Winter rye has been holding its own but some loss of acreage has occurred, particularly where seeded on light sandy soils.

Some field work such as cutting corn stalks was accomplished in the southern counties last week. The soil is generally too dry for plowing. Preparation of soil for the planting of spring crops will generally be delayed until moisture is received. Movement of potatoes in the western part of the State picked up slightly during the past week as higher temperatures prevailed and more trucks became available. The potato market has been comparatively quiet but movement of seed potatoes is expected to pick up in the near future.

LIVESTOCK The mild open weather of the past week was favorable for all livestock. Lambing season is reaching a peak with prospects for a good lamb crop. Many twins are reported. Losses to date have been comparatively light. Feed supplies of hay and forage are short in many areas. However, there is still some hay being moved out of Nebraska to the drought areas in southern states. There is only a limited supply of pasture and range feed available but will be utilized wherever possible in order to conserve other feed.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 11, 1957

Eastern Division

Grand Island	.02
Lincoln	.02
Norfolk	0
Omaha	.04
Sioux City	0

Central Division

Burwell	0
North Platte	.16
Valentine	0

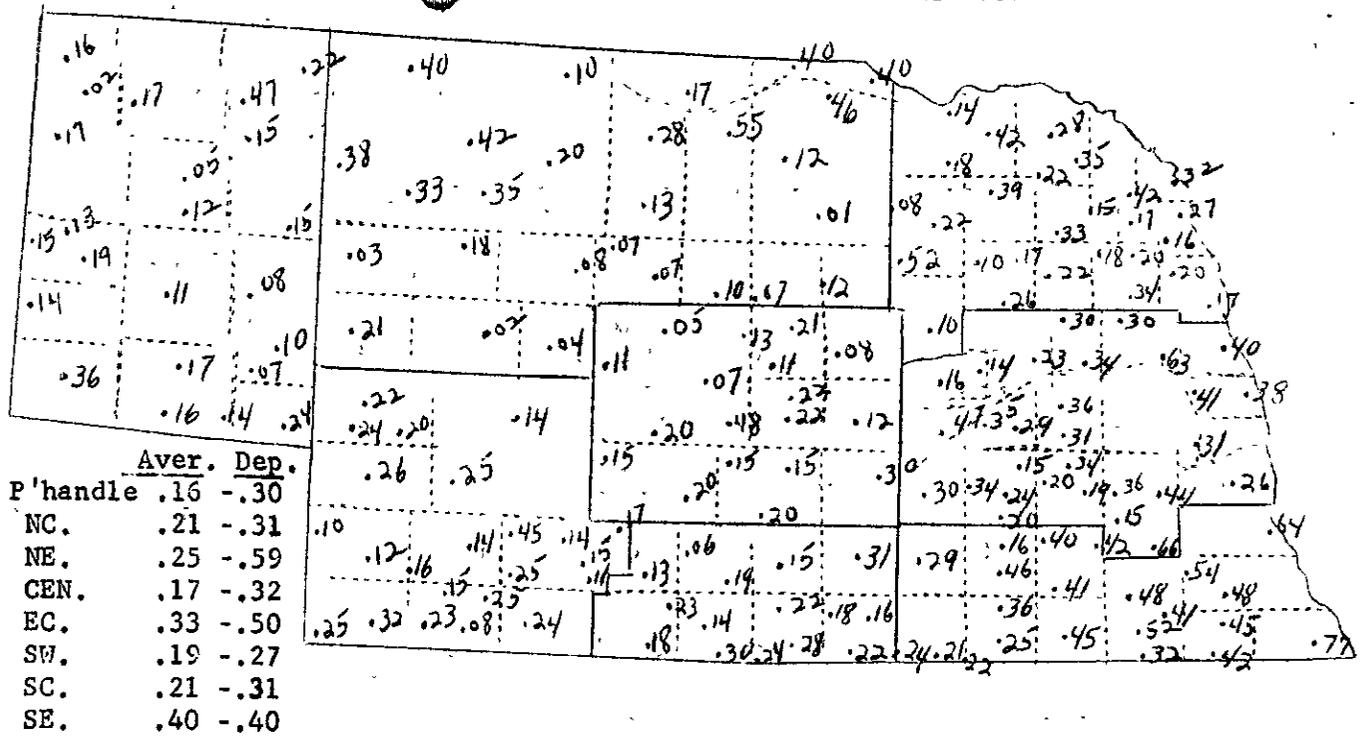
Western Division

Chadron	0
Imperial	.02
Scottsbluff	0
Sidney	.17

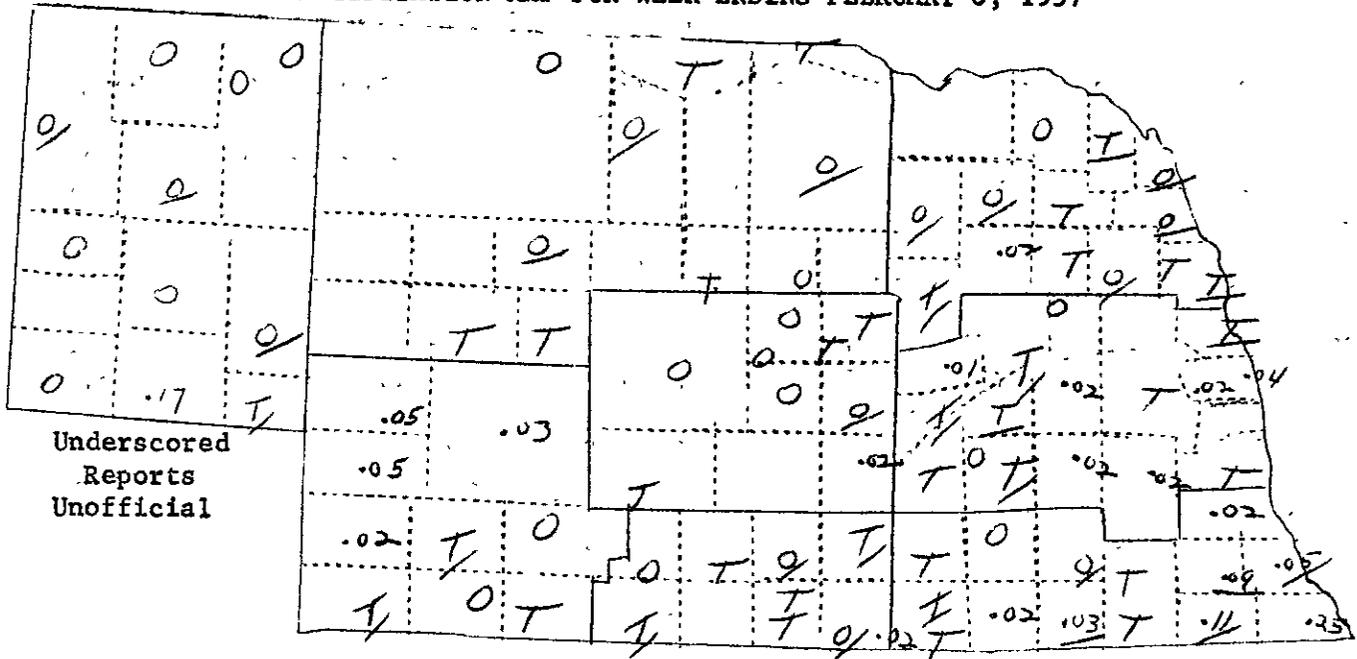
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1957



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 8, 1957



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		February													
		5th		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	44	14	44	21	50	19	33	16	55	35	50	30	41	23
	Scottsbluff	46	15	51	19	53	29	53	24	56	36	50	27	45	18
	Sidney	40	11	50	14	55	22	50	25	60	38	52	29	45	18
NC	Burwell	42	6	51	18	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	39	11	43	20	50	17	31	21	54	34	52	24	44	19
NE	Norfolk	40	16	44	20	58	18	30	28	40	28	56	21	48	13
	Sioux City	38	14	39	22	57	27	33	29	39	31	51	27	45	22
CEN	Grand Island	44	14	50	26	61	22	51	28	43	34	62	28	51	18
EC	Lincoln	40	24	46	23	54	30	46	32	42	37	61	33	51	23
	Omaha	39	21	42	26	50	30	32	30	39	32	51	34	49	22
SW	Imperial	44	13	54	15	61	16	57	27	60	38	57	26	48	14
	North Platte	41	10	52	22	59	17	56	26	52	33	56	27	48	18