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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 1/26/59

WEATHER Cold weather prevailed during the week, except for warm weather Saturday, and in the west Friday. Snow fell over most of the state early in the week. Amounts were generally heavy in the southeast and east-central, moderate over a belt extending from the south-central to the northeast, and light in the west and north-central portions of the state. Strong northerly winds during and immediately after the snow caused considerable drifting.

CROPS Snowfall last week, ranging up to 6 and 8 inches, brought some relief to winter crops and pastures, although much of it drifted leaving fields, or parts of fields, bare and exposed. There was less drifting of snow in corn stalk and stubble land and in other fields where vegetative cover helped hold the snow during the high winds. In these cases, dry surface soil conditions were partially relieved and snow cover offered some protection from high winds and low temperatures.

Snowfall was light in much of the central and northeastern parts of the state where surface moisture has been critically short for several months. Winter crops in this area were hit again by sub-zero temperatures, and further concern developed regarding the survival of some fields. Some winter losses to crops are reported over much of the eastern two-thirds of the state, although damage in the extreme southeastern part is relatively light. The outlook continues favorable in the Panhandle and parts of southwestern Nebraska.

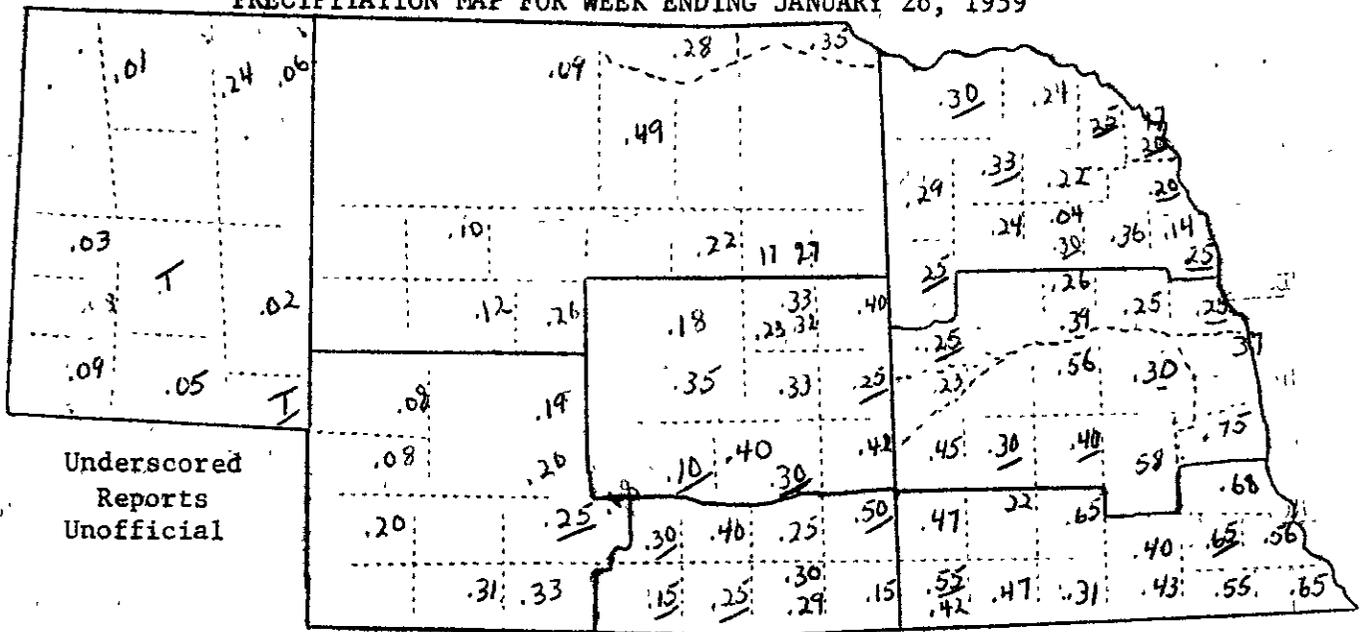
Farm activity was mainly centered on winter chores, caring for livestock, and marketing farm products.

LIVESTOCK Cold weather required continued heavy feeding of livestock. Snow cover in some places restricted use of pastures and field forage by livestock, but abundance of hay and grain supplies provided the feed necessary to hold the condition of livestock and maintain production rates. Stocker and feeder cattle are still in strong demand. Early season births of lambs, calves and pigs are reported in increasing volume. The cold weather was a little rough on the new arrivals, but losses are reported as light. Baby chick deliveries are starting the usual seasonal increase.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 26, 1959

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.40	Burwell	.17	Chadron	.01
Lincoln	.58	North Platte	.17	Imperial	.09
Norfolk	.30	Valentine	.08	Scottsbluff	.03
Omaha	.26			Sidney	.04
Sioux City	.17				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 26, 1959



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

		January													
		20th		21st		22d		23d		24th		25th		26th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	39	--	8	-9	14	-2	21	6	51	31	57	20	26	20
	Scottsbluff	39	0	16	-9	15	-5	29	12	53	35	58	37	46	27
	Sidney	34	4	30	-4	18	6	29	19	53	29	57	32	46	27
NC	Burwell	35	2	27	-4	7	-4	15	7	44	18	50	18	26	7
	Valentine	41	1	7	-18	7	-8	11	-1	41	18	49	11	19	12
NE	Norfolk	29	13	22	-5	7	-5	15	-11	26	13	47	19	22	4
	Sioux City	22	17	20	-3	6	-1	10	-10	20	12	42	19	23	9
Gen	Grand Island	34	22	22	-4	10	-5	21	6	36	30	56	21	20	14
EC	Lincoln	31	21	26	1	10	1	23	8	27	23	48	22	33	14
	Omaha	26	18	20	-1	5	-2	15	-4	19	13	45	19	28	4
SW	Imperial	36	11	25	-5	19	-2	30	10	56	25	64	31	42	23
	North Platte	--	8	25	-10	13	-14	20	6	46	20	60	25	34	19

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