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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 2/8/60

WEATHER Mild weather prevailed during the week, with very little temperature change from day to day. Moderate to heavy snow and rain fell over most of the southwest and central portions of the State, and light to moderate elsewhere. The snow fell on several days during the early and middle portions of the week. There was much cloudy weather, humidity was high, and winds were rather light.

January was cold and wet. Moderate to heavy snows, some preceded by freezing rains, fell on the 1st, 14th, and 17th of the month. There was much blowing and drifting of the snow. Average precipitation ranged from slightly above normal over the Panhandle and the north central portions of the State to almost four times the normal in the central division. Most of the State had some snow cover during the greater part of the month.

CROPS Wet snow and rains in the central and western districts were favorable for winter grain crops and brightened prospects for ranges and pastures. The moisture temporarily checked soil blowing and erosion which has been rather prevalent during the winter and serious in some places. Some acreage of winter wheat and barley has been lost by exposure and soil blowing. In local areas, winter barley and rye have been hard hit.

Last week's wet snow, ranging up to 10 inches in a few places, did not drift much, and provided a good cover for cropland in sections where earlier snowfall had drifted considerably. Country roads are extremely soft and muddy, restricting transportation. Feed lots and farm steads are excessively muddy, hampering farm activity. In many sections, farmers and ranchers were still struggling with big drifts and heavy snow cover to clear pathways for livestock to hay and feed supplies and to open local roads and lanes to traffic. Field foraging and grazing has been restricted by snow for several weeks now, cutting down on hay and forage reserves. Demand for hay has increased sharply and some local areas face a shortage.

High moisture content of cribbed 1959 corn is a problem. Above normal precipitation and high humidity have prevented the usual "drying out" during the winter months. Many farmers have been drying corn artificially to get moisture content low enough for safe storage.

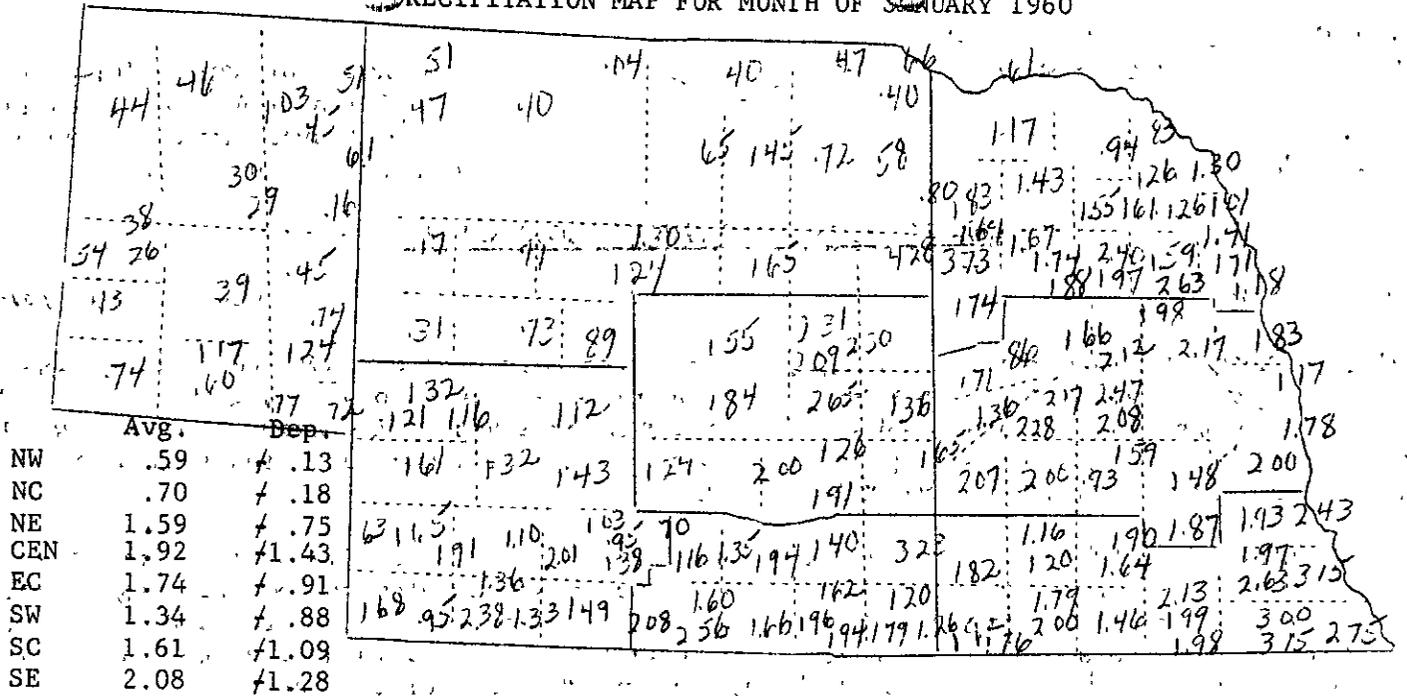
LIVESTOCK Snow and mud continue to hamper livestock operations. Cold, damp weather has not been favorable for putting on gains in muddy feed lots. New crop calves, pigs and lambs required close attention and care, and some producers have experienced losses of the young stock.

Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle and calves into Nebraska during January totaled 55,000 head, 29 percent below the 78,000 shipped in during January 1959. The number was the smallest for January since 1957. Sheep and lamb arrivals numbered 15,000 head in January compared with about 18,000 head for the corresponding month a year earlier. Except for 1956, the number shipped in was the smallest for the month since 1949.

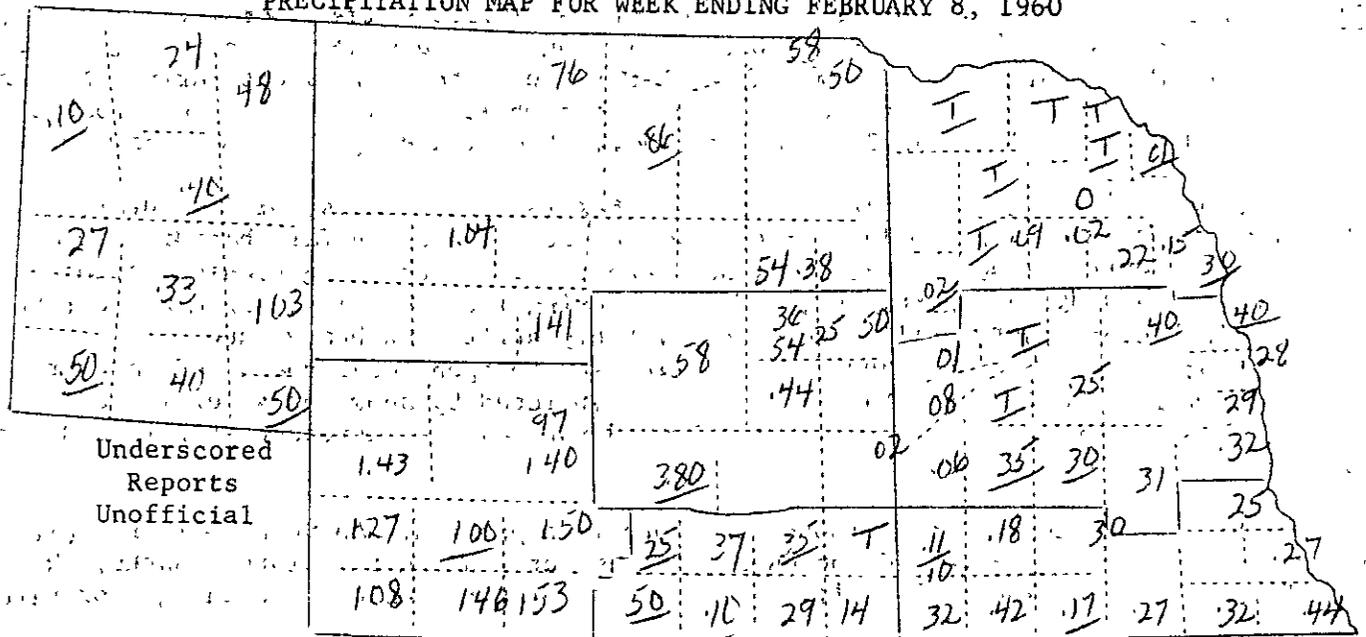
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 8, 1960

	<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>
Grand Island	.12	Burwell	.51	Chadron	.24
Lincoln	.31	North Platte	.81	Imperial	.13
Norfolk	.09	Valentine	.76	Scottsbluff	.16
Omaha	.28			Sidney	.35
Sioux City	.05				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1960



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 8, 1960



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)

		February 2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th	
	Location	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	30	24	37	28	37	28	40	20	45	30	43	28	51	37
	Scottsbluff	34	18	34	30	36	27	41	21	44	31	43	26	53	34
	Sidney	32	24	30	27	32	29	35	14	37	28	39	22	49	36
NC	Burwell	29	26	35	32	--	--	--	24	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	26	23	32	31	35	31	35	16	35	18	35	17	44	34
NE	Norfolk	30	28	34	32	35	23	32	28	33	27	29	25	39	35
	Sioux City	30	29	34	31	35	22	34	25	33	29	30	23	36	34
CEN	Grand Island	32	30	36	33	37	29	35	32	38	22	31	27	44	35
	Lincoln	35	29	37	33	42	27	32	29	36	29	33	27	40	37
EC	Omaha	32	29	34	30	37	24	31	28	32	27	30	23	37	32
	Imperial	32	21	32	27	34	30	35	20	36	20	39	19	41	36
SW	North Platte	31	23	36	26	36	32	35	24	38	24	38	24	45	34

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