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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

Week Ending 3/5/62

WEATHER The coldest temperatures of the season were reported during the week at some stations with 25 degrees below and lower readings extended over all of the northern half of the State on the morning of the 28th. Creighton had the lowest with -35 degrees.

Snow in the Panhandle was one inch or less, occurring early in the period, with the northeast and extreme southeast having light snow over the weekend. Strong winds with blowing and drifting of old and new snow were reported through the final half of the period resulting in many blocked roads in the northeast Thursday and again on Monday.

February temperature averages were a little below normal. Most of the first half of the month was mild, the latter half was cold. Record breaking low temperatures were recorded on the final day of the month. More than 20 inches of snow was reported in north central and northeastern localities. Snowfall was rather light in most of the south but rains on the 14th and 15th brought precipitation totals above normal in most of Nebraska.

CROPS Severe cold and deep snow prevented field work and limited other outdoor tasks. Northern Nebraska farmers were bucking big snow drifts in the roads, lanes and feedlots, increasing the difficulty of moving feed and livestock.

Sub-zero temperatures hurt winter barley in much of the west, especially where protective snow cover was lacking. Winter wheat apparently withstood the low readings in most places, although local damage from soil blowing and exposure occurred. Much of the eastern Nebraska acreage is under a good snow cover, although high winds were causing some drifting and exposing parts of wheat fields.

Soil moisture prospects improved in much of the State as a result of the recent snowfall, but some sections of the southwest remain dry and areas of the northwest have had only partial relief from the dry conditions experienced in the past several months.

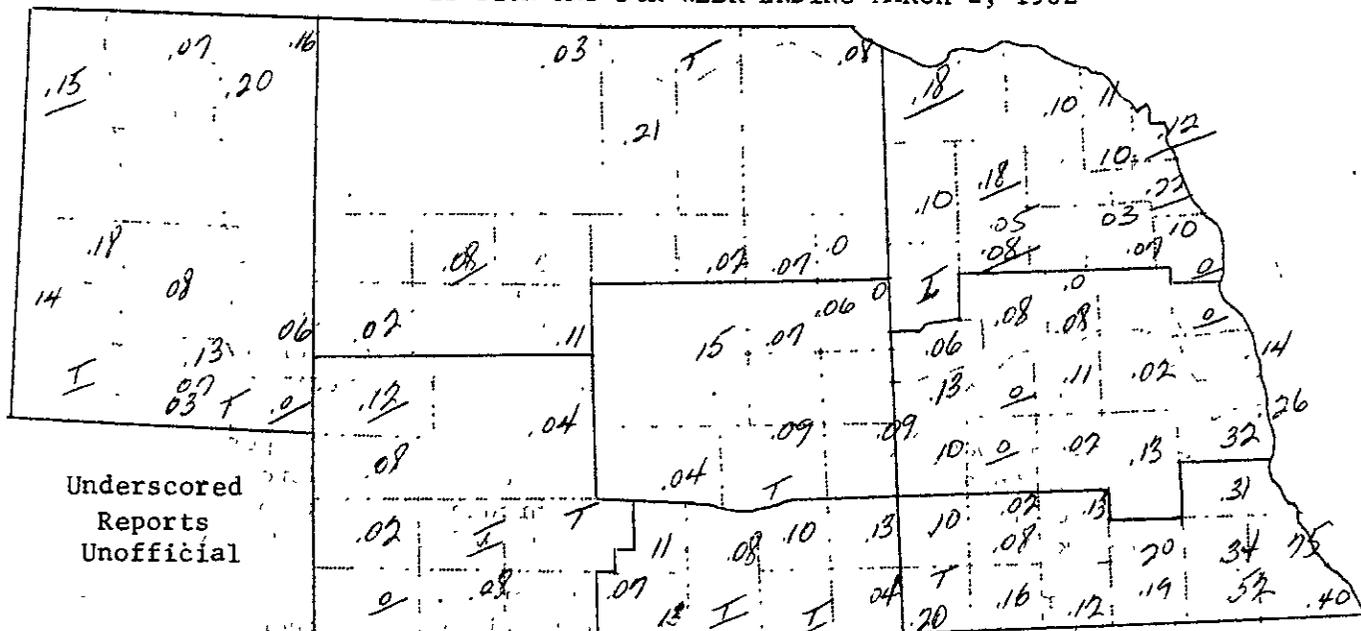
Little, if any, harvesting of the remaining row crops was done last week. Some concern is developing over possible delay in getting spring work started and seed beds prepared for early spring seedings. Some corn awaits picking in fields that are likely to be quite soggy. Wet field conditions are expected over much of the central and eastern parts of the State when thawing occurs.

LIVESTOCK Recent weather has been rough on livestock. Feed consumption is heavy and gains much below average. Losses of new born and young stock are well above average even with close attention and care. Livestock marketing has been held up in the northeast counties because of the heavy snow.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 5, 1962

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.02	Burwell	.07	Chadron	.03
Lincoln	.05	North Platte	.01	Imperial	.04
Norfolk	.23	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	.08
Omaha	.09			Sidney	.05
Sioux City	.23				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 2, 1962



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

		February 27th		February 28th		March 1st		March 2nd		March 3rd		March 4th		March 5th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	5	-13	7	-25	3	-17	39	18	42	3	25	3	19	0
	Scottsbluff	8	-18	3	-28	19	-1	35	6	41	18	35	8	32	7
	Sidney	9	-8	6	-21	18	-1	35	5	48	21	37	15	35	8
NC	Burwell	1	-14	1	-28	11	-6	19	1	29	13	16	5	14	--
	Valentine	-2	-20	1	-25	5	-14	20	12	36	5	14	-3	--	--
NE	Norfolk	6	-12	-2	-25	8	-11	13	3	23	16	23	8	13	3
	Sioux City	4	-11	-1	-21	3	-15	9	1	22	14	22	10	--	9
CEN	Grand Island	7	-7	0	-16	11	-4	18	7	30	24	25	5	18	5
EC	Lincoln	11	-5	2	-11	12	-5	16	7	29	21	29	8	21	10
	Omaha	10	-8	0	-13	10	-13	12	3	25	17	27	6	--	--
SW	Imperial	7	-6	5	-18	22	-1	31	7	45	18	43	17	39	17
	North Platte	6	-7	2	-22	16	3	23	11	32	21	31	6	--	--

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