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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The first half of the period was mild, the close was cool. Temperature averages for the entire week were near normal. Remaining snow melted early in the week, overflowing streams had receded by the close of the period. Snows up to 2 inches occurred in the Panhandle while rains up to 2/10 inch occurred over the remainder of the State Thursday. Weekend snows in the northeast totaled up to one inch.

March temperatures averaged below normal. Heavy snows in the northeast brought precipitation totals above normal in that area.

CROPS Full scale field work started in the western part of the State last week but was interrupted by snow that fell Wednesday night. Elsewhere, operations were limited to light soils and hill land where drainage was good. Seeding of spring grains was confined mainly to the western part of the State and at present there is about 1 percent of the intended oat acreage planted. Usually there is about 20 percent in the ground by this date.

Wet fields in the major oats producing area may cause some shift from this crop to corn, sorghum or soybeans. Unfavorable weather last fall prevented field tillage and farmers are far behind in their spring work. Some corn and sorghum remains to be harvested in southern counties and isolated fields can be observed over most of the State.

Winter wheat has emerged from the dormant stage in good conditions and loss of the acreage is confined to areas in the northwest that was damaged by wind erosion and in south central counties where spots have been covered by water. Winter barley has suffered from low temperatures particularly in the Panhandle and fall growth has been killed back in other areas. New tillers are appearing in some fields indicating that the plant may still be alive. This is particularly true in the southwest.

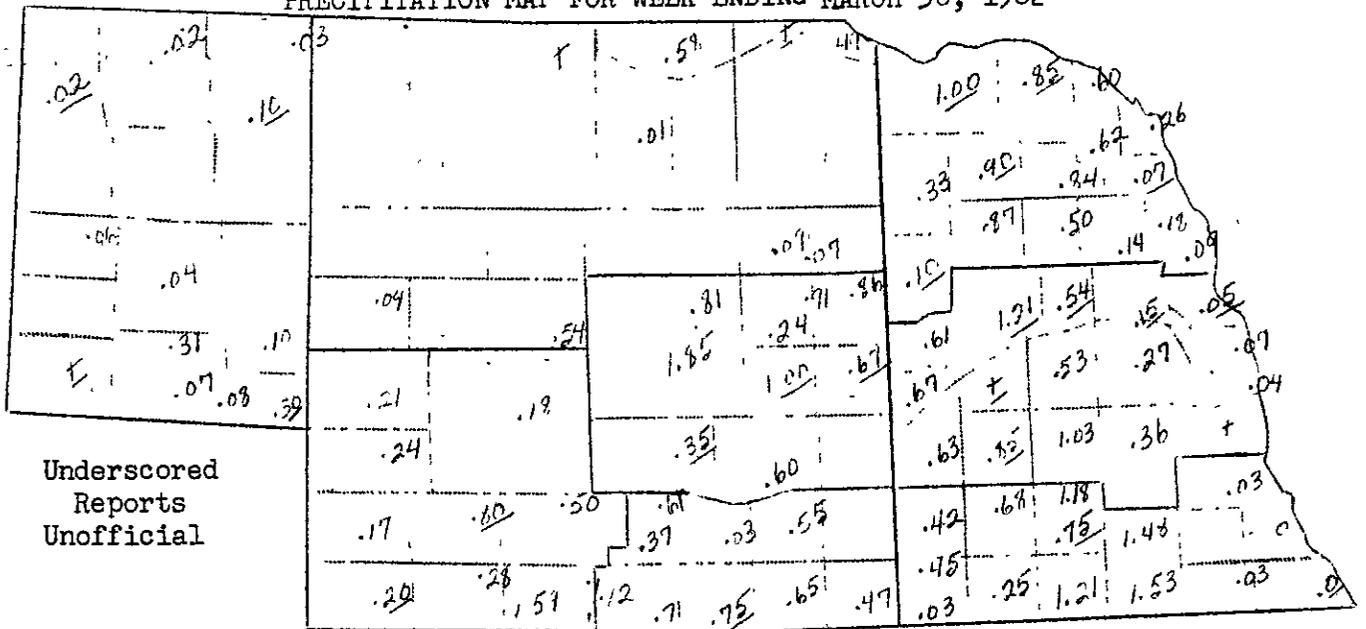
Pasture and range feed is once again available over most of the State as snow cover has disappeared. Corn stalks as well as sorghum fields are open for grazing and furnishing considerable feed for livestock. Winter wheat fields are being grazed in some areas. Hay is in short supply over most of the State but with open range conditions livestock are expected to obtain sufficient feed until new grass arrives.

LIVESTOCK Calving is in full swing over most of the State. Improved weather conditions have been helpful in saving the new born calves but losses have been higher than usual. Shearing of sheep has started in some local areas. Loss of new born pigs has been running above average because of adverse weather conditions. Feedlots in the eastern part of the State have been extremely muddy making it difficult to feed cattle and gains have been running much below average. In the western area feedlots have generally been free of snow and cattle have put on fair to good gains but low temperatures made it necessary to increase feed rations for desirable gains.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 2, 1962

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.07	Burwell	.09	Chadron	.02
Lincoln	.09	North Platte	.18	Imperial	.11
Norfolk	.17	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	.06
Omaha	.09			Sidney	.09
Sioux City	.16				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 30, 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)

		March				April									
		27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	1st	2nd							
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min				
NW	Chadron	68	38	75	41	42	23	44	22	45	26	38	17	38	20
	Scottsbluff	67	32	73	35	56	20	41	19	44	28	39	17	40	19
	Sidney	68	30	73	34	66	22	41	24	42	28	39	14	38	18
NC	Burwell	62	30	77	42	60	28	46	24	43	27	39	23	34	--
	Valentine	66	36	77	43	48	30	46	23	44	27	38	21	34	13
NE	Norfolk	58	36	73	41	59	33	44	24	45	31	39	24	32	17
	Sioux City	44	36	61	41	54	34	42	29	46	35	41	29	36	23
CEN	Grand Island	68	41	73	43	74	33	48	26	50	32	43	25	40	18
	Lincoln	64	46	72	49	77	35	47	30	52	35	43	28	35	23
EC	Omaha	61	45	71	44	72	34	45	27	50	32	42	27	35	22
	Imperial	71	34	77	33	78	27	44	30	47	28	43	22	40	14
SW	North Platte	71	34	78	33	69	29	47	27	47	28	40	21	36	14

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