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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Nebraska had its second warm week in a row. Temperatures reached the 50's and 60's during mid-week, but cooler air moved back into the State as the week ended. Weekly averages ranged from 10 to 15 degrees above normal. There were several days of cloudy, damp weather but precipitation totals were small.

CROPS Snow cover had almost disappeared from fields at the close of the week. Winter wheat was showing signs of coming out of the dormant stage in areas that had higher temperatures. Frost was out of the surface soil but the wheat crop will need precipitation to insure continued plant development as soon as growing weather prevails.

Ranges, pastures, and stalk fields were open for grazing in all parts of the State. Wheat and rye fields had muddy surfaces, and cattle were being taken off of this pasture because of the wet soil. Feed requirements for livestock were reduced as warm weather prevailed. Feed supplies are expected to be adequate provided severe weather does not occur between now and spring.

Practically all days in the week were favorable for farm work. Temperatures were high enough so that cattle could be sprayed for lice. Some fertilizing and plowing of stalk fields occurred. Most farm work consisted of the repair of farm machinery and preparation of plans for spring work.

LIVESTOCK Weather was quite favorable for livestock during the past week. Lambing is well along and some early calves are being dropped. There was an increase in the number of sows farrowing, and pigs saved were on a high level. Feed lots continued to be muddy, but weight gains were improved by favorable weather conditions.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 28, 1968

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

