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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER A cloudy, foggy week with frequent drizzle or light snows. A fast moving snow storm crossed the State on Friday leaving several inches of new snow. The cloudy damp weather resulted in mild nights and cool days with little temperature change between them. The weekly average temperatures ranged from near normal in the north central to 5 to 8 degrees above normal elsewhere.

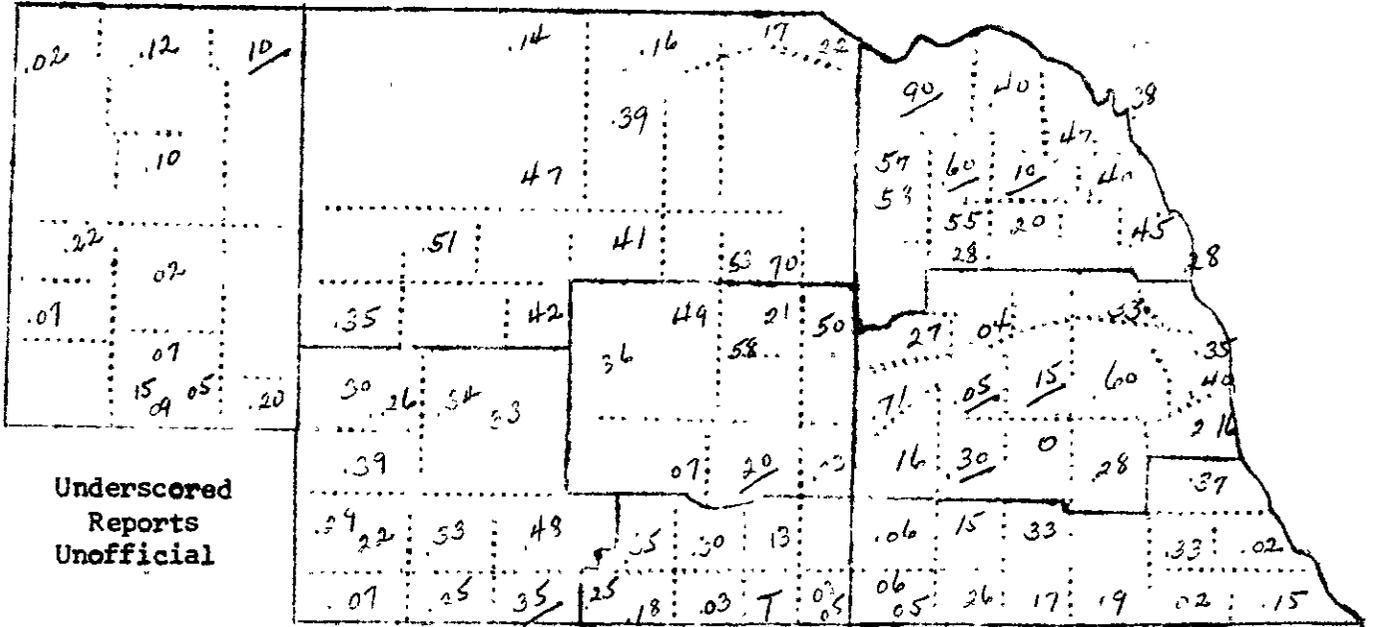
CROPS Thawing conditions during the week reduced snow cover and ice covered fields. Damage, if any, occurring to wheat plants cannot be determined at this time. Most wheat fields should benefit from the new snow as it remained on open fields. There was limited stalk field grazing but forage was covered by snow over the week-end except in the extreme southeast. Water from melting snow resulted in feeding areas becoming quite muddy during the week. Blowing snow in the northeast created problems of moving feed supplies to livestock. Straw and hay are in good demand with supplies limited in local areas. Some livestock are moving to market as a result of poor feeding conditions. There were about five days favorable for work but the major task was livestock care and feeding. Other activity included machinery repair, bookkeeping, tax assessments, attending sales, and planning 1969 operations.

LIVESTOCK Milder temperatures improved appetites of livestock, but conditions underfoot were quite messy with few if any dry places to lay down. Early calving operations have started with much additional care required. A few reported losses in young livestock, mostly swine from exposure and disease. Inshipments of stocker and feeder cattle during December 1968 totaled 150,000 head or 13 percent above December 1967 movement of 133,000 head. Sheep and lamb shipments into Nebraska during December 1968 amounted to 10,000 head, down 23 percent from last year's 13,000 head.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 18, 1969

East		Central		West	
Grand Island	.24	Burwell	.53	Chadron	.12
Lincoln	.28	North Platte	.33	Imperial	.22
Norfolk	.57	Valentine	.14	Scottsbluff	.22
Omaha	.35			Sidney	.09
Sioux City	.37				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 17, 1969



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Day-time highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Night-time lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CST)

		January															
		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th			
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	37	30	52	36	40	22	38	24	42	18	33	19	48	13		
	Scottsbluff	33	23	38	31	50	29	38	23	39	16	32	17	35	21		
	Sidney	40	19	50	26	54	20	48	23	42	18	37	18	36	20		
NC	Burwell	31	25	35	32	37	28	31	19	28	16	23	2	30	M/1		
	Valentine	26	21	35	31	34	25	28	21	27	3	21	-2	33	21		
NE	Norfolk	28	23	33	33	38	31	32	21	24	20	23	0	30	30		
	Sioux City	25	20	32	32	36	33	34	23	24	20	27	-3	28	28		
CEN	Grand Island	29	25	35	34	38	33	35	25	28	16	28	19	30	30		
EC	Lincoln	34	29	37	37	46	33	38	27	28	22	30	23	33	32		
	Omaha	30	27	33	33	42	33	35	25	28	20	28	14	31	30		
SW	Imperial	31	16	33	29	48	21	34	22	33	8	40	11	36	24		
	North Platte	26	12	33	31	39	18	30	22	28	7	22	15	32	32		

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