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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures varied widely across the State the past week. Very warm weather prevailed in the far west until the week end, but there were many cold days along the Missouri River in the east. The warm air of the west spread clear across the State on Monday and Friday and over most of the State on Wednesday and Thursday with temperatures reaching the 50's and 60's. Weekly averages ranged from three to four degrees below normal along the Missouri River to 10 degrees above normal in the Panhandle. There were several days of high wind with considerable blowing dust..

Snow fell across the State over the week end. It was mostly light but an area in the central and north central regions received from five to seven inches.

CROPS The strong winds that occurred early in the week caused some local blowing dust in central, southwest and southern Panhandle. Farmers had to use erosion control measures, especially on lighter soils. Top soils remained dry in many areas but light snowfall over the week end will give temporary relief.

Wheat fields were starting to green in western areas as a result of the warmer weather in that area. A small amount of damage to the fall-sown crops from wind erosion has occurred in some areas of limited ground cover.

Livestock are grazing stalk fields thus reducing the demand for supplemental feeding. Reporters indicate about 45 percent of the corn and milo fields, 30 percent of the diverted acres, and a small number of wheat fields are being grazed. Feed grain supplies are average or better for 55 percent of the reports, and hay and forage feed supplies are below average for 60 percent of the reports.

LIVESTOCK Farmers and ranchers are busy with young stock as calving, lambing and farrowing operations are under way. Cold weather has caused some extra work, but there have been no reports of abnormal losses. Feeding areas are alternating between muddy and being rough-frozen, causing some problems to feeders and limiting gains on livestock.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 31, 1971

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.11	Burwell	.06	Chadron	.10
Lincoln	.03	North Platte	.22	Imperial	.01
Norfolk	.01	Valentine	.37	Scottsbluff	.02
Omaha	.12			Sidney	.07
Sioux City	.01				

