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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Very warm weather prevailed in Nebraska for the fifth week in a row. Above normal temperatures were reported every day during the week with averages for the week ranging from 12 to 16 degrees above normal. A few sprinkles and light showers were reported during the week, but the only ones of much consequence were along the eastern border. There were fewer days with strong winds than during the previous weeks, but on several occasions they reached speeds that raised dust and did minor damage to trees and sheds.

CROPS Mild temperatures during the past week have allowed farmers to get an early start on spring field work. Stalk shredding, discing, plowing, fertilizing and cleaning feed yards were the principal activities; however, moving feed supplies and caring for livestock continued to occupy part of the time. Top soils are still somewhat variable moisture-wise with a few reports of wet soils, but generally dry conditions exist across the State. Blowing dust has become a problem with erosion on exposed soils. Scattered light precipitation during the week was generally inadequate to firm up top soils. The dry, windy conditions increased the threat of fires, and several grass fires were reported.

Winter wheat is greening in most areas of the State with new growth being supported by subsoil moisture, but a good rain would be quite beneficial in stopping blowing dust.

LIVESTOCK Limited grazing of crop residues is being accomplished prior to tillage operations. Livestock conditions were good. Ranchers have become quite busy with calving operations. Lambing and farrowing operations continue.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING 3/19/72

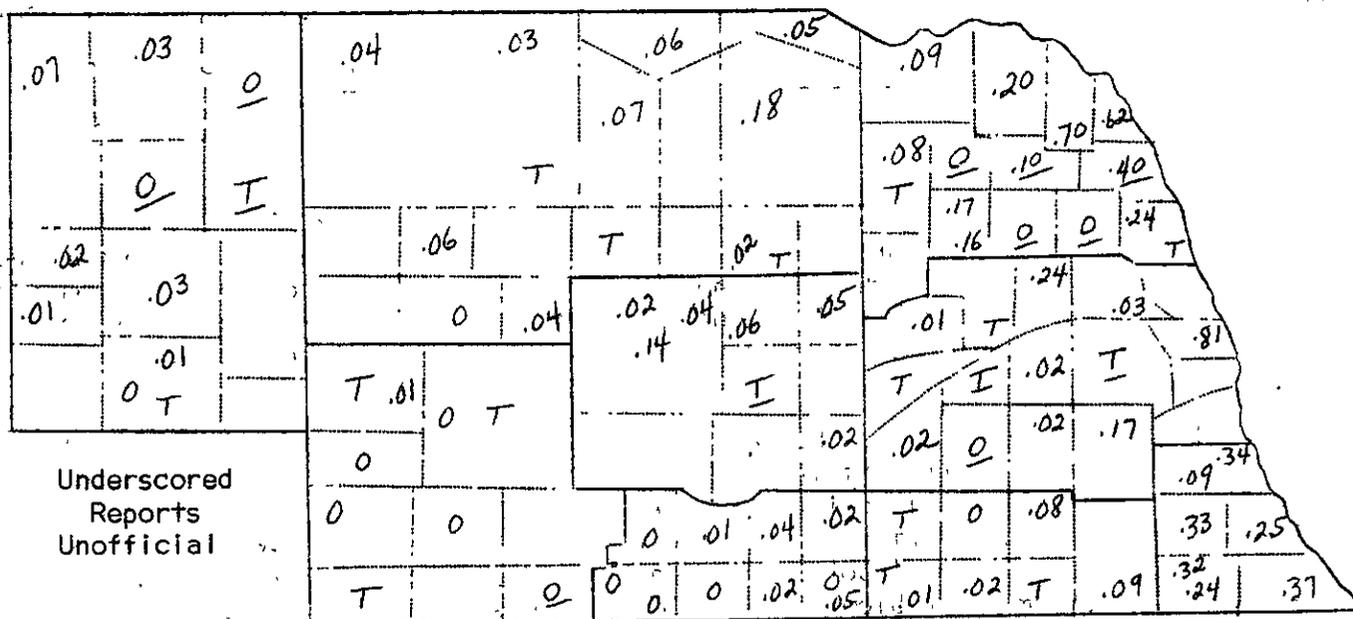
<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.02	Burwell	.02	Chadron	.03
Lincoln	.11	North Platte	T	Imperial	0
Norfolk	.11	Valentine	.04	Scottsbluff	.41
Omaha	.81			Sidney	T
Sioux City	.20				

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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 17, 1972



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Daytime highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
Nighttime lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CST)

		March		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	70	36	53	32	60	33	62	40	64	26	73	32	62	36		
	Scottsbluff	70	39	53	26	60	29	65	38	62	28	74	36	67	40		
	Sidney	69	35	56	25	59	28	64	34	63	22	74	32	67	40		
NC	Burwell	52	32	62	31	64	35	60	31	64	33	71	30	75	--		
	Valentine	60	31	59	34	61	34	61	39	58	24	76	32	71	39		
NE	Norfolk	49	32	57	38	63	39	57	41	58	34	63	42	73	48		
	Sioux City	52	34	53	44	63	39	58	38	50	33	52	37	69	48		
CEN	Grand Island	52	35	59	56	69	37	62	38	69	39	65	36	75	51		
EC	Lincoln	51	36	61	44	67	40	60	45	64	34	58	47	76	56		
	Omaha	52	34	54	42	63	36	57	39	53	30	48	39	75	51		
	Imperial	--	--	--	--	64	34	63	--	67	24	78	30	77	40		
SW	North Platte	61	29	65	29	65	28	64	--	66	24	74	30	77	44		