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WEATHER The cold spell which began on the 3rd was broken on the 12th. Prior to the warm-up minima were near or below zero. On the 9th, Chadron had -25 degrees while Scottsbluff's reading of -19 degrees established a new record low for the date. Average weekly temperatures ranged from three to 10 degrees subnormal.

Light snow fell intermittently over western Nebraska from the 6th through 9th. One to four inches of snow accumulated in a band extending from Lake McConaughy to Harrison. About one inch of snow fell in the extreme southeast on the 7th.

The week end of the 13th was mild and dry; maxima ranged from the 50's to the upper 40's.

CROPS Extremely cold temperatures during the past week severely limited farm activities.

Only essential work such as livestock feeding was attempted in most areas through the week. A warming trend over the week end started to melt the snow cover. This eased the stress on livestock and permitted a limited amount of corn harvesting to resume.

The corn harvest is now 96% complete with roughly 21 million bushels of corn remaining to be harvested. Sorghum harvest remains at a standstill with 92% harvested.

Winter wheat is in good to excellent condition as the snow cover protected the crop from the arctic temperatures.

LIVESTOCK Livestock losses were higher than normal last week due to the stress of the very cold weather. Supplemental feeding was heavy as snow cover on range land and harvested fields limited grazing. Livestock gains have been poor because of weather conditions. The warming trend over the week end relieved the stress on livestock and should ease the demand for hay and other supplemental feed. The State average for percentage of total acreage being pastured is: harvested corn and sorghum, 39%; fall seeded winter wheat and rye, 15%; and diverted acres, 33%.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING 1/14/73

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	T	Burwell	T	Chadron	T
Lincoln	T	North Platte	.01	Imperial	0
Norfolk	T	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	T
Omaha	T			Sidney	.02
Sioux City	T				

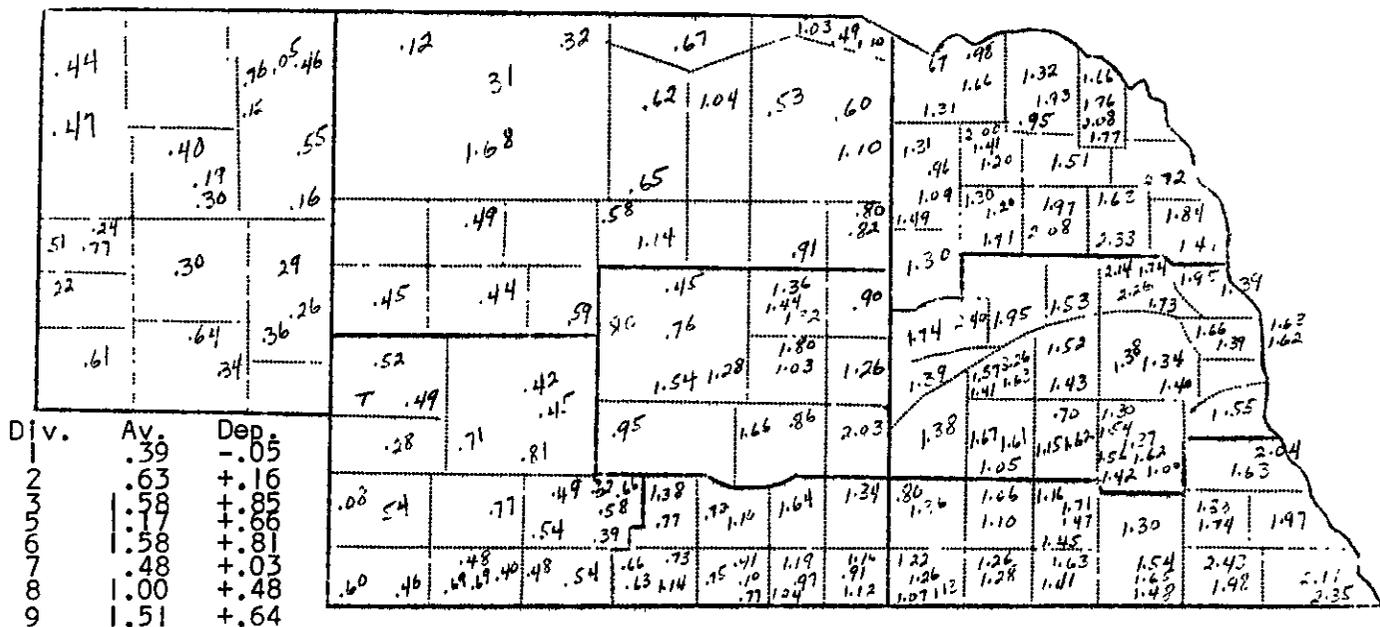
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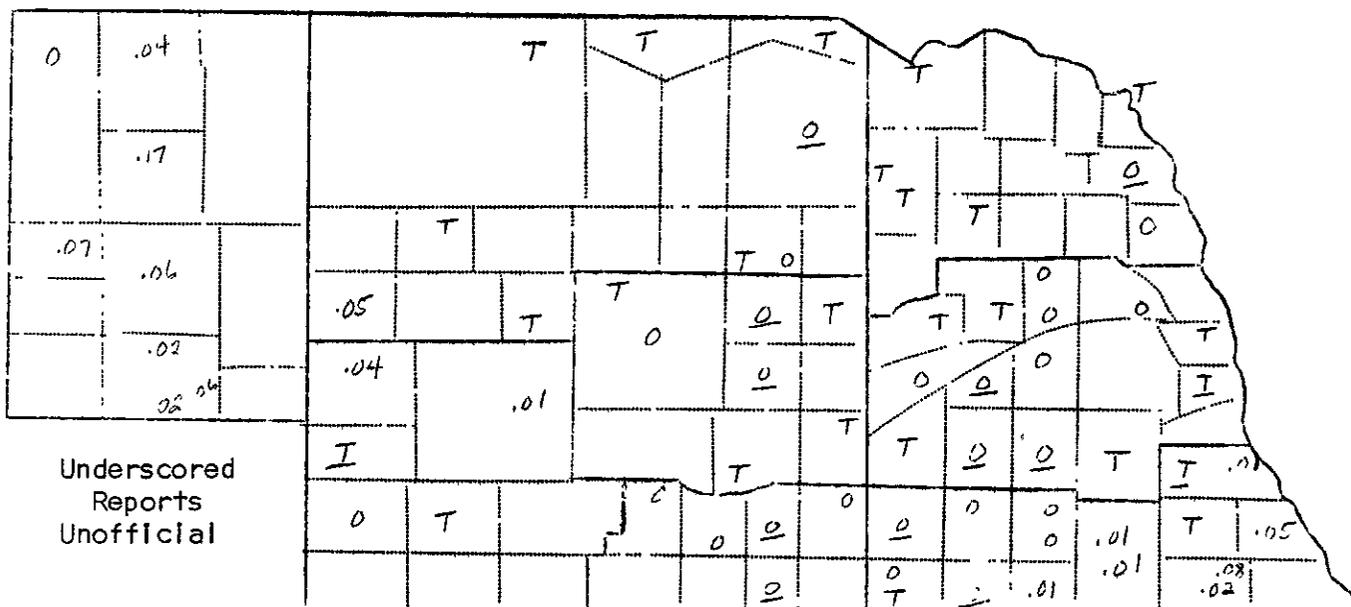
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1972



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 12, 1973



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)

		January 8th		9th		10th		11th		12th		13th		14th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	0	-25	2	-18	17	4	27	11	44	29	47	34	54	31
	Scottsbluff	8	-18	7	-2	17	2	35	23	48	29	54	39	55	35
	Sidney	3	-18	10	4	19	2	35	18	47	32	54	32	58	29
NC	Burwell	2	-18	8	-13	17	-5	25	15	42	13	46	29	50	--
	Valentine	0	-23	9	-18	19	-1	26	8	43	24	47	30	53	26
NE	Norfolk	2	-14	7	-10	16	1	20	8	38	14	43	27	49	25
	Sioux City	5	-12	6	-7	15	3	17	5	31	15	45	25	50	26
CEN	Grand Island	6	-9	5	-4	17	2	19	11	37	24	43	31	48	27
EC	Lincoln	10	-9	8	-7	20	2	20	6	33	17	45	25	51	27
	Omaha	8	-13	4	-9	17	5	17	6	28	18	38	28	46	25
SW	Imperial	6	-13	8	5	17	-1	32	12	47	31	52	34	58	28
	North Platte	3	-17	3	-6	13	-9	20	10	39	22	43	25	49	23