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WEATHER

Sunshine was a scarce commodity over the eastern half of the State. Light precipitation and considerable fog were noted on most days. In contrast, western Nebraska enjoyed clear to partly cloudy skies.

Average weekly temperatures ranged from 6 to 14 degrees above normal. The largest departures from the norm were in the Northwest where maxima were mostly in the low 60s.

The weekend of the 3rd saw widespread precipitation in most areas. Some wet snow fell in the Central and Panhandle.

CROPS

Extremely muddy fields and feedlots still prevail across most of the State. Conditions actually worsened in many areas because of the warmer temperatures and additional rain and snow this weekend. Attempts were made to harvest corn and sorghum where field conditions allowed but progress was very limited.

Corn harvest remains at 97% complete and grain sorghum is 93% complete. The cloudy and foggy weather during the week did not permit any drying of crops left in the field.

The winter wheat crop is in good to excellent condition due to abundant soil moisture supplies. There has not been much winter kill; however, there is concern about damage to wheat on low or flat fields where water is standing.

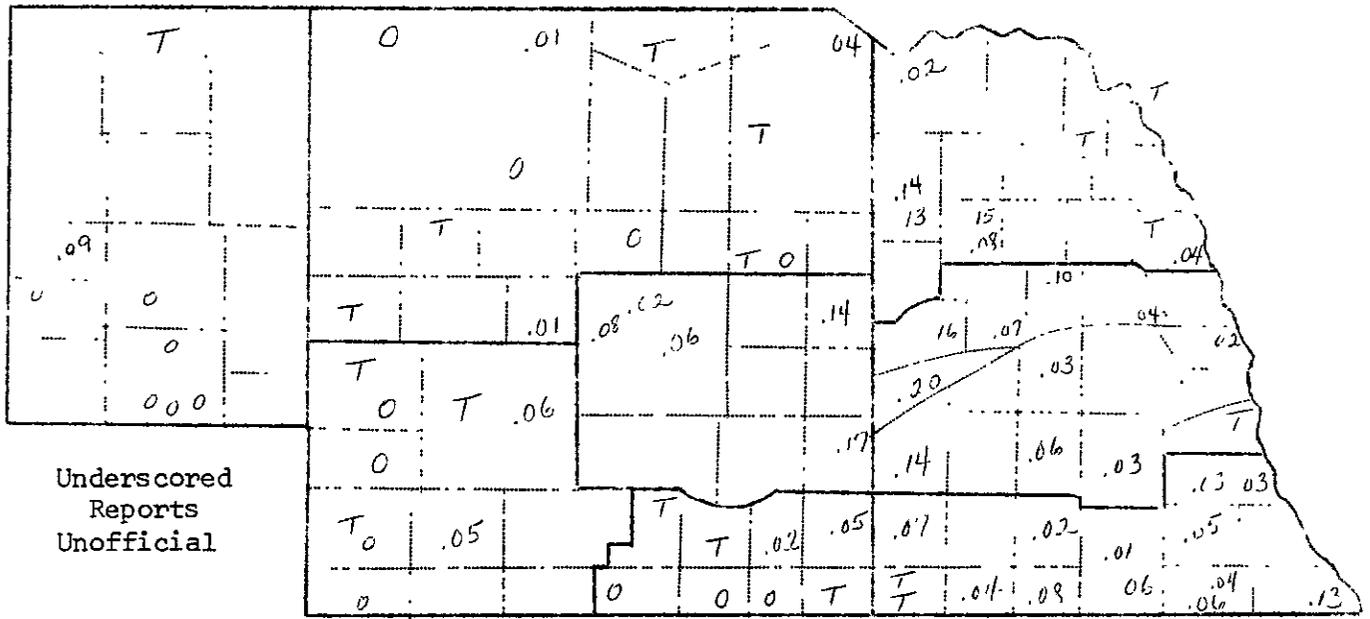
LIVESTOCK

Care of livestock continues to be the main farm activity. Farmers and ranchers have been watching their cattle much more closely this winter due to the alternating cold and warm spells coupled with the extremely muddy conditions. In most areas, feedlots remain a quagmire with gains remaining below average. Most everyone connected with the livestock industry rates this year the worst he has ever seen considering the bad weather, higher death losses and slow gains.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING 3/4/73

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.38	Burwell	.20	Chadron	.04
Lincoln	.61	North Platte	.41	Imperial	.36
Norfolk	.16	Valentine	.10	Scottsbluff	.17
Omaha	.25			Sidney	.12
Sioux City	.25				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 2, 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)

		February				March									
		26th		27th		28th		1st		2nd		3rd		4th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	59	23	60	30	60	29	63	33	57	32	48	25	45	33
	Scottsbluff	56	27	62	30	56	30	61	32	60	32	45	23	44	30
	Sidney	58	23	59	31	58	31	60	32	61	30	40	24	41	28
NC	Burwell	35	24	51	35	53	27	44	32	56	33	41	30	37	--
	Valentine	58	24	61	33	60	25	60	30	60	34	47	25	38	33
NE	Norfolk	34	31	34	33	48	34	39	34	50	34	43	33	39	35
	Sioux City	32	32	36	34	48	37	40	36	46	34	49	34	41	36
CEN	Grand Island	33	24	35	34	51	42	44	36	55	33	42	33	34	32
EC	Lincoln	36	29	37	33	58	45	48	37	55	30	39	34	39	36
	Omaha	33	31	36	33	58	43	45	35	51	35	44	34	38	32
SW	Imperial	61	28	59	27	59	30	61	29	63	34	37	30	39	--
	North Platte	57	20	61	34	58	24	60	30	60	32	43	31	37	31

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