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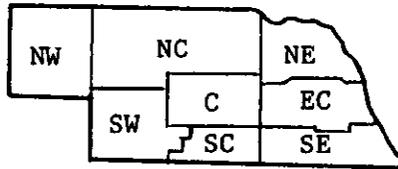
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WEATHER

The first good precipitation of the season was received with amounts mostly from a half inch to as much as 1.56 inches at Brownlee. However, south central sections received only one-tenth to two-tenths of an inch. Temperatures were near or a little below normal.

GENERAL

During February, many farmers were either starting their spring fieldwork, obtaining supplies to do so, or preparing machinery. If weather permits, more farmers will begin fieldwork. Other activities included attending sales and meetings and planning spring crop programs.

CROPS

Winter wheat continues to deteriorate in some areas and remains in mostly poor to fair condition across the State.

CROPS (Cont.)

Limited or no snow cover was reported in the southern half of the State while heavier accumulations occurred in the northern half. The best wheat condition is reported in the South Central District but even this area had only one county rating good. Statewide, a rating of good was given in only 5% of the counties reporting.

LIVESTOCK

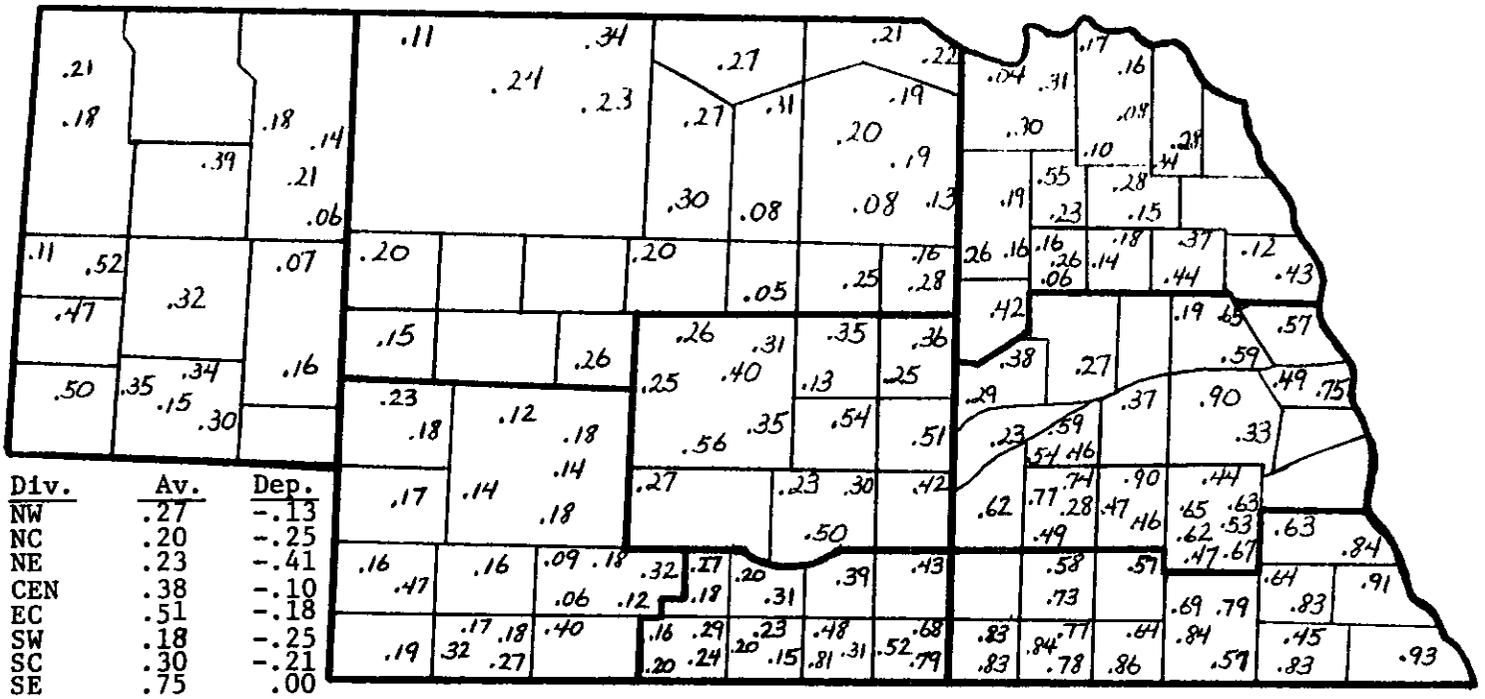
Cattle on pastures and ranges still require supplemental feeding and stalk fields continue to be used due to the open weather. As of last Friday, over 40% of the corn and milo stalk fields were being pastured. Of the counties reporting, about 65% indicate average feed grain supplies with the remainder mostly below average. Nearly 50% indicate average hay supplies and the remainder with below average supplies. Calving has begun in most areas of the State.

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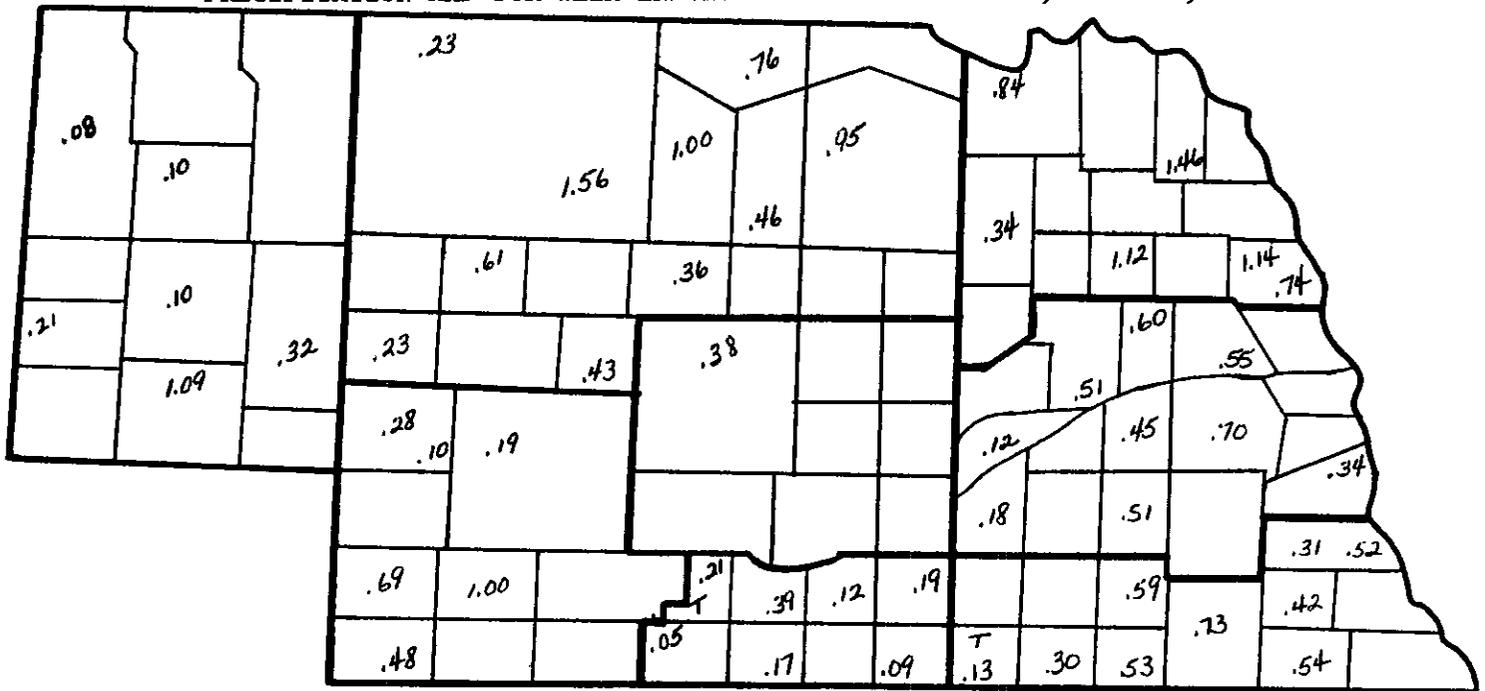


PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1977 1/



1/ Courtesy Conservation & Survey Division, University of Nebraska.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1977



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 1977

| Station | Temperature | | | Departure | Total Inches 1/ |
|------------------|-------------|-----|------|-----------|-----------------|
| | Extremes | | Mean | | |
| | Max | Min | | | |
| NW Chadron | 55 | 14 | -- | -- | .13 |
| Scottsbluff | 57 | 12 | 28 | -3 | .20 |
| Sidney | 49 | 11 | -- | -- | .75 |
| NC Burwell | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Valentine | 44 | 6 | 21 | -4 | .50 |
| NE Norfolk | 46 | 9 | 27 | -1 | .75 |
| Sioux City | 42 | 9 | 27 | -1 | 1.14 |
| CEN Grand Island | 51 | 10 | 31 | 0 | .11 |
| EC Lincoln | 50 | 7 | 32 | 0 | .48 |
| Omaha | 50 | 13 | 34 | +2 | .59 |
| SW Imperial | 48 | 14 | -- | -- | -- |
| North Platte | 47 | 8 | 26 | -5 | .13 |

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.