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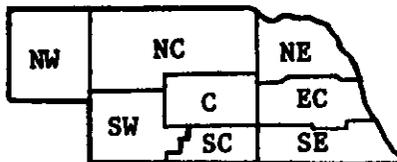
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged two to five degrees above normal across the State. Precipitation was light with scattered amounts of generally less than a tenth of an inch.

GENERAL

Weather conditions in Nebraska for the month of December were generally favorable and mild. Only one major snow storm crossed the State at mid-month, but mild temperatures since then have greatly reduced the amount of snow cover. Average snow cover across Nebraska was 1.6 inches, mostly in the western and central counties. Many farmers were able to complete fall tillage and fertilizer operations through the end of the year. Machinery maintenance and repair was widespread along with attendance at farm sales. Bookkeeping was a major priority throughout December with farmers preparing records for tax purposes and financial statements for lenders. Ordering supplies and soil testing were active in preparation for the 1985 season. With tight financial situations and farm foreclosures still a major concern, farm crises sub-groups have formed in some areas to lend support and seek solutions to the present financial stress many farm families are facing.

CROPS

Condition of the 1985 winter wheat crop rated 17% fair, 82% good and 1% excellent, showing some improvement over the crop's condition in early December of 29% fair and 71% good. Moisture in the form of rain and snow accounted for most of the improvement. Some snow cover is still present in the Panhandle and other western counties, but mild December and early January temperatures melted the snow across much of the remainder of the State.

LIVESTOCK

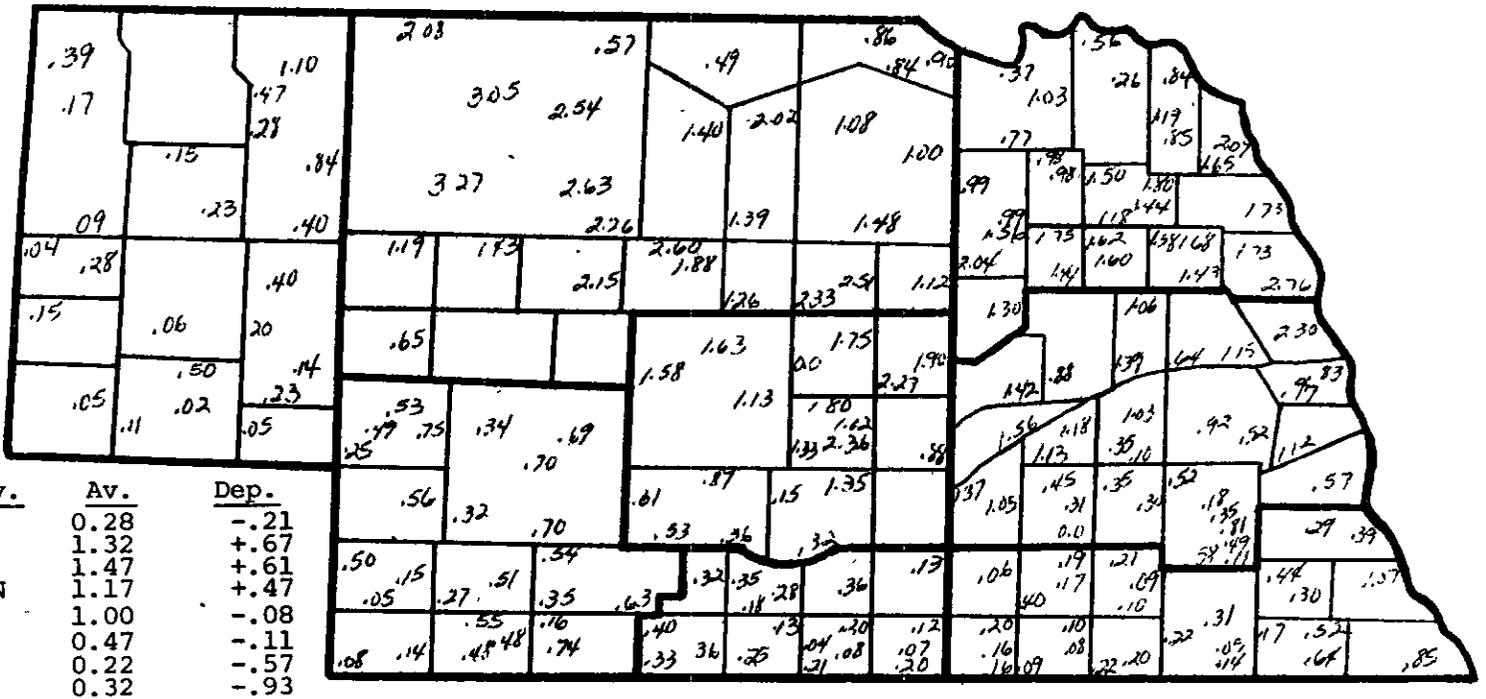
Conditions have been generally favorable for livestock production during the month. Cattle have remained on stalks throughout December. Winter pasture and range conditions were mostly adequate lightening the demand for supplemental feeding. Due to the lessened demand, feed grains and hay and forage supplies were adequate to above normal for this time of year. Liquidation of some breeding stock to meet financial requirements, along with working cattle and repairing fences and feedlots have kept producers busy in December.

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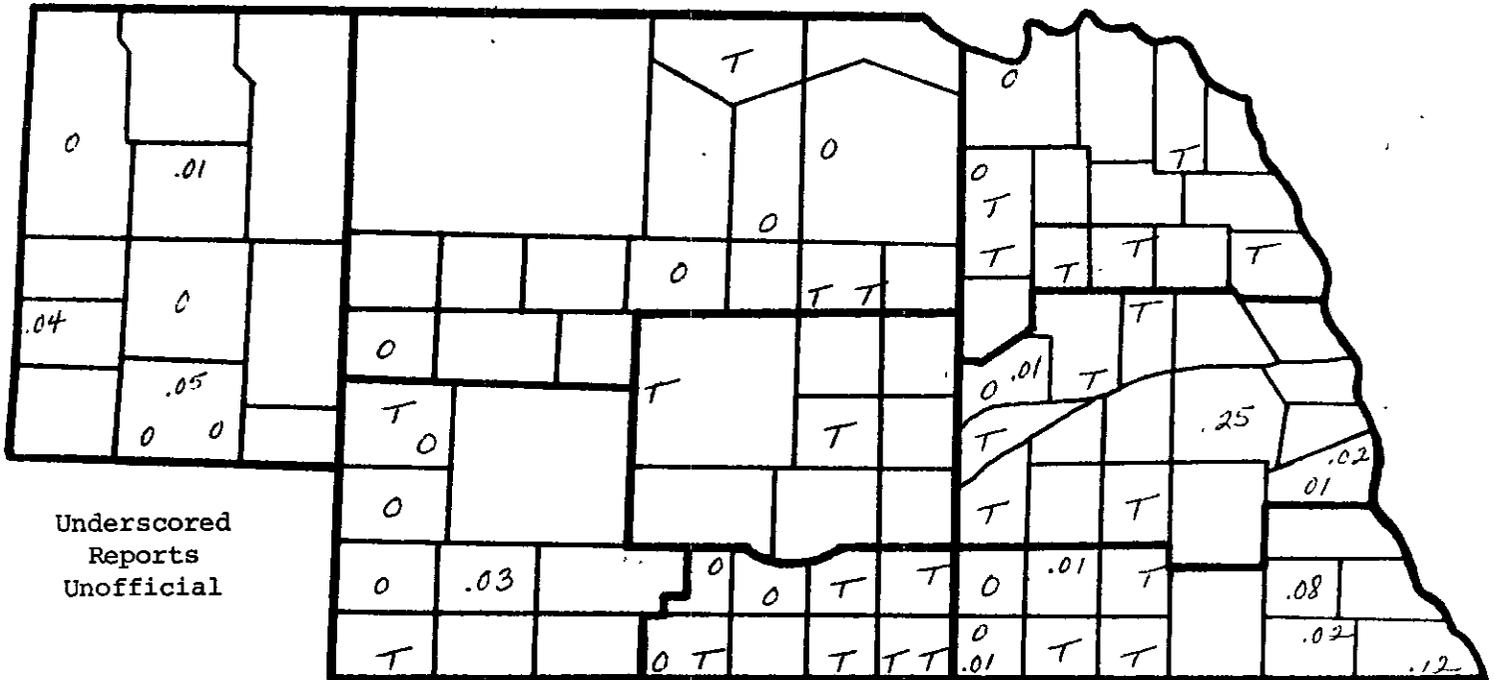
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1984 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Center for Agricultural Meteorology and Climatology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1985



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TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 1985

Station	Temperature			Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	
	Max	Min			Total Inches 1/
NW Chadron	54	-4	25	--	.01
Scottsbluff	54	1	27	+3	.11
Sidney	48	3	27	--	.02
NC Ord	54	0	28	--	--
Valentine	56	-8	19	0	T
NE Norfolk	49	0	22	+4	.01
Sioux City	47	4	22	+5	T
CEN Grand Island	52	4	26	+5	.01
EC Lincoln	51	5	25	+5	.02
Omaha	47	5	22	+2	.05
SW Imperial	50	6	27	--	0
North Platte	44	-1	21	-1	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.