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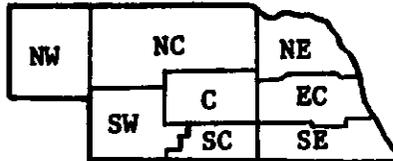
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WEATHER

The week began mild and ended cold with an early spring snowstorm. Snowfall accumulations ranged from four to twelve inches primarily in eastern Nebraska. Showers also occurred at midweek. Precipitation amounts for the week ending Friday ranged from a half inch to an inch except in the north central and Panhandle where little or no precipitation occurred. The average temperatures ranged from two to four degrees above normal.

GENERAL

Temperatures during March averaged nearly five degrees above normal across Nebraska. Precipitation was mostly light and scattered in the form of thunderstorms. Amounts seldom accumulated to over one-half inch until an early spring storm rolled across the State during the last weekend of the month. Snowfall was primarily limited to eastern Nebraska with amounts ranging from 4 to 12 inches. However, temperatures are expected to rise up to the 50's and 60's for the next few days and the snow cover should disappear quickly. Mild conditions during the month have encouraged the beginning of spring fieldwork including plowing, disking, applying fertilizer, stalk chopping, and seeding of small grains, especially oats and barley. Also, seeding of spring clover and alfalfa was reported in the

GENERAL (Cont.)

northeast district. Other farm activities incorporated machinery repair, seed and chemical purchases, soil testing, manure hauling, feeding livestock, attending sales and finalizing financial plans.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 36% fair, 63% good and 1% excellent. The rating March 1 was 14% fair and 86% good. Reports across the State indicate the wheat crop was greening up nicely, however, lack of moisture was expressed as a concern particularly in the west. Deterioration of some wheat occurred in central Nebraska as a result of root rot, high winds and winter kill. Spraying for weeds was reported in southern Nebraska to combat Pennycress.

LIVESTOCK

Mild conditions during March were close to ideal for calving and livestock production. The open winter helped keep livestock losses low and left an average or above supply of feed grains, hay and forage. Many reports indicate hay for sale across the State. Some livestock liquidation continued in order to meet financial obligations.

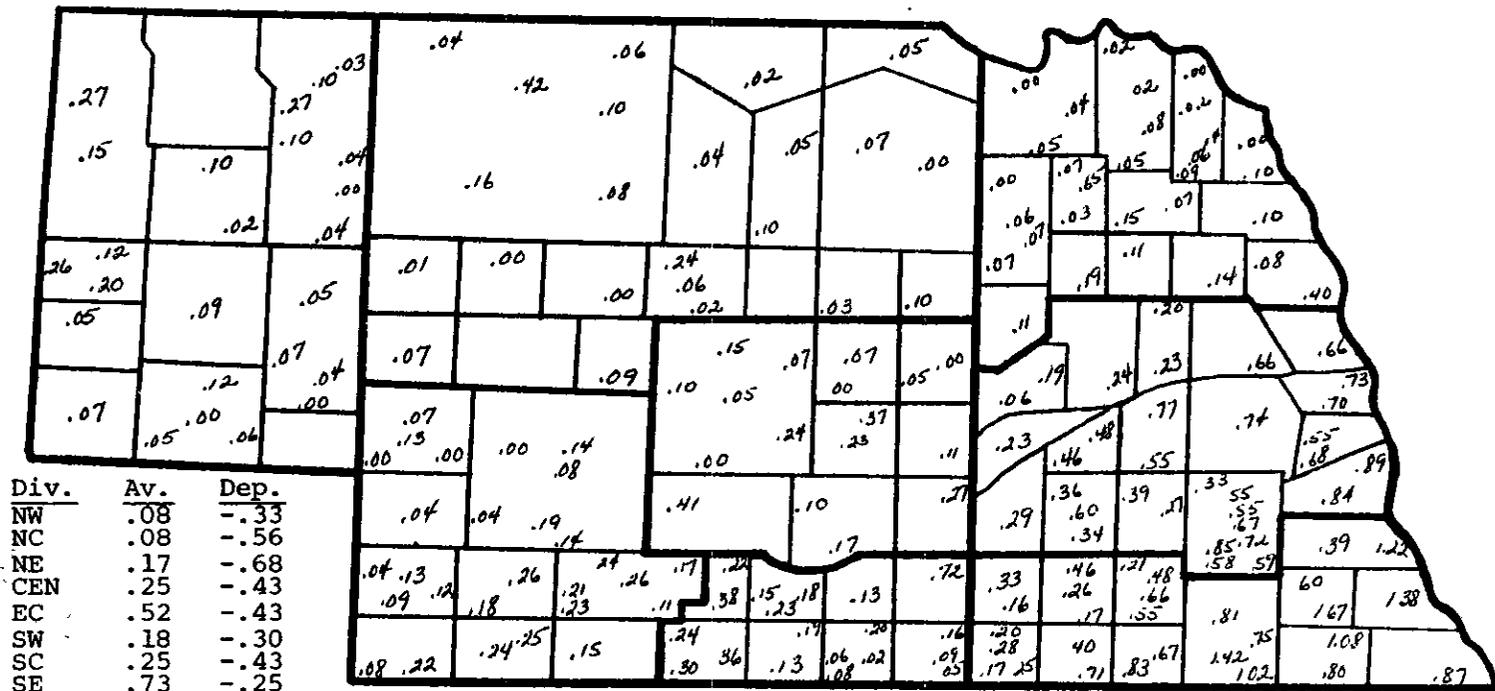
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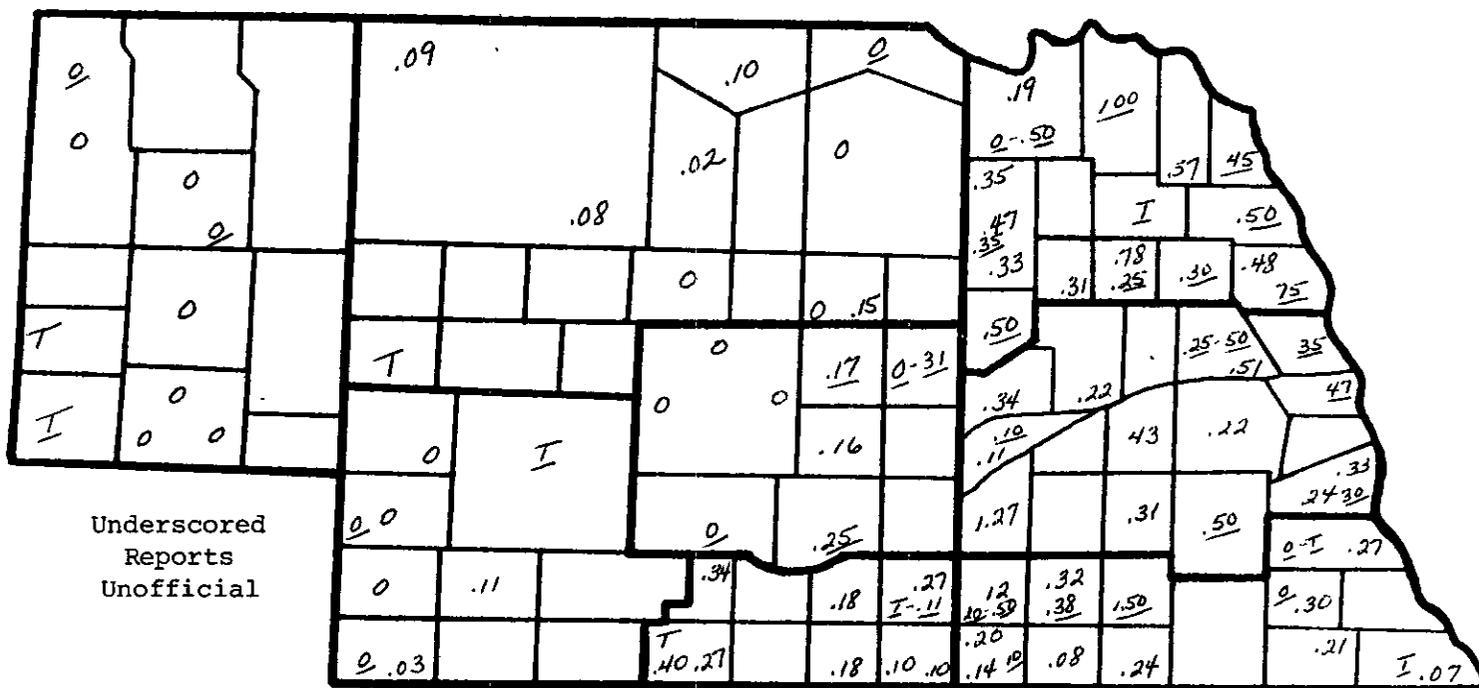
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1/



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, MARCH 29, 1985



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 1985

Station	Temperature				Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/	
	Max	Min				
NW	Chadron	77	9	39	--	T
	Scottsbluff	81	13	41	+2	T
	Sidney	78	14	40	--	.08
NC	Ord	80	25	43	--	.60
	Valentine	70	12	39	+2	.05
NE	Norfolk	78	28	43	+4	.60
	Sioux City	77	28	43	+3	.85
CEN	Grand Island	81	27	45	+4	.34
EC	Lincoln	72	25	45	+3	.78
	Omaha	72	28	44	+3	.80
SW	Imperial	77	16	46	--	.15
	North Platte	77	13	42	+3	.05

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.