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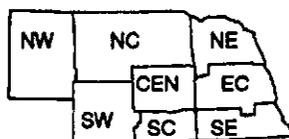
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## WEATHER

Temperatures for the week averaged three to six degrees below normals. Precipitation occurred across the State with amounts averaging from a tenth to six-tenths of an inch.

## GENERAL

Fieldwork came to an abrupt halt during the last week of March as precipitation in the form of snow and rain combined with cool, sunless days to make field work impossible over much of the State, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Producers used the break in fieldwork activity to move grain to market, make final adjustments and repair on equipment, care for livestock, and process paperwork.

## CROPS

Winter wheat condition was rated at 13% excellent, 67% good, 19% fair, and 1% poor. An earlier than normal

## CROPS (Cont.)

green-up was a concern until cool temperatures stopped crop growth this past week. High winds during the last part of March caused soil erosion in western counties and damaged some fields of wheat. Winter kill appears to be minimal at this point.

Oat planting was off to a slow start due to the wet conditions of the past week and as of Sunday, 10% had been seeded. This compares to 40% seeded last year and 30% average. As of March 1, producers intended to seed 240,000 acres to oats, unchanged from 1994.

## LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated mostly good to fair. The wet, cool conditions of the past week stressed young calves and resulted in limited death loss. Spring calving progress was moving along well and was 65% complete. Near swamp like conditions were present in some feedlots, with producers looking for drier conditions.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF APRIL 2, 1995	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Oats Sown	4	5	0	1	12	11	73	55	10	n/a	40	30
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF MARCH 31, 1995												
Days suitable	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.8	0.6	n/a	6.0	
Topsoil Moisture - Very Short	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	n/a	0	
(Percent)												
- Short	30	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	4	n/a	39	
- Adequate	59	73	74	95	71	85	91	98	81	n/a	61	
- Surplus	0	27	26	2	29	12	9	2	14	n/a	0	
Subsoil Moisture - Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	
(Percent)												
- Short	37	10	0	17	0	6	10	0	10	n/a	0	
- Adequate	63	90	91	81	87	94	81	75	83	n/a	97	
- Surplus	0	0	9	2	13	0	9	25	7	n/a	3	

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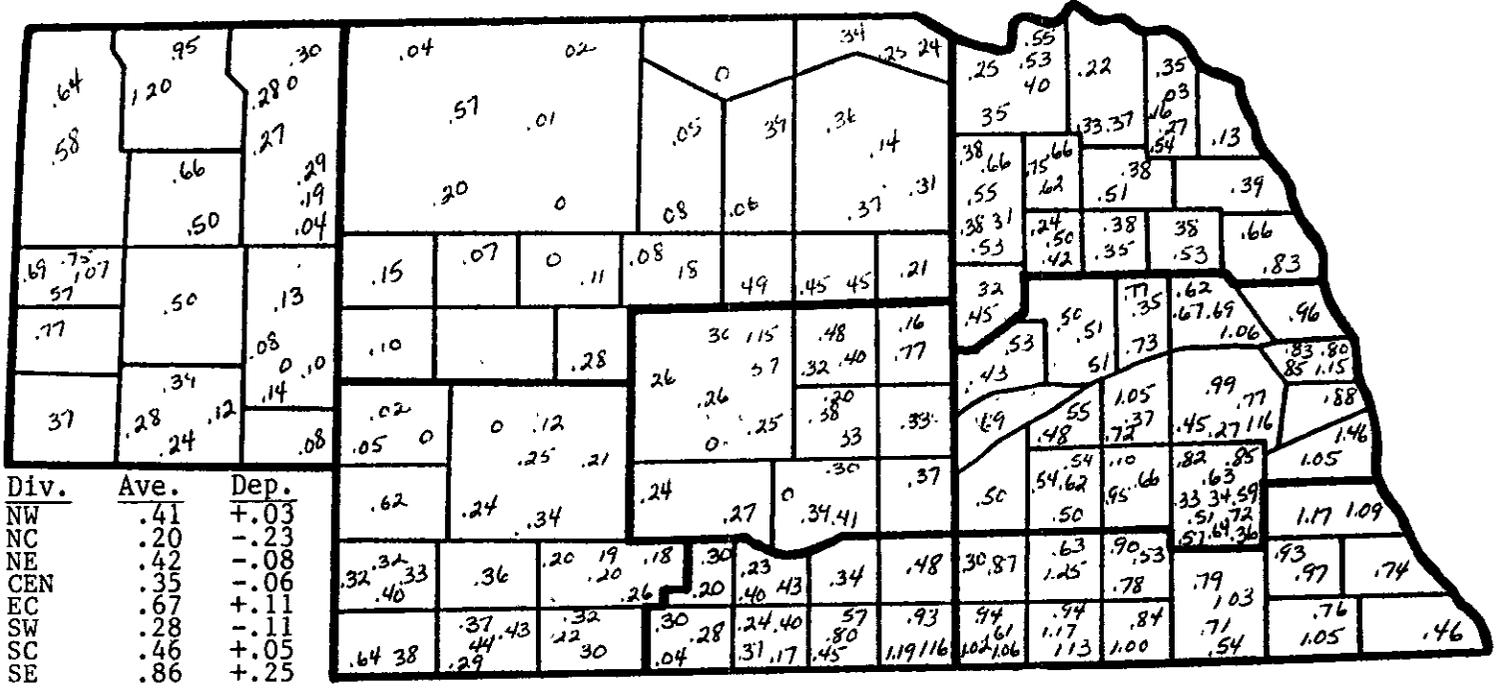
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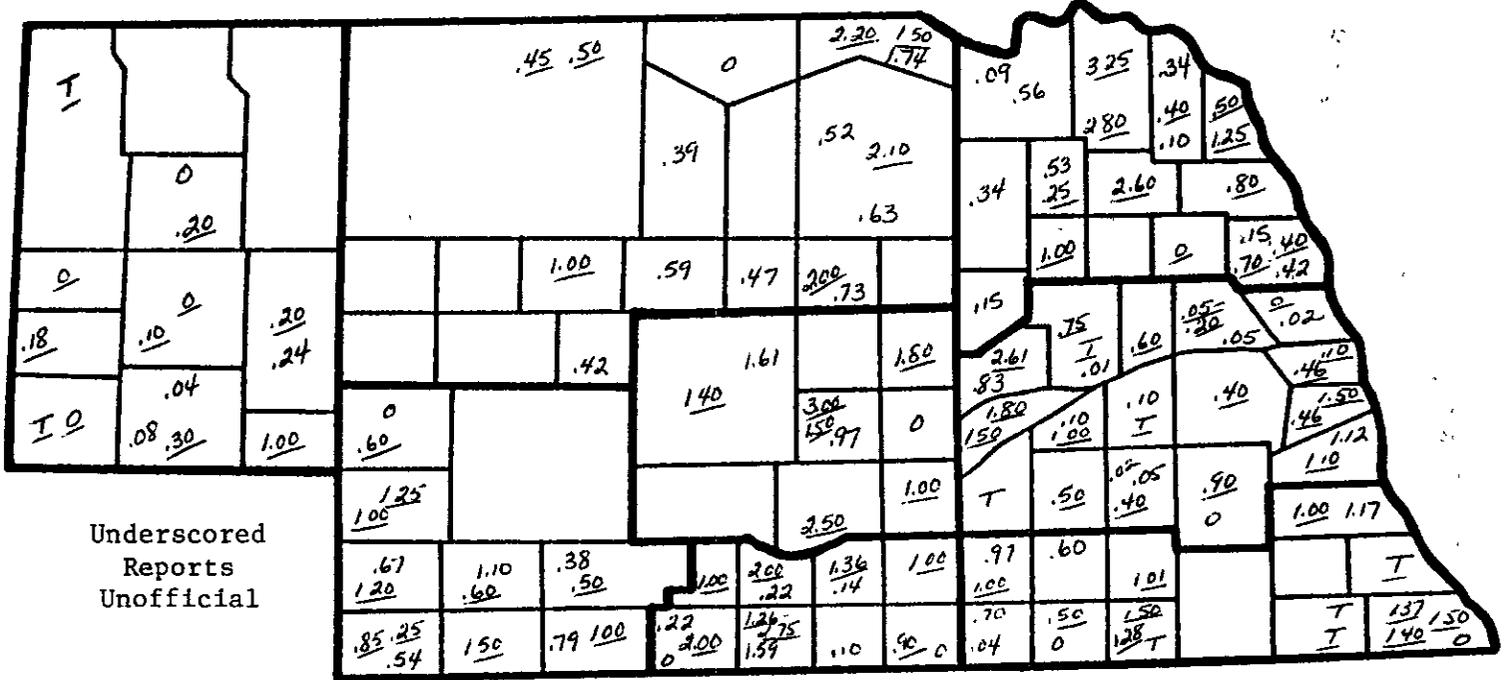
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1995 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Climate Resources Office, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 1995



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 1995

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	69	13	36	---	.01
Scottsbluff	68	17	36	-4	T
Sidney	66	16	35	---	.01
NC Valentine	64	14	33	-6	.11
NE Norfolk	77	19	37	-5	T
Sioux City	79	26	40	-3	.04
CEN Grand Island	78	20	39	-5	T
Ord	73	22	37	---	0
EC Lincoln	80	22	40	-5	.02
Omaha	81	18	39	-6	.02
SW Imperial	67	14	36	---	.04
North Platte	68	19	37	-5	.06

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.