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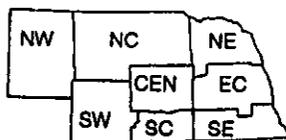
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## WEATHER

Extremely cold temperatures prevailed over Nebraska during the week with average weekly temperatures ranging from twenty-two to twenty-nine degrees below normal. Precipitation ranged from a trace to half an inch across the State.

## GENERAL

January's below normal temperatures, and high winds stressed the winter wheat crop and slowed cattle rate of gain, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Rain, snow and ice along with extremely cold temperatures caused an increase of supplemental feeding to cattle on stalks and pastures. Producer activities during January included delivering grain, tax and financial planning, livestock care, equipment repair and maintenance, and routine chores. Most farm stored grain was reported in good condition.

## CROPS

Winter wheat condition declined during the month and was rated 4% very poor, 20% poor, 46% fair, 24% good, and 6% excellent. Numerous reports expressed concern of winter kill due to high winds and extremely cold temperatures. However, the extent of damage is unknown at this time.

## LIVESTOCK

Livestock care was nearly a full-time job during late January. Producers struggled to maintain a supply of fresh water to livestock, with many pipes frozen. Supplemental feeding continued at a high rate. Calving and lambing activities have begun across the State, with calving 6% complete. As usual, calf losses have been reported. Cattle conditions rated 9% poor, 30% fair, 55% good and 6% excellent.

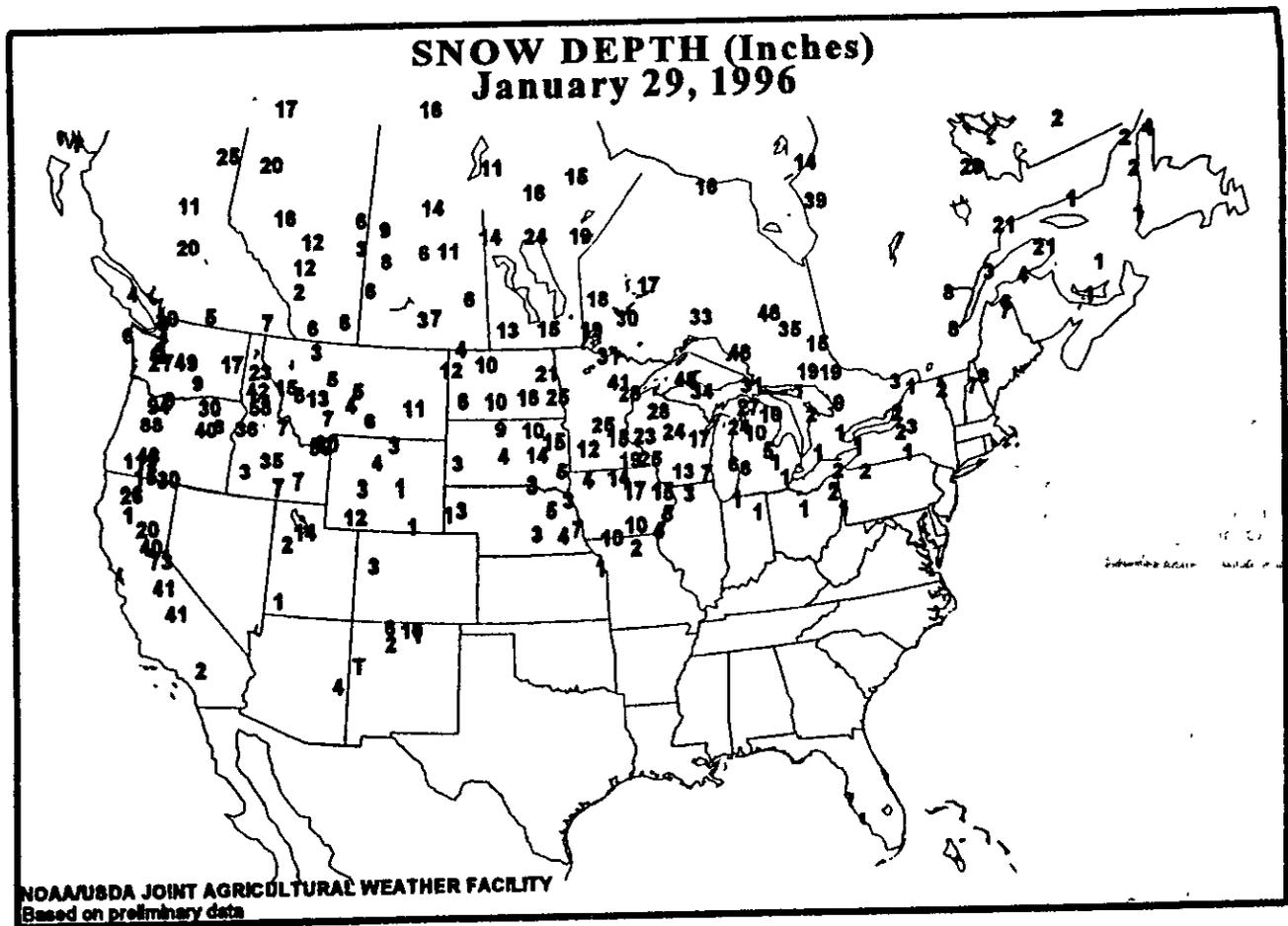
WINTER REPORTING AS OF FEBRUARY 4, 1996	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST REPORT	LAST YEAR
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE			
	PERCENT										
% Cows Calved	5	2	4	7	9	9	8	8	6	n/a	5
SUPPLIES OF FEED GRAINS AND HAY AND FORAGE AS OF FEBRUARY 2, 1996											
Feed Grains - Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	1	1	0
- Short	2	5	3	4	8	5	13	16	7	10	1
- Adequate	98	95	90	96	90	87	80	78	89	82	77
- Surplus	0	0	7	0	2	8	5	0	3	7	22
Hay and Forage - Very Short	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	1	2	0
- Short	3	2	10	10	22	5	5	12	9	7	5
- Adequate	95	95	88	88	76	91	83	84	87	88	90
- Surplus	2	3	2	2	1	4	10	1	3	3	5

n/a - not available

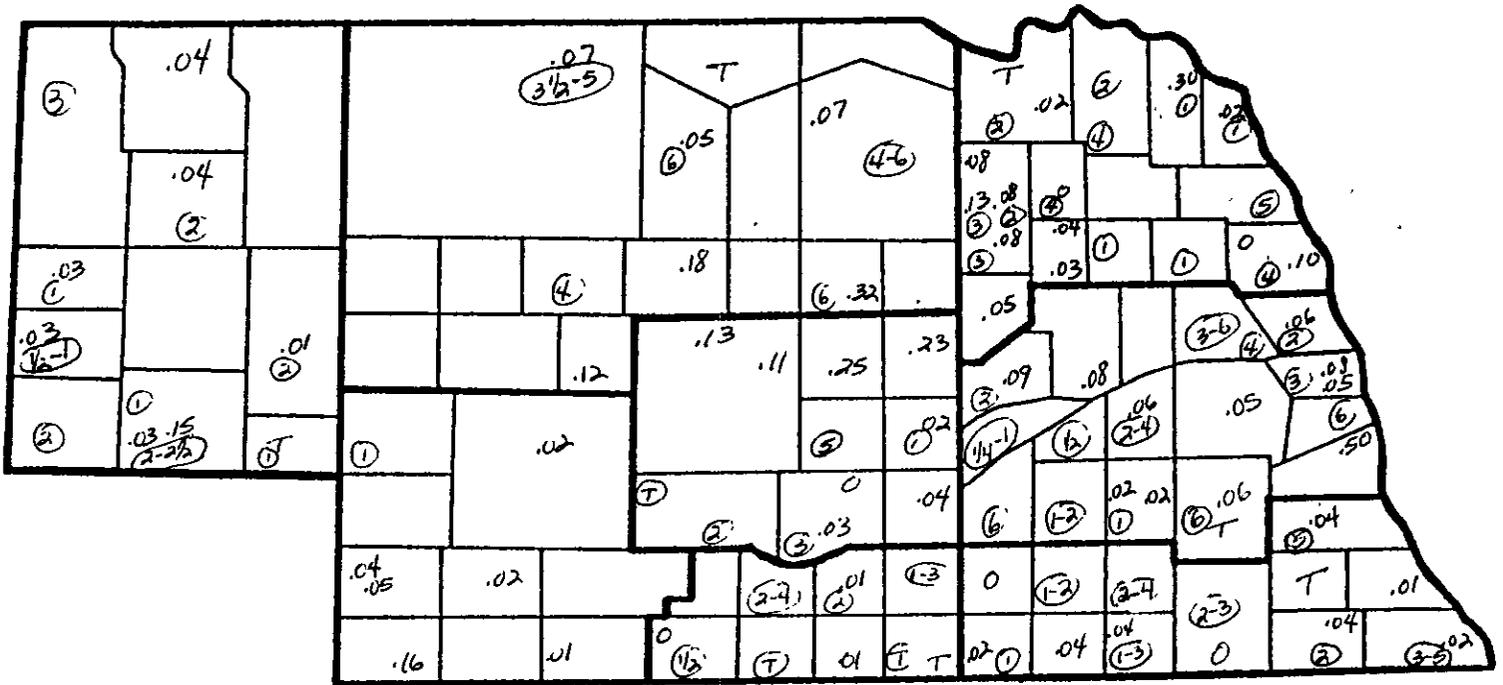
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1996



Circled numbers represent depth of snow in inches as of February 2, 1996.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA, WEEK ENDING SAATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1996

Station	Temperature				Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <sup>1/</sup>	
	Max	Min				
NW	Chadron	16	-27	-7	---	.04
	Scottsbluff	43	-20	0	-27	.03
	Sidney	44	-22	2	---	.03
NC	Valentine	17	-29	-8	-29	.07
NE	Norfolk	38	-23	-3	-23	.04
	Sioux City	35	-23	-4	-23	.02
CEN	Grand Island	41	-19	0	-24	.04
	Ord	38	-28	-2	---	.25
EC	Lincoln	42	-22	0	-23	.06
	Omaha	39	-23	-3	-26	.08
SW	Imperial	34	-17	4	---	.05
	North Platte	40	-20	2	-22	.02

<sup>1/</sup> Precipitation totals not included in map above.