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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER: Severe cold prevailed at the beginning of the week, and moderately cold weather continued until the last 2 days, which were much warmer than normal. Moderate rains fell Sunday night over much of the central portion of the State, but otherwise precipitation was only light. Some frost remains in the ground over most of the State, but only remnants of larger snow drifts remain.

CROPS Wet fields are delaying spring farm operations. A few counties in western Nebraska report some field work and a little seeding of spring wheat, oats, and barley to replace winter wheat that was blown out. Light snows during the past week or two have started the winter wheat to green up slightly in the Southern Panhandle counties.

In general, winter wheat has made very little progress because temperatures have been too low. So far it appears that the wheat has come through the winter in better shape than expected. There is very little if any loss from the ice coating, but there will be some loss from standing water in the low places and a little from high winds.

Farmers husked a little corn last week while the ground was frozen, but as it thaws, it is impossible to continue husking. Wild ducks and geese have been taking considerable of the unhusked corn. The reports still indicate that 5% of the corn is still unhusked.

Farmers are getting a little impatient over the delay in preparation of ground for oats because of the wet condition of fields. A few days of sunshine and windy weather are needed to dry the surface soil. A considerable amount of oats have been tested for germination. Farmers had planned to reduce the oat acreage some this year but continued wet fields might result in a further reduction.

Roads have improved some in southwestern Nebraska and the southern Panhandle, but in eastern Nebraska, many of the country roads are impassable. There are still large unmelted snow drifts. Marketing of grain and livestock has been delayed because of the bad condition of roads and reduced truck tonnage on the highways.

LIVESTOCK Zero temperatures of the past week were rather severe on livestock, but fortunately the cold weather was of short duration. Cattle continue to improve in condition. Reports on calf losses and pig losses vary. There is a good demand for baby chicks. Reports indicate some increased interest in dairying. Feed lots have been extremely muddy. There has been some replacement of cattle in the feed lots. Prices of cattle have advanced considerably from that of a month ago.

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WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 21, 1949

Eastern Division

Grand Island .06
Lincoln .25
Norfolk .27
Omaha .24
Sioux City .07

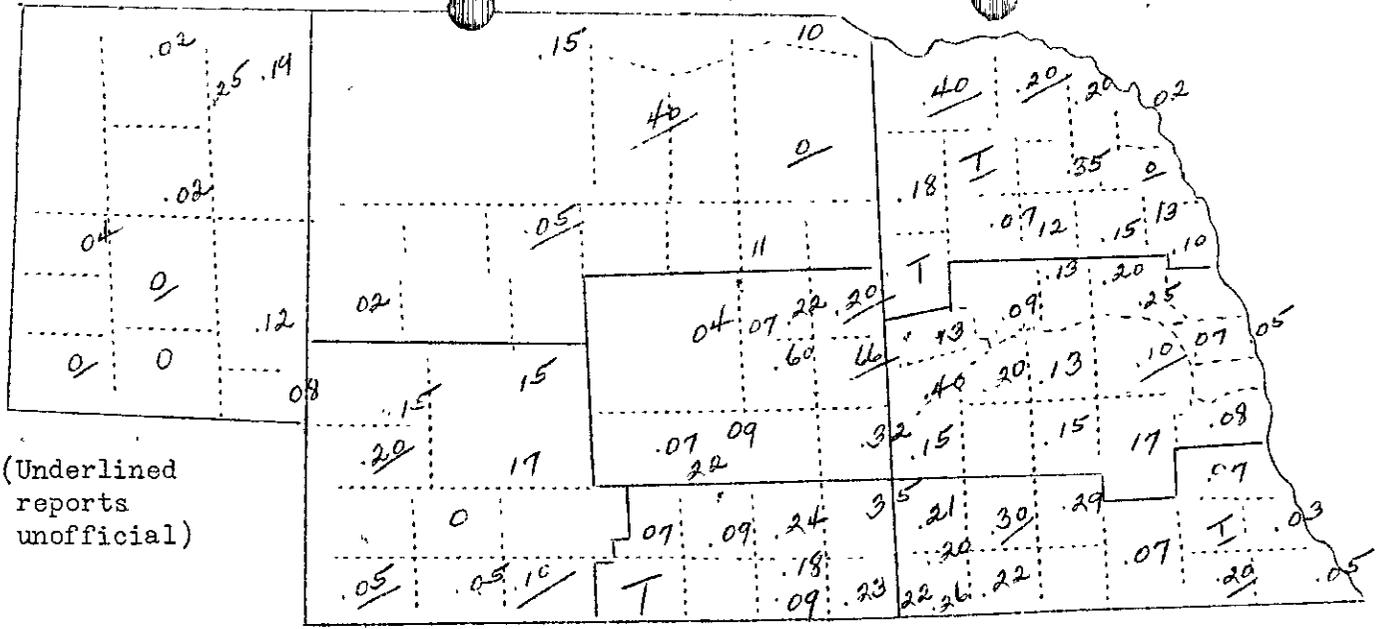
Central Division

Burwell .38
North Platte .56
Valentine .05

Western Division

Chadron .01
Hayes Center .25
Scottsbluff .04
Sidney 0

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 18, 1919



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hours ending 6:30 a.m.)

		March													
		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th		20th		21st	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	24	-12	..	20	28	17	45	20	55	26	66	37	63	37
	Scottsbluff	31	5	48	25	27	23	49	23	60	31	70	33	59	34
	Sidney	32	10	60	25	32	22	48	24	62	28	68	28	66	35
N-C	Burwell	26	-10	26	14	25	15	34	17	40	29	51	32	70	33
	Valentine	23	-14	38	20	26	22	34	17	38	31	58	38	73	31
NE	Norfolk	27	-3	21	18	26	13	27	16	35	28	41	32	59	35
	Sioux City	27	3	23	21	31	17	30	16	36	25	35	29	62	45
Gen.	Grand Island	29	-7	24	15	29	20	32	16	39	30	53	38	66	39
E-C	Lincoln	30	1	23	20	33	23	34	23	39	31	57	39	68	47
	Omaha	31	6	24	23	35	22	34	21	36	30	39	34	69	46
SW	Hayes Center	30	6	50	25	30	22	39	21	51	25	68	38	75	33
	North Platte	29	-7	43	22	25	23	40	20	46	27	64	42	72	34

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