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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal over the western portion of the State and considerably above in the east. Precipitation was moderate to locally heavy except only light in the extreme northwestern portion of the State. Heavy snow, which drifted very little, fell over the southern portion of the Panhandle.

CROPS Leading features of the week were delayed spring seeding because of wet fields the first substantial precipitation since February in the southern Panhandle and southwestern counties, and further delay in husking corn because of wet fields.

With few exceptions, reports to date indicate that wheat has survived the winter with very little loss. Some loss is expected from standing water, particularly in Clay, Fillmore, Saline, York and Seward Counties. The Fillmore County report says "some wheat that was green has turned a brownish color and roots seem to be dead in spots. Warmer weather may improve growth." The Clay County report says "some areas flooded, causing wheat to die"; Saline County says "some wheat has been under water too long"; York County report says "some wheat is dead. Cannot tell the percent at this time"; the Seward County report says "much wheat will be spotted, especially that on flat land where lakes of water stood for two weeks."

The southern Panhandle, with the exception of Kimball County and southwestern Nebraska counties got their first substantial precipitation since January, and most of the snow that fell in January blew off the fields. The present outlook for wheat in that area is very good. Some of the wheat in southwestern Nebraska is being pastured.

Because of the wet fields, very little corn picking was done last week. The greatest worry now is the delayed preparation of soil for spring small grain crops because of wet fields. Quite a few comments from the counties continue to indicate that farmers may reduce intended acreage for oats and plant corn instead. Generally the weather the past week has been favorable for starting pasture, alfalfa and wheat. The reports from most of the counties state that side roads are practically impassable except for teams and tractors. Even some graveled roads are impassable. Drifts of snow, 4 to 10 feet in depth are still present in north central and northwestern Nebraska.

LIVESTOCK Reports on livestock are about normal except ^{some} indicate that pig losses are above normal. There has been a little unfavorable weather for calving but in general, losses so far have not been far from normal. Grass is starting and some wheat is being pastured. Grain and concentrate supplies are generally ample. With few exceptions, the hay supply is short in about a third of the counties and range is short in about half of the counties. Feed yards are muddy.

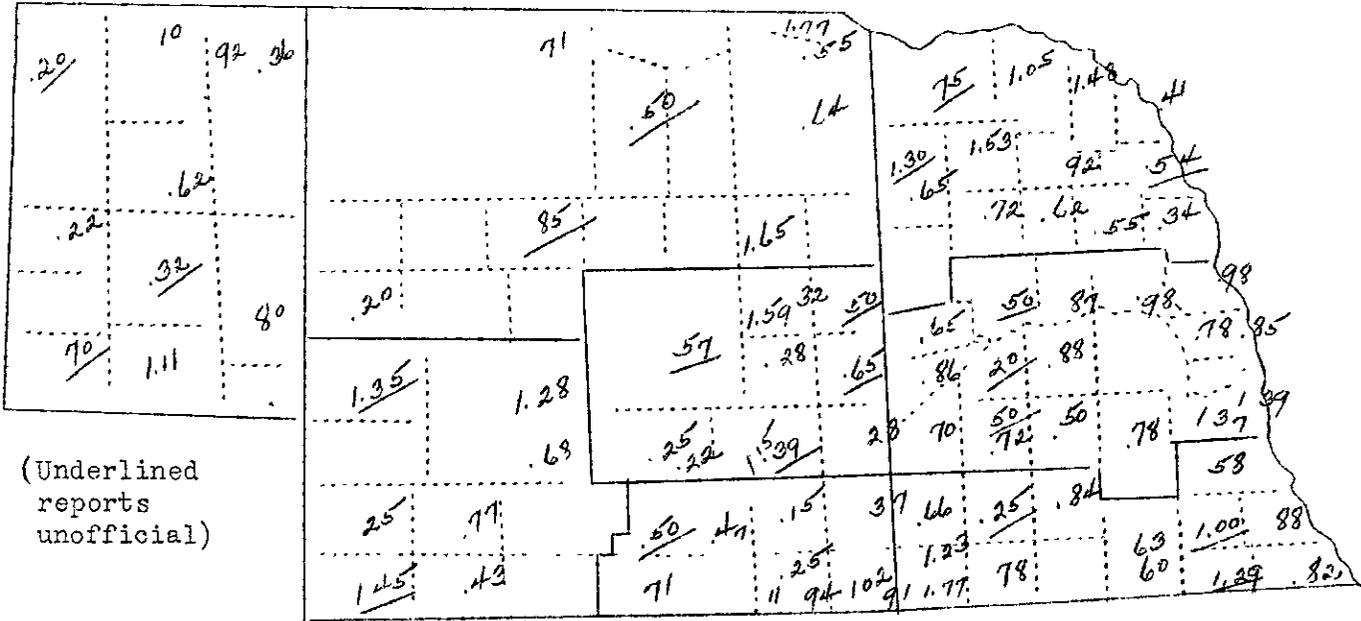
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WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 28, 1949

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .97	Burwell 1.18	Chadron .10
Lincoln .83	North Platte 1.66	Hayes Center 1.29
Norfolk 1.10	Valentine .80	Scottsbluff .29
Omaha .90		Sidney 1.56
Sioux City .69		

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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 25, 1949



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

		March													
		22nd		23		24		25		26		27		28	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	56	23	63	36	59	31	37	23	55	31	50	25	53	30
	Scottsbluff	56	24	61	34	60	32	35	19	49	28	50	29	57	31
	Sidney	57	21	62	--	60	30	37	5	62	28	41	17	50	30
N-C	Burwell	--	--	--	--	51	35	46	26	55	38	--	--	56	35
	Valentine	43	23	57	39	49	33	38	18	45	34	40	28	53	36
NE	Norfolk	50	30	41	32	42	38	61	33	55	40	44	32	56	37
	Sioux City	52	31	35	28	41	35	66	34	56	39	43	33	57	34
Cen	Grand Island	--	--	55	38	65	47	60	30	57	40	43	32	58	35
E-C	Lincoln	57	34	47	34	53	47	66	32	67	42	52	36	63	36
	Omaha	55	33	38	31	49	44	69	36	58	42	53	36	62	34
SW	Hayes Center	53	30	62	39	69	40	42	25	--	32	34	27	58	32
	North Platte	48	26	60	41	65	38	44	25	53	34	40	28	54	34

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