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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 3-27-50

WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal Tuesday to Monday. The week began with light to moderate snow, except for heavy snow in the north central portion, and closed with light snow in the northeast and extreme north portions of the State. The period closed with a general windstorm of gale force and blowing dust producing very poor visibility.

CROPS High winds during the past week damaged some wheat in the Panhandle and in some southwestern counties. So far, the reports do not indicate any serious loss from winterkill. The Panhandle has received very little moisture so far this year. Moisture of the past week was also lighter in the western portion. Southwestern counties fared a little better, receiving a considerable amount of moisture about the middle of February. Generally, the western third of the State needs moisture badly for winter wheat, rye, pasture and hay crops.

Varying amounts of moisture in the eastern two-thirds of the State, together with the cool stormy weather has limited field activity and seeding of spring small grain crops. Fields are so wet in most of the counties in northeastern Nebraska that farmers cannot get into the fields before April 1. Favorable moisture in northeastern Nebraska has given fall seeded grain and grasses an excellent chance to start this spring. Delayed seeding of oats is causing considerable concern, since many farmers had planned to sow larger acreages of oats to replace corn. Some flooding of lowlands is reported.

There is still a good demand for grass and legume seed. Some farmers are applying lime to their soil. Reports from southwestern counties indicate that there is considerable loss of winter barley. Some spring sown alfalfa in western Nebraska has also been damaged badly by high winds. Continued unfavorable weather for field operations has slowed down the demand for farm labor.

LIVESTOCK Shipments of cattle to country points during February were almost double of the shipments a year ago. In shipments for January and February were almost $2\frac{1}{2}$ times the number for the same months a year ago. In shipments of sheep and lambs for February were up about 60%. January and February in shipments totaled 88,000 head against 77,000 head for the same two months a year ago.

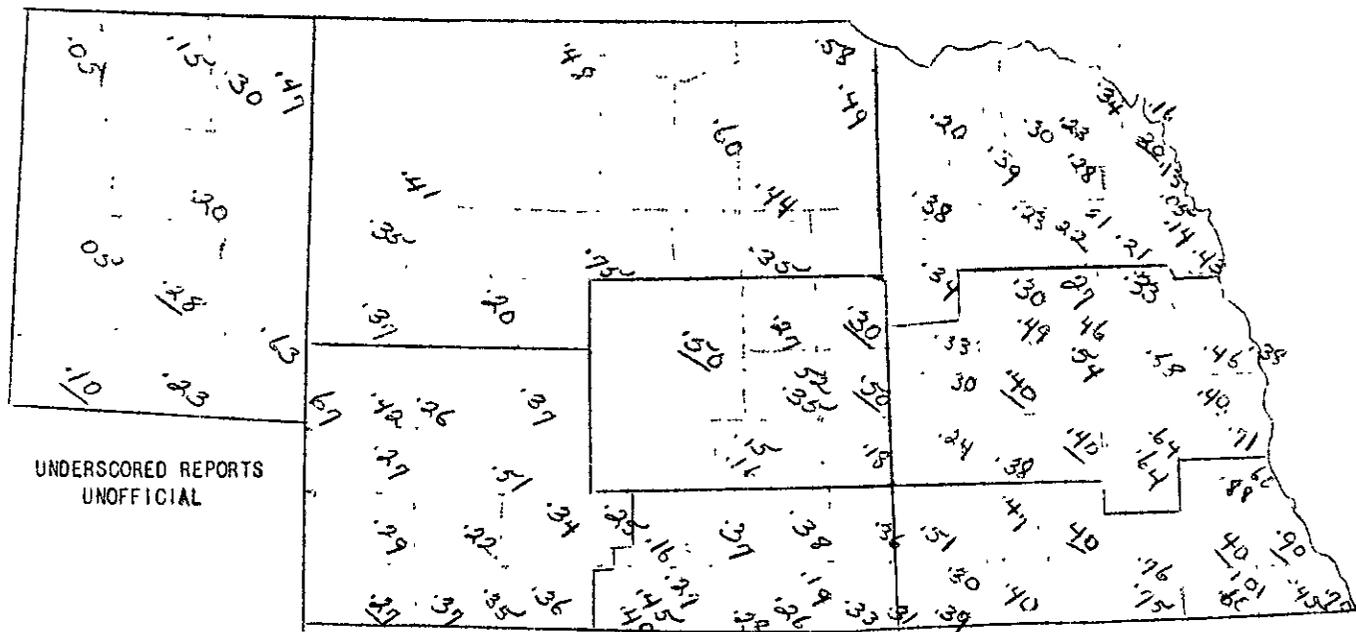
Some lossess of young pigs were reported. Cattle in the early March blizzard area in north central Nebraska are beginning to recover. More feed has been required; however, feed supplies are more than ample throughout the State. More moisture is needed in the western protion of the Sand Hills to give the grass a good start this spring. One county reports heifers bringing up to \$250 at a recent sale.

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WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 27, 1950

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Grand Island	.13	Burwell	.31	Chadron	.08
Lincoln	.26	North Platte	.19	Hayes Center	.13
Norfolk	.21	Valentine	.50	Scottsbluff	.31
Omaha	.23			Sidney	.01
Sioux City	.15				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 24, 1950



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 6:30 A.M.)

		MARCH							
		21ST	22ND	23RD	24TH	25TH	26TH	27TH	
		MAX MIN							
NW	CHADRON	35 23	45 20	60 33	52 20	63 25	— 30	35 —	
	SCOTT'SBLUFF	41 18	49 15	62 34	52 20	67 31	62 31	68 28	
	SIDNEY	36 —	45 19	58 33	51 19	64 25	61 30	38 27	
N-C	BURWELL	35 24	37 19	53 35	53 28	52 36	55 40	42 30	
	VALENTINE	32 21	37 17	51 38	46 26	52 31	44 32	34 26	
NE	NORFOLK	30 27	32 18	49 34	54 35	48 34	49 41	72 33	
	SIOUX CITY	34 29	33 24	49 32	52 35	49 31	45 41	73 36	
CEN.	GRAND ISLAND	36 25	39 25	55 37	58 31	56 38	64 43	69 32	
E-C	LINCOLN	33 29	36 26	50 40	60 37	56 36	50 40	75 37	
	OMAHA	35 31	34 28	50 36	60 36	53 36	54 47	77 38	
SW	HAYES CENTER	33 24	43 23	58 37	56 25	64 34	73 38	41 30	
	NORTH PLATTE	33 26	45 21	55 37	54 23	58 33	68 35	48 30	

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