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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged much above normal. Little snow cover remained by the end of the week, except in northeast quarter. Light to moderate snow fell in east and north portions. Some sections in the Panhandle and in southwest portion received no moisture during the week.

CROPS Most of the winter wheat fields have lost their snow covering. Practically all of the moisture went into the soil as the snow melted. In the West, where the top soil has dried, wheat fields are vulnerable to damage from winds. There were a few more reports of winter wheat sprouting in southwestern Nebraska counties. In most of the central and in eastern Nebraska the top soil is still very moist from the melted snow.

Range and pasture are mostly open except in the northeastern quarter of the State, much of which is still covered by snow. The past week has been favorable for livestock and has reduced the hay feed requirements. There are a few reports of alfalfa hay selling at prices ranging from \$30 to \$35 per ton.

Potatoes have been moving generally at 35 to 40 cars per day. The total shipped by rail to January 22 is 3,151 cars, or about 400 cars more than were shipped to the same date a year ago. Present shipments to date are about 1,000 cars below last year's total for the season. There was some disappointment reported in prices received for potatoes. Nebraska stocks of potatoes in growers' and dealers' hands January 1 were about one million bushels above that of a year ago and about two-thirds of the average

January 1 stocks of beans on farms were practically nil. There were 806,000 bags of clean beans in commercial storage against 880,000 bags a year ago. Most Nebraska beans were Great Northern.

Farm stocks of beans in the U. S. were 1,879,000 bags of uncleaned beans, slightly more than the farm stocks on hand a year ago. There were a total of 10,101,000 bags of clean beans in commercial storage on January 1 as compared with 12,774,000 bags on hand a year ago.

There is considerable interest in commercial fertilizer. Distributors in Nemaha county have 36,000 tons of lime for distribution in Nemaha, Richardson, Johnson and Otoe counties.

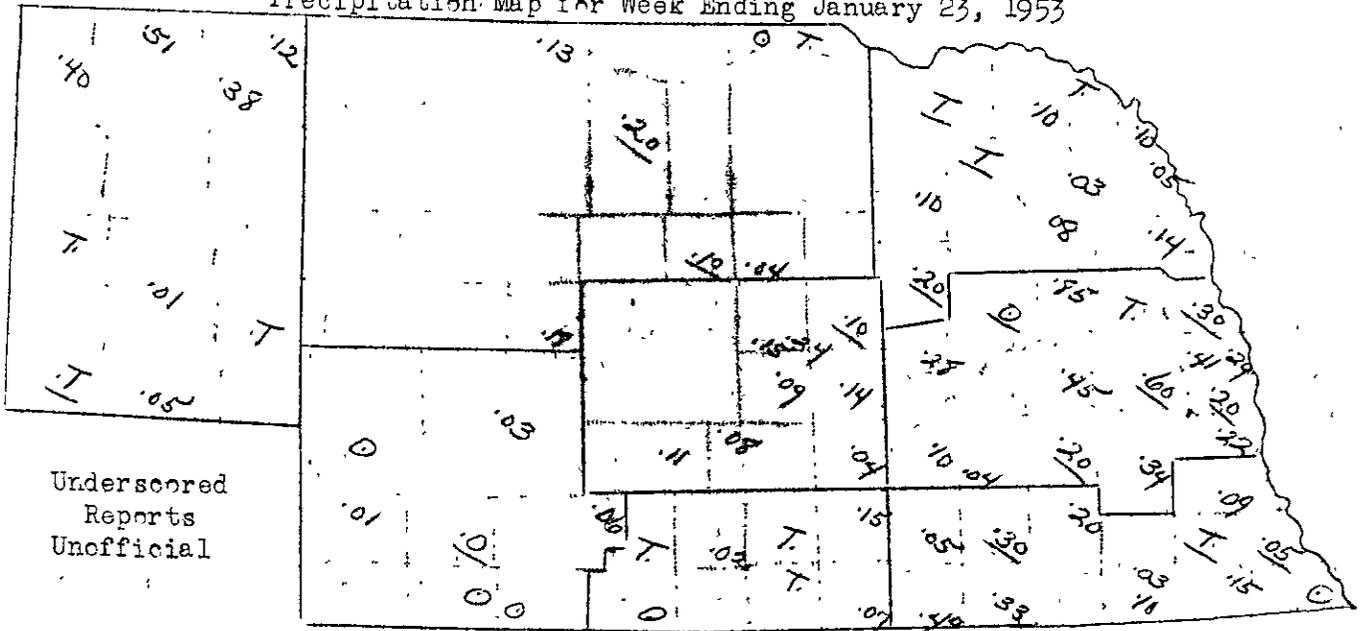
LIVESTOCK Most of the comments on livestock reflect dissatisfaction over present prices offered for cattle. Hay prices have been high and a few local shortages are developing. The weather of the past week has been favorable for early calves, lambs and pigs.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 26, 1953

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>		
Grand Island	0	Burwell	.04	Chadron	.53
Lincoln	.34	Lexington	.11	Imperial	.01
Norfolk	.07	North Platte	.03	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.29	Valentine	.13	Sidney	0
Sioux City	.06				

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Precipitation Map for Week Ending January 23, 1953



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		January 20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th		25th		26th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	36	17	44	22	47	30	40	28	40	33	--	28	52	38
	Scottsbluff	53	24	59	29	55	27	45	25	51	33	--	35	62	33
	Sidney	51	24	55	28	58	28	42	28	51	27	--	33	62	30
N-C	Burwell	39	19	36	19	44	23	36	24	44	22	44	20	44	23
	Valentine	34	14	41	28	45	22	29	19	41	25	38	31	29	18
NE	Norfolk	28	18	28	22	38	24	33	19	38	23	29	9	29	17
	Sioux City	26	20	23	19	37	28	34	19	24	19	27	6	31	18
CEN.	Grand Island	36	23	30	27	41	25	29	20	43	26	38	23	39	26
	Lexington	50	16	50	26	49	28	35	16	50	27	--	26	--	25
E-C	Lincoln	33	21	30	21	46	29	26	22	35	26	34	17	36	22
	Omaha	33	22	27	21	44	31	37	22	29	16	--	--	33	22
SW	Imperial	56	25	57	25	55	30	45	24	51	33	--	25	64	26
	North Platte	50	16	55	25	49	30	39	27	--	--	--	--	--	--

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