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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 2-22-54

WEATHER Temperatures averaged 10° to 15° above normal. Precipitation varied from very heavy in the southeast to none over most of the north-central and western portions of the State. It was mostly rain, changing to snow and then ending over the extreme east-central and southeastern portions of the State, but heavy snow and blowing snow fell over the northeast and southwestward to the lower Republican Valley. High winds raised considerable dust during several days over the western portion of the State.

CROPS Wheat in the eastern half of the winter wheat belt received immeasurable benefit from the rain and snow last weekend. There was slight wind damage prior to the rain. The present outlook is good.

The western half of the State received practically no precipitation. There were several windy days and winds did considerable damage in the Panhandle north of the Platte River and on the lighter soils in southwestern Nebraska. Early planted wheat in southwestern Nebraska that had a heavy growth is reported very good and most of it is greening up. Some of the wheat in this area is being pastured.

Rail shipments of potatoes in the North Platte Valley are not much more than half of what they were at the same date a year ago. Movement has slowed because of the extremely low prices.

Movement of hay into southern Nebraska was not as large as expected because the mild, open winter reduced feed requirements. There is considerable surplus of hay and feed over much of the State.

The rain and snow brought farm field work to a halt in the eastern half of the State. Farm field work is much further advanced than usual for this date. Some spring small grains have been planted.

A few reports indicate some damage and possible winter kill to alfalfa and grasses due to lack of moisture. Fall seeding that survived should green up soon after the rain in eastern Nebraska. Some demand for farm labor was reported.

LIVESTOCK Heavy demand for bred sows and gilts continues. The January shipments of cattle and calves to country points showed a considerable increase, while total shipments to the country points for 1953 were down 21%. Shipments of cattle into the North Central States in January were up slightly but were down 15% in 1953.

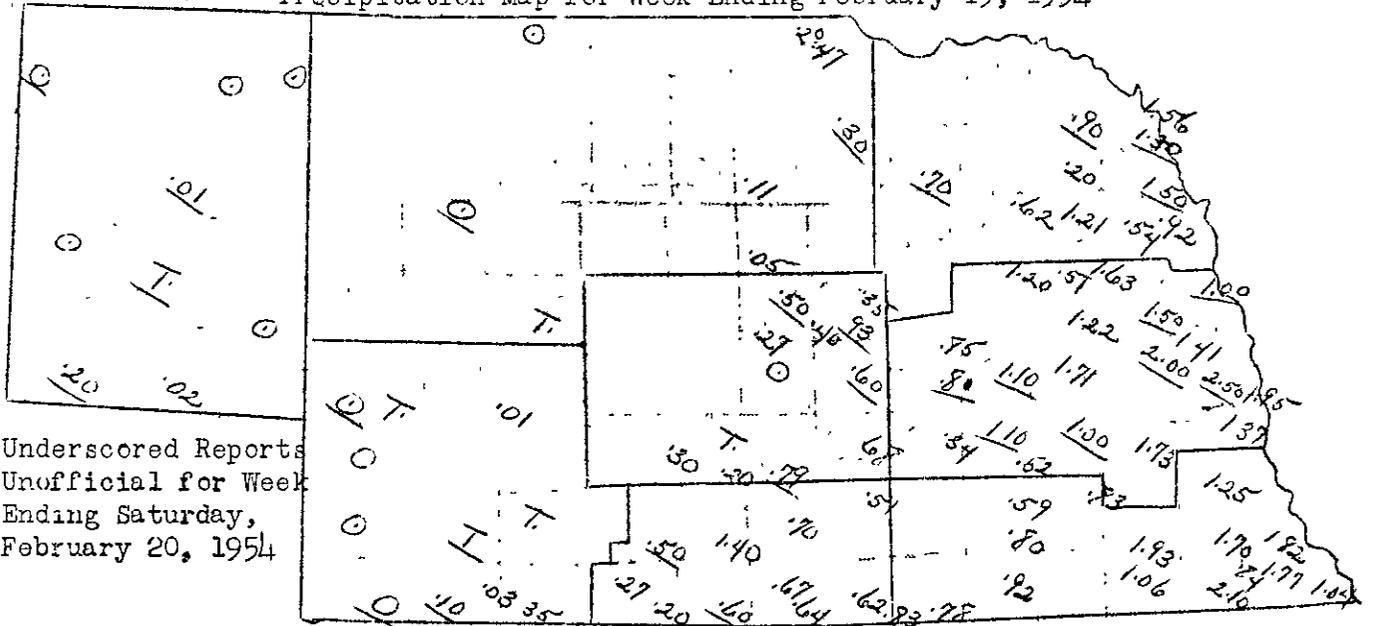
Shipments of sheep and lambs to country points in January were up considerably, while shipments for the year were down 14%. Shipments of sheep and lambs into the North Central States were up 25% during January but were down 21% for 1953.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 1954

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island	.68	Burwell	.05
Lincoln	1.73	Lexington	.09
Norfolk	.62	North Platte	.01
Omaha	2.73	Valentine	0
Sioux City	1.56		

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Precipitation Map for Week Ending February 19, 1954



Underscored Reports
Unofficial for Week
Ending Saturday,
February 20, 1954

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

		February													
		16th		17th		18th		19th		20th		21st		22nd	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	57	22	58	32	61	40	64	35	45	9	59	32	59	33
	Scottsbluff	53	23	56	26	63	32	60	33	40	15	55	25	60	32
	Sidney	51	18	55	22	59	24	57	28	39	17	53	23	55	32
N-C	Burwell	--	--	--	--	62	30	64	40	41	24	51	33	51	32
	Valentine	49	28	59	35	59	38	--	--	40	20	56	35	52	39
NE	Norfolk	54	20	58	36	59	23	65	41	46	28	32	20	37	24
	Sioux City	50	22	53	34	61	29	63	42	47	34	37	26	38	29
CEN.	Grand Island	53	24	60	38	60	30	66	46	50	25	40	33	43	32
	Lexington	46	19	58	26	63	23	65	41	51	26	55	32	53	33
E-C	Lincoln	50	24	58	42	66	39	66	46	47	30	41	32	41	32
	Omaha	55	21	56	39	67	40	65	44	48	41	44	33	44	29
SW	Imperial	51	21	59	24	63	25	66	38	49	20	57	30	58	37
	North Platte	52	20	59	23	62	29	62	40	48	25	57	25	55	27

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