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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal, with rather cold weather early in the week, but unseasonably warm at the close. Light snow or rain changing to snow fell over most of the State early in the week, but except in the extreme west and in a few southern localities, it was too light to be of any benefit. A few days were rather windy. February was mild and very dry. The only cold period of importance occurred about the 20th of the month. Several days were unseasonably warm. The only storm occurred around the 20th, and brought light to moderate snow to most of the State, but many stations received too little moisture to be of any value.

CROPS Winter wheat deteriorated over much of Nebraska following another week of drought and some high winds. Scattered snowfall, largely in counties along the Colorado and Wyoming line, was of local benefit and protection, but high winds took a heavy toll of wheat fields, especially in the central counties. A limited acreage of wheat on summer fallow or on irrigated land is promising, but the bulk of the crop is suffering from a critical shortage of moisture. With dry, loose topsoil, wheat fields are extremely susceptible to damage from wind and dust. Field preparation for seeding small grains was delayed further because of the dry soil conditions, although such work was underway in many parts of the State on a limited scale. Very little spring planting has been done, however.

LIVESTOCK Mild weather was favorable for livestock and conserving the feed supply. Litter sizes are reported to be above average for this season of the year. Losses to new born livestock have been light.

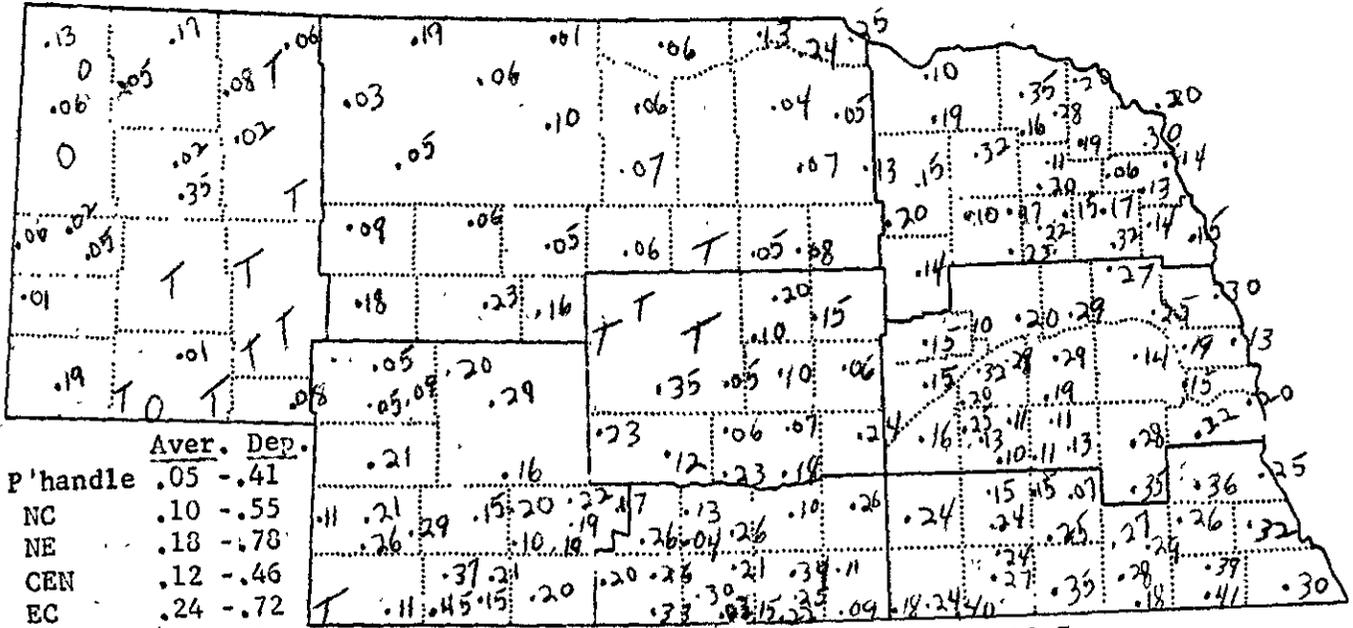
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 11, 1957

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Grand Island	.02	Burwell	.13	Chadron	.13
Lincoln	.14	North Platte	.01	Imperial	.06
Norfolk	.11	Valentine	.01	Scottsbluff	.31
Omaha	0			Sidney	.28
Sioux City	.05				

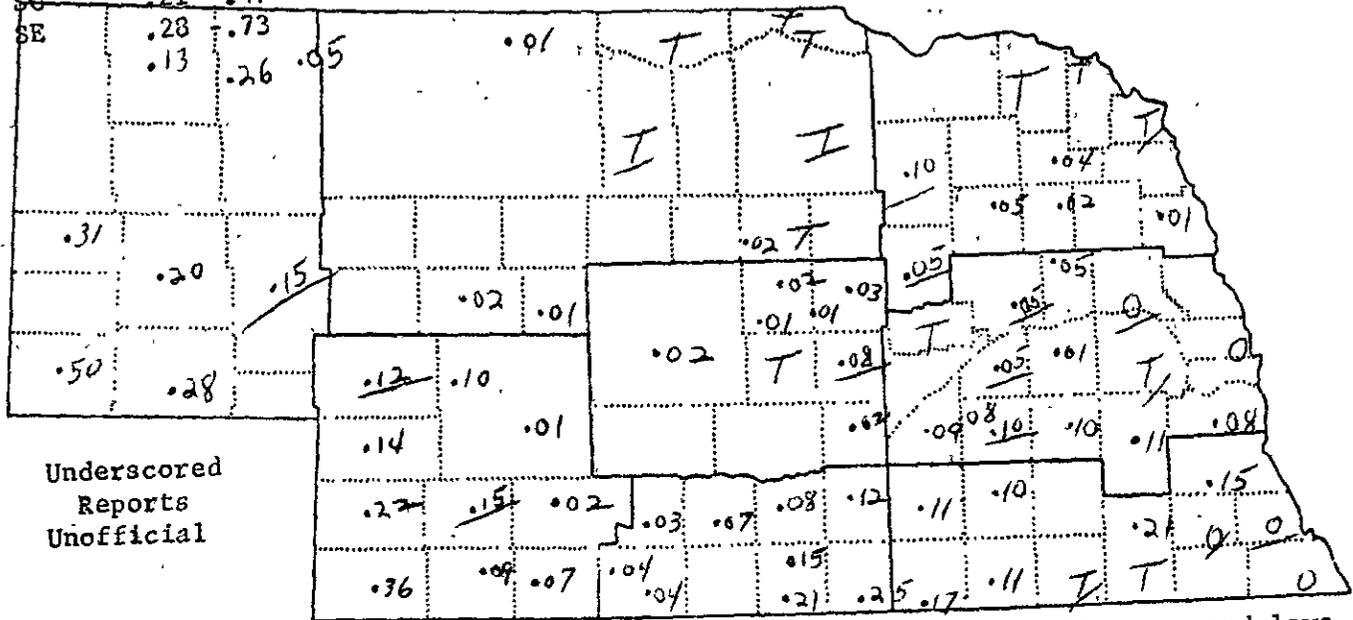
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1957



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 8, 1957



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		March 5th		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	35	25	30	8	22	-1	34	29	55	38	45	23	59	25
	Scottsbluff	35	22	35	12	26	10	34	26	59	30	44	28	56	28
	Sidney	38	13	39	16	26	2	27	22	49	29	40	27	57	24
NC	Burwell	--	23	27	18	26	14	33	21	46	33	47	12	71	29
	Valentine	--	--	34	12	20	0	33	27	50	32	41	14	61	27
NE	Norfolk	44	25	32	19	26	17	33	21	44	36	41	16	71	35
	Sioux City	44	27	38	17	30	17	34	18	42	32	38	23	66	38
CEN	Grand Island	45	26	33	21	30	16	34	26	46	39	51	16	74	38
EC	Lincoln	44	28	40	21	31	20	35	22	46	40	48	23	71	43
	Omaha	41	28	39	17	29	18	31	18	43	37	39	25	70	40
SW	Imperial	44	12	43	18	27	6	28	19	55	30	50	25	67	34
	North Platte	41	20	44	18	25	9	32	20	50	28	50	18	65	29