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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged considerably below normal throughout the period. Heavy snow fell over most of the state on Monday and Tuesday; scattered light snow occurred during the remainder of the week. Strong winds accompanied the snow early in the week. High humidities and considerable cloudiness prevailed.

Temperatures during March were near normal. Precipitation was above normal in all divisions except the Panhandle. The heaviest precipitation occurred in southeast and east-central portions. Much blowing of soil occurred during the second week. The rain and wet snow which froze to telephone and power lines, accompanied by strong winds, caused considerable damage to utilities during the third week, particularly in the southern half of the state.

CROPS Additional moisture this week caused optimism among farmers. However, spring planting has been further delayed because of wet fields. A number of counties in the northeast and a few in the southeast had two or three days for planting. With "round the clock" operations, in some instances, the northeast has completed about a third of their seeding. For the state, only about 10 percent of the oats was seeded compared with around 70 percent on this date a year ago.

Winter wheat is continuing to improve with nearly all counties reporting a gain over last week. Alfalfa, wild hay and pasture prospects have shown a decided improvement the past week. Pastures have just started to grow, but their comeback may be slow where drought damage was severe.

Nearly all counties are reporting an ample supply of surface moisture. Half of the counties in the Panhandle report an ample supply of subsoil moisture, but the supply is still short in the eastern two-thirds of the state.

LIVESTOCK Rather severe weather with heavy snow and rain was reported for western counties, but livestock losses were light. Continued winter weather has caused some concern by those who are short of feed. Farrowing and calving has progressed favorably at the normal rate. Some counties have indicated that most of the spring pig crop has arrived. Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle into Nebraska in March were 35,000 head compared with 32,000 in March of 1956. March stocker and feeder sheep shipped in totalled 16,000 compared with 47,000 head a year ago.

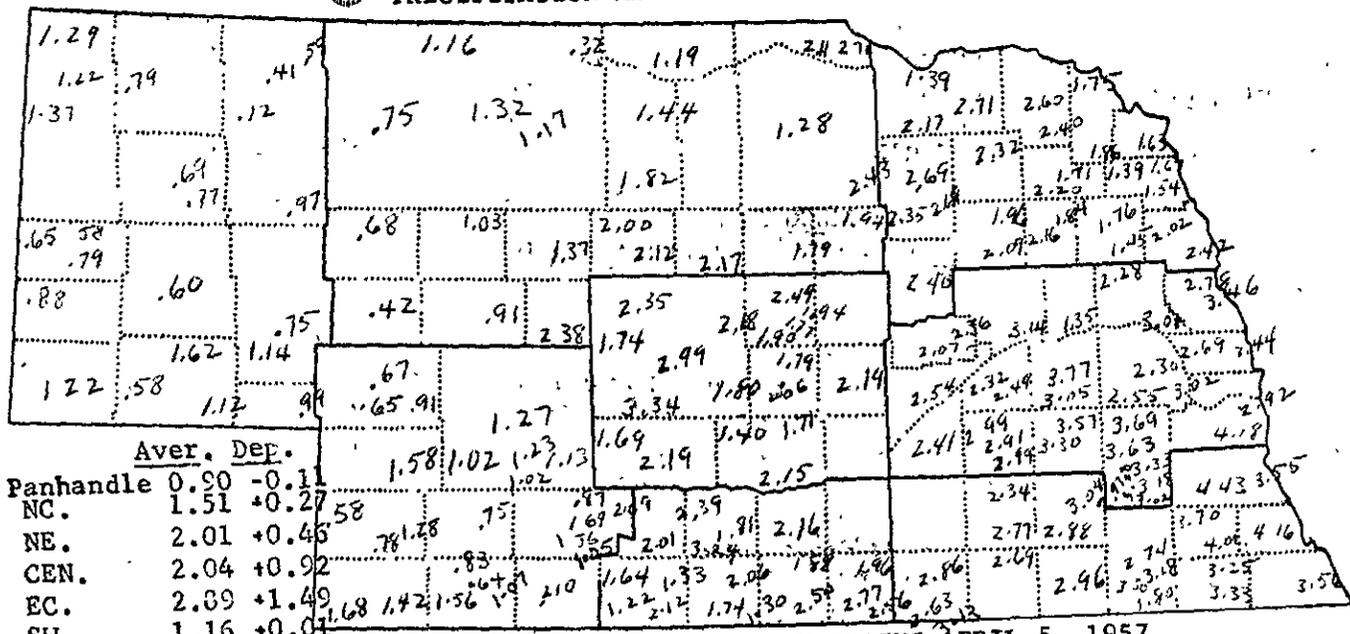
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 8, 1957

East Division		Central Division		Western Division	
Grand Island	1.00	Burwell	0.69	Chadron	1.16
Lincoln	1.17	North Platte	1.01	Imperial	0.74
Norfolk	0.71	Valentine	0.75	Scottsbluff	1.21
Omaha	0.60			Sidney	1.19
Sioux City	0.95				

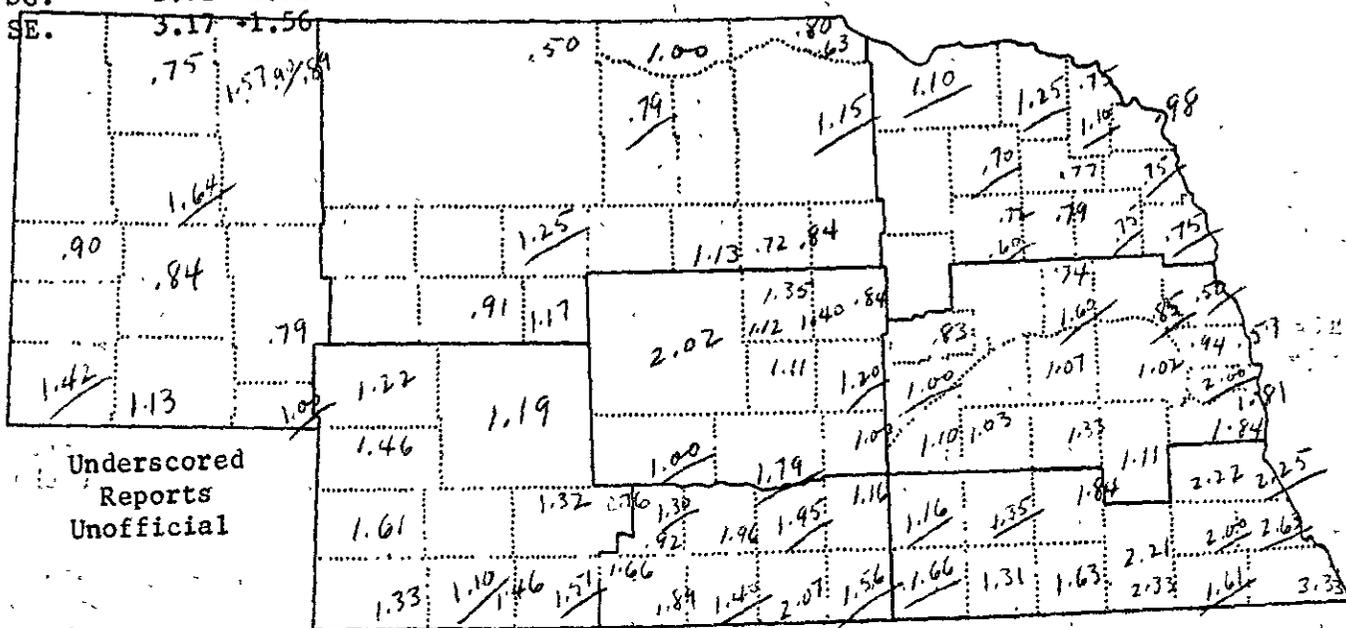
PRECIPITATION, APRIL 1 TO APRIL 5, 1957

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total Since April 1	0.02	0.65	0.78	1.16	1.17	1.10	1.43	2.31
Long-time Avg. since April 1	0.29	0.30	0.35	0.30	0.30	0.26	0.30	0.35

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF MARCH, 1957



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 5, 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)

		April 2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	52	29	30	25	30	24	30	12	49	32	32	25	35	16
	Scottsbluff	48	32	42	24	39	21	35	17	47	32	37	24	36	12
	Sidney	48	33	40	23	33	20	28	16	42	32	35	23	31	7
NC	Burwell	54	34	40	29	33	24	29	24	36	21	..	29	35	11
	Valentine	56	30	46	29	35	25	29	26	36	26	32	26	32	10
NE	Norfolk	55	32	43	35	38	27	32	25	32	24	40	31	33	21
	Sioux City	58	33	45	36	39	28	33	27	33	23	40	30	37	25
CEN.	Grand Island	51	36	45	32	33	29	32	24	44	29	47	32	42	23
EC	Lincoln	50	39	47	33	36	31	35	28	36	30	40	33	43	30
	Omaha	50	39	41	32	34	30	36	26	32	28	42	32	41	28
SW	Imperial	51	33	43	29	43	24	31	22	44	29	41	26	33	12
	North Platte	53	37	45	30	33	25	29	27	42	32	39	29	34	20