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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The week was much colder than normal except over the Panhandle, where temperatures were only slightly below normal. Temperatures fell to slightly below zero on several mornings over the central and northeastern portions of the State. Snowfall was heavy in the northeast to light in the Panhandle. There were several storms during the week, with the heaviest fall on Tuesday over the eastern portion of the State. The snow is gone over the Panhandle, but depths on the ground increase to the eastward. Some localities in the extreme east report more than two feet on the ground.

CROPS Snow cover over the State ranged from little or none on the ground in a number of western counties to as much as 2 feet or more in parts of the eastern districts. Heavy snow continued to hamper farm activity in most sections of the State, although a little field work started in the extreme west where snow cover had disappeared last week.

Supplies of feed grain and concentrates are holding out in most places, but hay and forage is getting short, especially in the southwestern part of the State. Local shortages are showing up elsewhere also, as the long winter season continues with little immediate relief in sight.

The soil moisture situation is quite favorable throughout the State, but a late start for the spring season seems a certainty. Planting of spring small grains usually gets underway in the last half of March, with about a third of the planting completed by April 1, and the bulk of seeding finished by mid-April. Snow cover is expected to remain for several weeks yet and wet field conditions will add to further postponement of field work. However, a considerable amount of stalk cutting and plowing was done last fall before the heavy snow came. Reports from numerous sections indicate that ground is not frozen deeply under the snow despite the extended period of low temperatures.

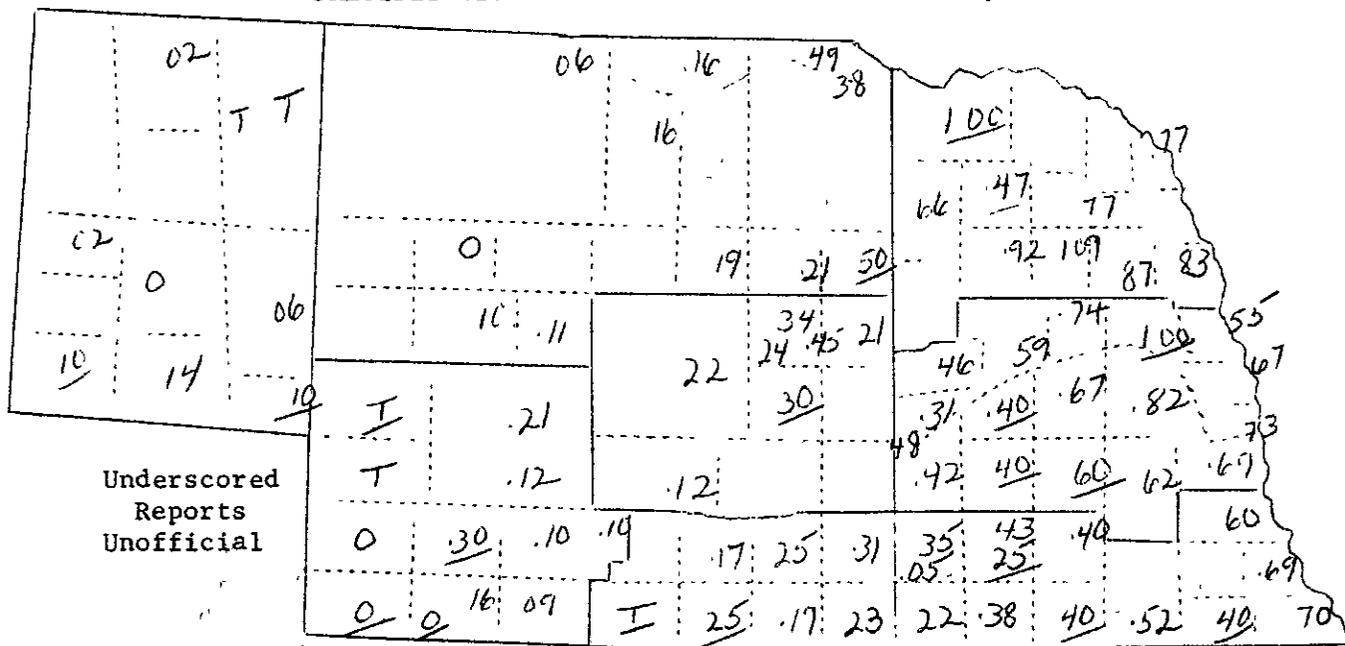
High moisture content of cribbed corn is noted in quite a few counties, especially in the North Platte Valley and in the eastern districts. Farmers are concerned about possible spoilage when temperatures rise.

LIVESTOCK Livestock care continued to command full attention of producers. Heavy snow still hinders the movement of feed and forage. In some places, hay stacks were isolated by huge drifts. Cattle continued to lose flesh due to low temperatures and restricted feeding. Feed lot gains are below normal and livestock production rates are difficult to maintain at average levels. Losses of the 1960 calf crop have been larger than usual and, in instances, rather serious

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 14, 1960

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	50	Burwell	--	Chadron	.02
Lincoln	.63	North Platte	.36	Imperial	.21
Norfolk	1.07	Valentine	.14	Scottsbluff	.04
Omaha	.88			Sidney	.01
Sioux City	1.11				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 14, 1960



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

		March													
		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th		13th		14th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	41	30	45	23	53	27	33	18	43	15	32	0	29	20
	Scottsbluff	51	28	50	27	56	28	35	16	44	28	33	11	27	17
	Sidney	49	28	47	30	50	32	37	12	41	26	34	10	20	13
NC	Burwell	--	18	--	17	--	17	--	4	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	23	15	33	5	33	23	25	-1	33	17	29	-1	20	15
NE	Norfolk	21	17	23	20	28	16	24	3	25	-2	20	6	19	-1
	Sioux City	18	16	21	19	27	11	23	6	21	-7	19	7	20	-12
Gen	Grand Island	25	19	29	25	38	17	29	-1	35	13	24	7	21	14
EC	Lincoln	22	19	25	21	33	20	26	8	28	5	24	18	25	14
	Omaha	19	17	23	18	30	15	22	14	24	6	21	14	24	10
SW	Imperial	33	25	40	18	37	26	34	11	41	28	41	12	19	14
	North Platte	28	21	37	27	36	24	32	7	40	26	32	8	21	15

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