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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Intermittent light snows continued into the first part of the week and cold weather persisted through Friday. Moderating conditions on Saturday began to melt the snow cover. Continued warming occurred on Sunday with temperatures climbing into the 40s and 50s. By Sunday night the snow was about gone in the east and only 1 to 3 inches remained in the west. Weekly mean temperatures were from 4 to 6 degrees below normal except in the southwest where departures were even larger.

CROPS The extremely cold weather which continued through much of the week again required farmers and ranchers to spend a considerable amount of time caring for livestock and performing other necessary chores. Snow cover remained in the western two-thirds of the State, but was generally light enough to allow some foraging and grazing by livestock. Higher temperatures over the weekend melted the snow enough to form a crust which should keep the snow from blowing.

Winter wheat fields remained covered in the western two-thirds of the State, but were exposed to the low temperatures in most parts of the southeast. Farmers in the latter area are concerned about the possibility of winterkill.

Supplemental feeding continued at a high level and livestock producers were generally able to get hay and feed to animals without any major problems. However, keeping water available was somewhat difficult while temperatures remained below freezing.

LIVESTOCK A few newborn calves, lambs, and pigs were lost because of the cold temperatures but in general losses of livestock attributed to the weather were limited as farmers and ranchers were able to provide the proper care. Warmer temperatures over the weekend enabled livestock to make more efficient utilization of feed.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 6, 1966

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	T	Burwell	--	Chadron	.02
Lincoln	T	North Platte	T	Imperial	.03
Norfolk	T	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	.12
Omaha	T			Sidney	.03
Sioux City	T				

