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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER It was a warm, dry week. Weekly temperatures averaged about ten degrees above normal. The days were very warm with afternoon temperatures averaging about 14 degrees above normal. Readings were generally in the 50s and 60s, but reached the 70s in the Panhandle Sunday afternoon. The snow cover is gone, and the frost is coming out of the ground in most areas.

Dense fog and traces of drizzle during midweek in an area extending from southwest and south central Nebraska to the northeast portion.

CROPS Mild temperatures caused wheat to begin "greening" in several parts of the State. The damage to wheat fields from soil erosion which occurred during the storm on March 4 and 5 appears to be limited to fields planted late in the fall and to fields on lighter soils which had not made enough top growth to protect the soil. Reports indicate that wheat in most areas will come out of the winter in good condition. Numerous farmers in southern and eastern Nebraska were top-dressing wheat fields near the close of the week.

Field activity increased in most areas but was mostly limited to stalk cutting and fertilizing. Wet surface conditions or frost remaining in the ground prevented most farmers from beginning tillage operations. Reports indicate there was a total of nearly two days favorable for field work last week. By areas the days favorable for field work ranged from none in the northeast to slightly more than three days in the south central area. Other farm activities include repairing machinery, maintenance work on buildings, and lining up supplies for spring field work.

Gleaning of stalk fields has been completed in many areas with only about one-fifth of the stalk fields presently being used for grazing. The use of winter wheat fields for livestock pasture remains quite low with less than 10 percent of the fields being pastured last week.

LIVESTOCK The loss of cattle during the severe storm of March 4 and 5 has been significant in local areas along the northern border of the State. Losses were mainly baby calves, some yearlings, and older cows. In addition, frost-bite was serious and caused injuries and economic losses. With milder temperatures this week, the care of livestock became more routine. Newborn animals are generally doing well with losses being about normal. Feedlots are reasonably dry for this period of the year and livestock are maintaining a good rate of gain.

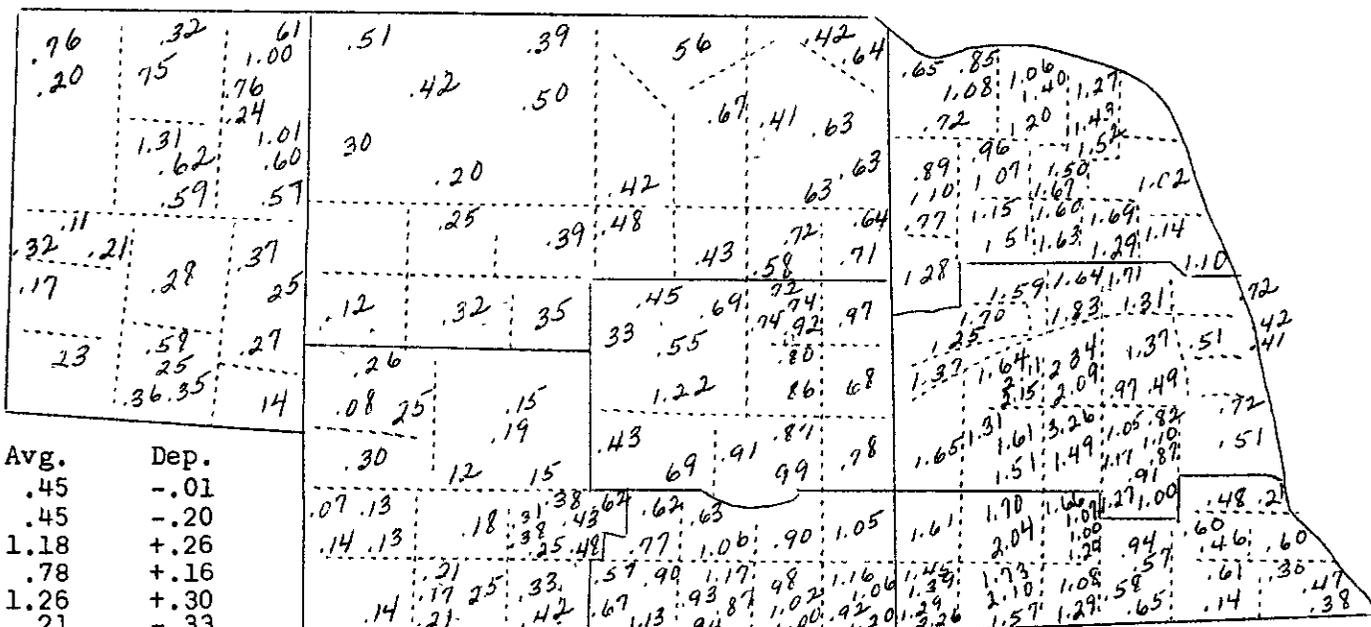
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 14, 1966

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	T	Burwell	T	Chadron	0
Lincoln	0	North Platte	0	Imperial	T
Norfolk	T	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	0			Sidney	0
Sioux City	T				

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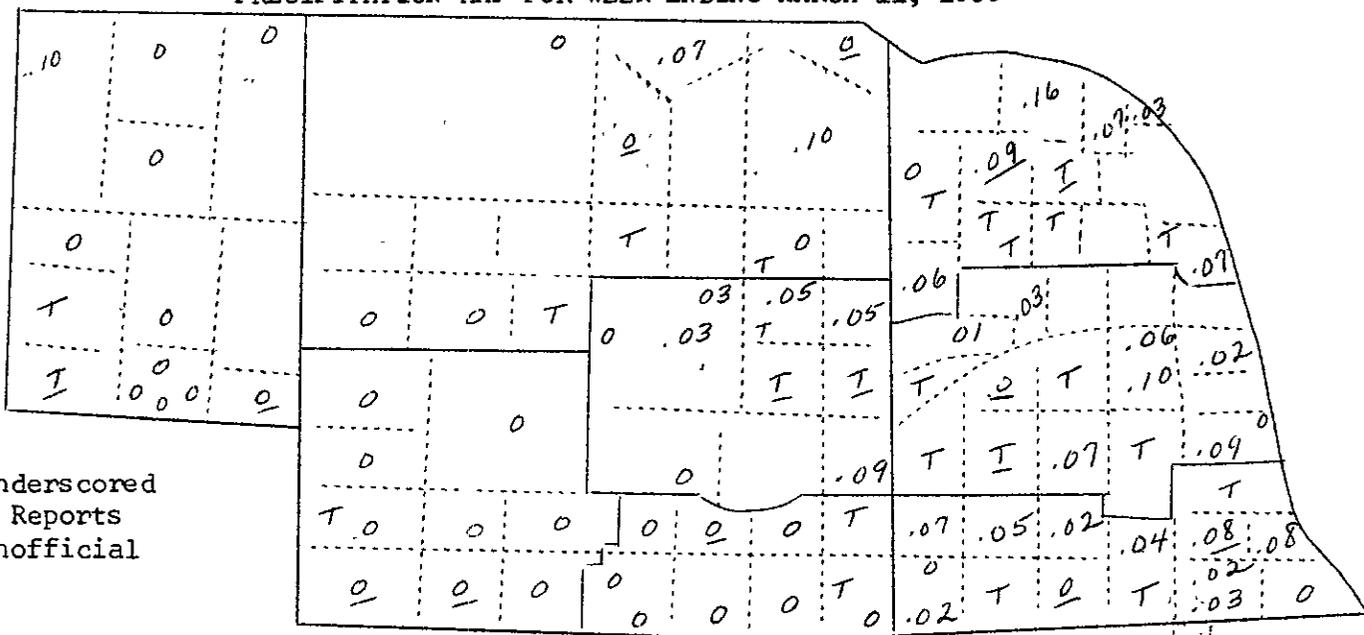
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1966



Div.	Avg.	Dep.
1	.45	-.01
2	.45	-.20
3	1.18	+.26
5	.78	+.16
6	1.26	+.30
7	.21	-.33
8	.92	+.20
9	1.04	+.03

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 11, 1966



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		March													
		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th		13th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	45	30	49	38	61	30	62	34	53	25	63	33	69	40
	Scottsbluff	52	32	51	32	68	33	63	31	55	24	65	30	72	36
	Sidney	47	28	47	27	67	28	66	32	52	21	60	27	71	35
NC	Burwell	43	29	50	31	55	31	64	31	56	26	61	29	66	34
	Valentine	43	27	45	34	58	28	63	32	52	25	59	37	71	32
NE	Norfolk	39	32	52	39	51	35	58	34	51	28	56	26	64	32
	Sioux City	36	31	51	31	56	36	60	40	47	30	57	29	65	35
CEN	Grand Island	45	34	55	33	58	38	63	34	58	28	62	31	68	33
EC	Lincoln	41	35	58	40	54	46	63	42	63	34	60	28	65	36
	Omaha	37	31	57	38	53	45	66	47	61	34	58	32	63	39
SW	Imperial	52	27	53	26	68	32	68	41	56	28	65	32	73	31
	North Platte	46	26	51	24	58	26	67	37	57	23	62	29	69	32