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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 2/17/69

WEATHER The Panhandle had a warm week with temperatures about six degrees above normal, but the rest of the State ranged from one to three degrees below normal. Statewide snows from Thursday to Saturday gave only small amounts of moisture in the Panhandle, but larger amounts elsewhere, and especially heavy snows southeast of a line from Furnas to Knox Counties. There was less drifting than with some snows and most of the fields in the eastern two-thirds of the State have a good cover of snow. Light snow was falling in the Panhandle again on Sunday.

CROPS Stalk field grazing was limited during the early part of the week as thawing reduced snowpack. Stalk fields and winter ranges were covered again on the week end by freezing rain and snow. Winter wheat remained in dormancy and is covered by snow in all but portions of the Panhandle.

Livestock feeders are finding hay and silage supplies diminishing rapidly with shortages in some areas. There is also a good demand for straw and bedding materials. Livestock care and feeding is requiring much time and effort as deep and drifting snow made travel difficult.

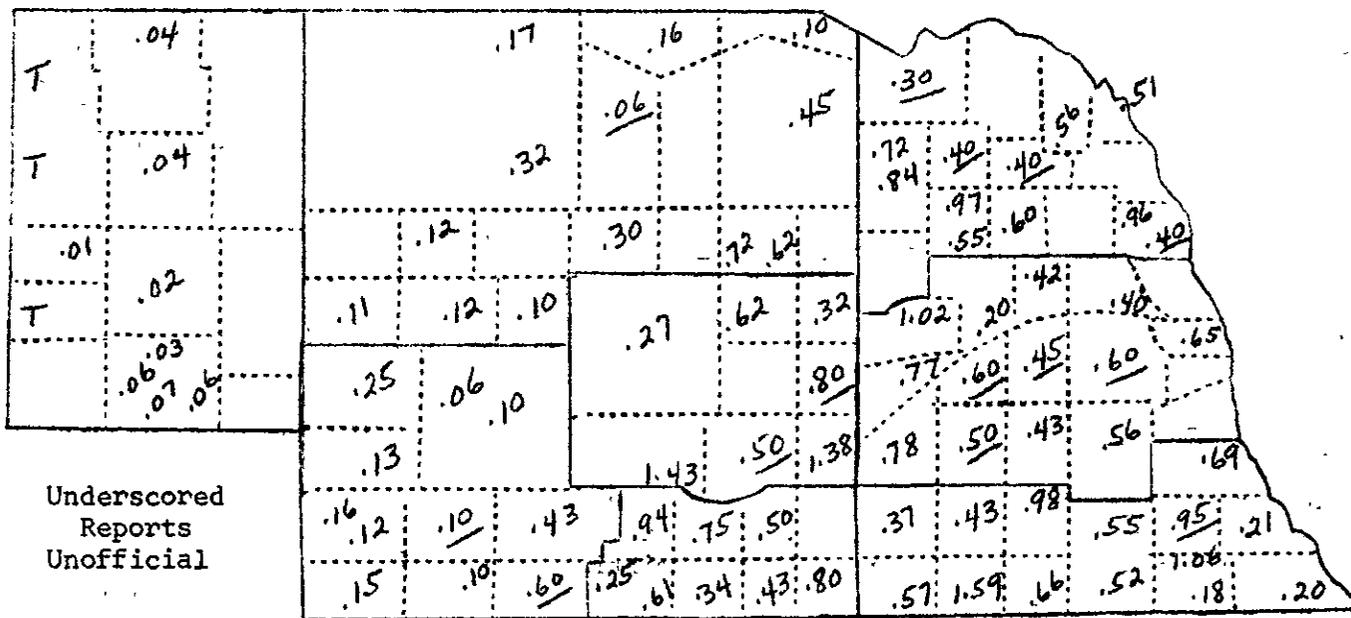
Irrigation water supplies for the upper Platte River area are above normal. This is a result of a carryover from last year and good snow pack in the drainage areas above the reservoirs.

LIVESTOCK Lambing and farrowing are making good progress with some early calving operations under way. A few losses were reported from exposure and disease. Feed yards alternating from muddy to rough frozen surfaces are causing some problems with lameness in cattle.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 16, 1969

| <u>East</u> | | <u>Central</u> | | <u>West</u> | |
|--------------|------|----------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| Grand Island | 1.43 | Burwell | .72 | Chadron | .05 |
| Lincoln | .62 | North Platte | .10 | Imperial | .12 |
| Norfolk | 1.04 | Valentine | .17 | Scottsbluff | .14 |
| Omaha | .68 | | | Sidney | .18 |
| Sioux City | .54 | | | | |

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 14, 1969



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Day-time highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
Night-time lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CST)

| | | February | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|----------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| | | 10th | | 11th | | 12th | | 13th | | 14th | | 15th | | 16th | |
| | | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min |
| NW | Chadron | 43 | 21 | 37 | 19 | 38 | 28 | 40 | 28 | 40 | 19 | 43 | 21 | 34 | 27 |
| | Scottsbluff | 45 | 19 | 46 | 23 | 40 | 23 | 44 | 28 | 45 | 30 | 48 | 30 | 41 | 27 |
| | Sidney | 48 | 15 | 50 | 14 | 38 | 15 | 37 | 24 | 41 | 25 | 45 | 24 | 30 | 21 |
| NC | Burwell | 40 | 15 | 29 | -5 | 25 | 9 | 25 | 21 | 30 | 22 | 31 | 22 | 32 | -- |
| | Valentine | 40 | 11 | 27 | -8 | 22 | 11 | 26 | 21 | 30 | 18 | 29 | 24 | 30 | 22 |
| NE | Norfolk | 39 | 15 | 26 | 3 | 17 | 6 | 24 | 22 | 27 | 23 | 28 | 16 | 33 | 5 |
| | Sioux City | 39 | 23 | 26 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 26 | 22 | 26 | 25 | 27 | 21 | 27 | 6 |
| CEN | Grand Island | 40 | 28 | 34 | 7 | 20 | 11 | 25 | 23 | 29 | 23 | 27 | 23 | 27 | 2 |
| EC | Lincoln | 43 | 30 | 34 | 10 | 21 | 10 | 28 | 25 | 29 | 26 | 30 | 21 | 31 | 13 |
| | Omaha | 39 | 23 | 28 | 5 | 18 | 11 | 28 | 25 | 28 | 24 | 29 | 21 | 31 | 12 |
| SW | Imperial | 49 | 22 | 43 | -- | 34 | 16 | 32 | 25 | 33 | 25 | -- | 25 | 26 | 22 |
| | North Platte | 39 | 22 | 34 | 14 | 26 | 16 | 27 | 24 | 31 | 25 | 33 | 24 | 27 | 23 |

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