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WEATHER

Precipitation ranged from .40 inch over the west and north sections to near .10 inch over the south portion of the State. Temperatures averaged about 10 degrees below normal. It was cold the first part of the week warming toward the end.

CROPS

Nebraska farmers and ranchers main activities this past week have been preparing for spring fieldwork, applying dry fertilizer where possible, and caring for livestock. Thus far, only a minimum amount of fieldwork has been completed this spring. Some have been shredding stalks and others have been preparing ground for sugar beets. According to the county agents, the adverse weather conditions kept the average days suitable for fieldwork in the State to one day during our survey period--reports ranged from zero to five days.

Topsoil moisture supplies were short in 39%, adequate in 56%, and surplus in 5% of the counties reporting as of last Friday. Subsoil moisture supplies were reported short in 91% of the counties. Most areas report the need for more moisture this spring for spring crops and to replenish subsoil moisture.

CROPS (Cont.)

Winter wheat is in mostly fair condition across the State. Recent snow storms have given some snow cover to areas needing moisture. Some wind erosion of wheat fields also occurred from the last storm in the southwest, northwest, and central districts.

Alfalfa and wild hay are both in mostly fair condition. The recent snow cover was beneficial providing additional moisture the ground needs for hay growth.

Sugar beet ground preparation and planting was off to a good start--but snow storms have slowed work.

LIVESTOCK

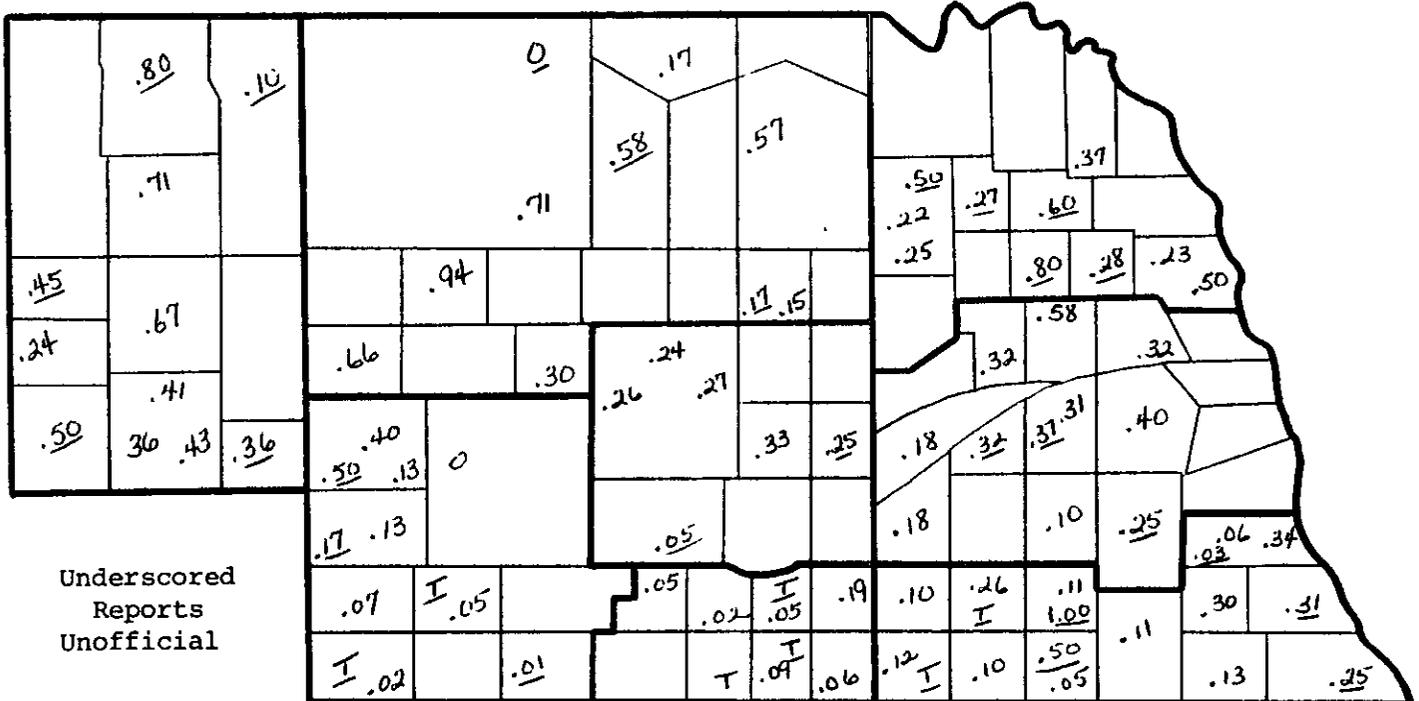
Cattle losses are still being counted in western Nebraska from the March 27th blizzard. Some counties report heavy losses of newborn calves. Losses were quite heavy in some areas of all ages of cattle and including some sheep. Some hogs were lost due to piling and smothering. Worst losses were in the Panhandle area of Nebraska.

Pasture and range feed conditions are reported short in 91% of counties. Spring rains and warmer temperatures are needed to bring on spring growth.

Precipitation, April 1 - April 4, 1975

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week.....	.40	.40	.30	.20	.30	.10	.10	.20
Total since April 1.....	.40	.40	.30	.20	.30	.10	.10	.20
Normal since April 1.....	.21	.24	.27	.24	.27	.21	.24	.27

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1975



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 1975

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches ^{1/}
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	65	-11	30	--	.17
Scottsbluff	66	-8	30	-11	.45
Sidney	69	-9	30	--	.29
NC Burwell	66	1	33	--	.17
Valentine	55	3	28	-12	.26
NE Norfolk	59	2	30	-12	.18
Sioux City	55	9	30	-13	.31
CEN Grand Island	66	7	35	-9	.10
EC Lincoln	67	3	36	-9	.15
Omaha	64	5	36	-10	.37
SW Imperial	72	5	38	--	.08
North Platte	70	7	34	-8	.14

^{1/} Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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