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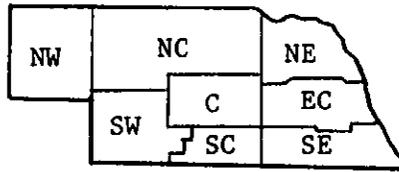
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WEATHER

Temperatures were 3 to 18 degrees above normal through the mid-portion of the week and 9 to 19 degrees below normal the last day of the period. Little or no precipitation fell.

GENERAL

During January, farmers and ranchers were caring for livestock, preparing for the calving and lambing season, preparing machinery, obtaining supplies for spring fieldwork, and doing chores. Other activities included attending farm sales and meetings, preparing tax schedules, and planning spring crop programs.

CROPS

Winter wheat continues to deteriorate in some areas of the State, bringing the reported condition to mostly fair statewide with remaining counties reporting poor conditions. A few reports indicate blowing

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soil in dry, unprotected fields. The best wheat condition was reported in the North-west and South Central Districts but even these areas had only fair as the highest rating.

LIVESTOCK

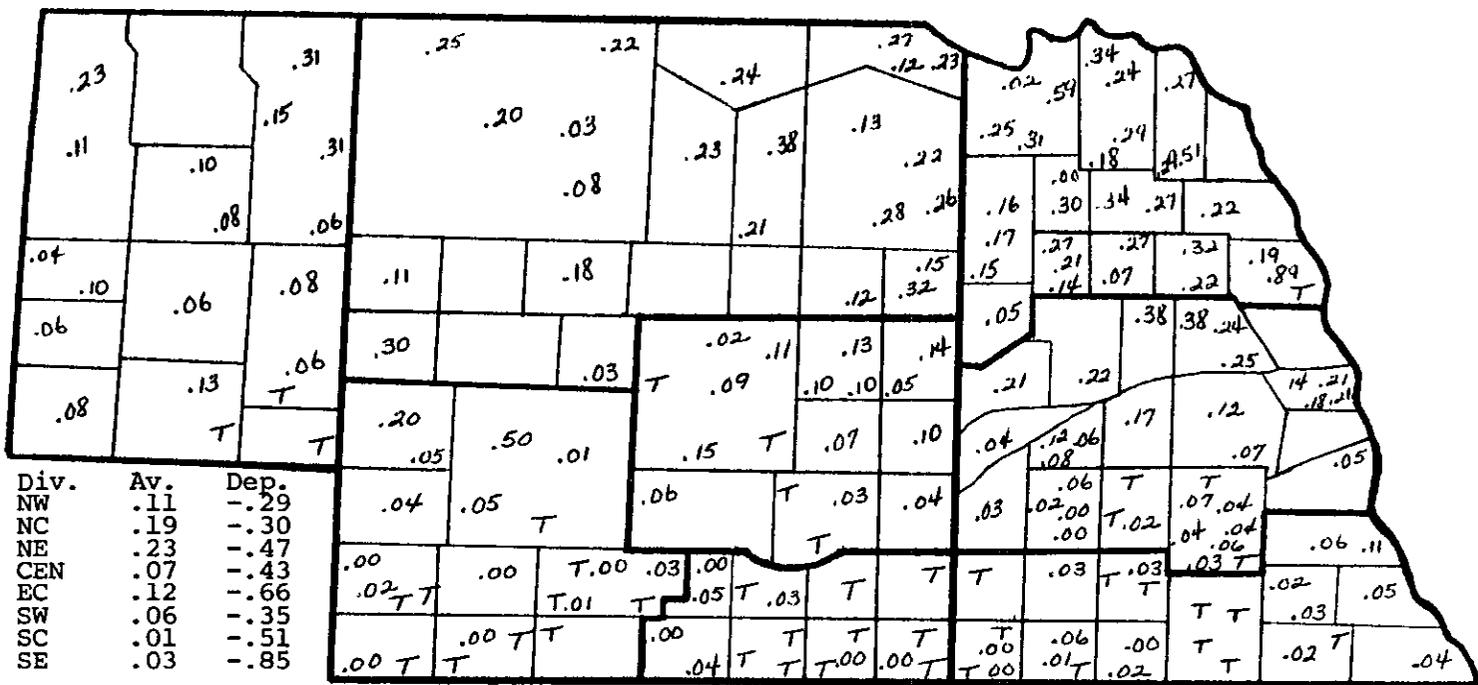
Cattle on pastures and ranges continue to need supplemental feed. Most areas have had an open fall and winter which has allowed extended grazing time and has reduced the need for extensive supplemental feeding. Some cattle are being moved to unused stalk fields for more gleaning, while cattle in other areas are being given supplemental feed to carry them through the winter. Of the counties reporting, nearly 50% of the corn and milo stalks were being pastured last week. Slightly over one-half of the counties reporting indicated average feed grain supplies with the remainder mostly above average. Over one-half indicated average hay supplies with the remainder mostly below average.

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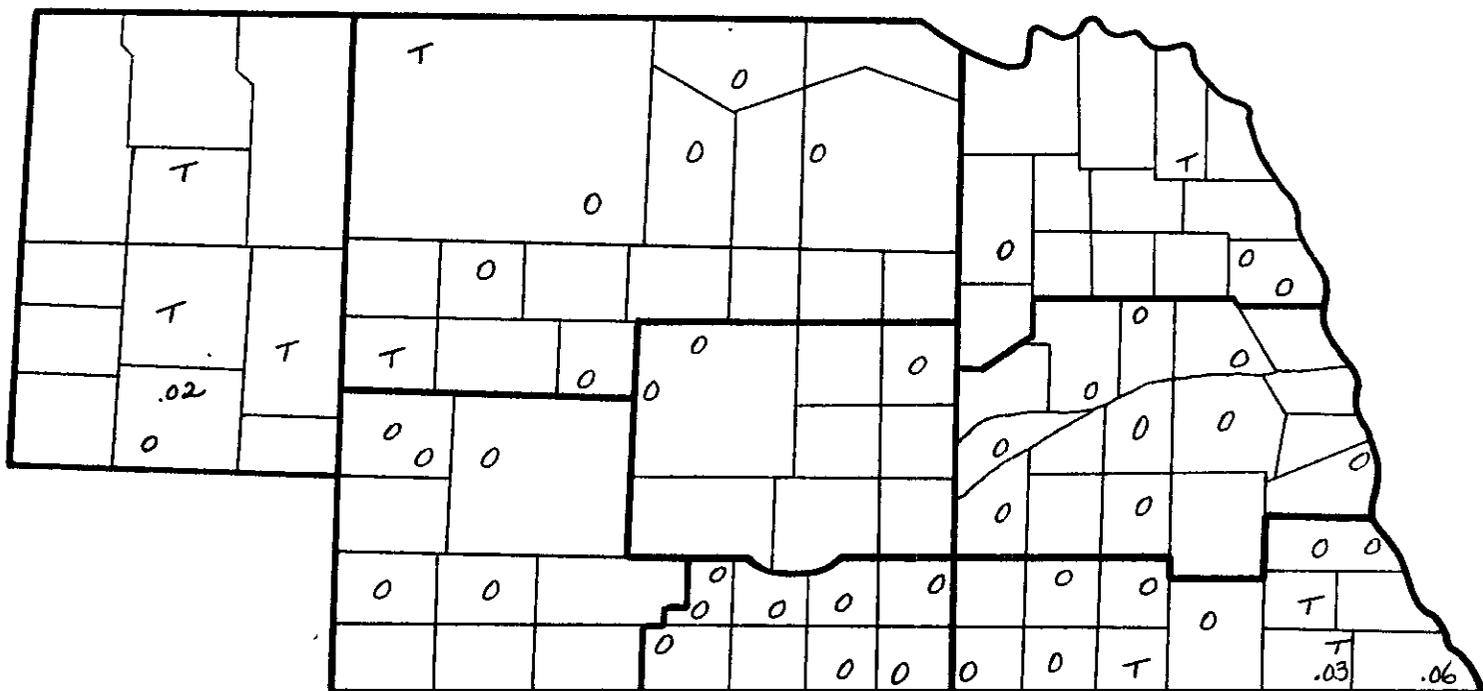


PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1976 1/



1/ Courtesy Conservation & Survey Division, University of Nebraska.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1977



NEBRASKA--PRECIPITATION DATA, 1970-1976

YEAR	CROP REPORTING DISTRICTS								STATE AVERAGE
	North-west	North	North-east	Central	Eastern	South-west	South	South-east	
I n c h e s									
1970.....	14.81	17.62	23.95	19.36	25.60	14.08	19.81	28.08	19.41
1971.....	18.41	23.99	25.82	24.61	27.21	23.31	24.72	27.33	23.85
1972.....	17.16	22.01	29.77	23.20	32.49	18.66	24.48	29.97	23.65
1973.....	20.45	25.46	30.42	30.75	38.95	24.22	32.65	46.43	29.24
1974.....	11.88	14.79	18.10	16.49	20.54	14.69	15.67	18.88	15.80
1975.....	14.09	17.42	24.62	23.09	24.85	18.69	24.36	28.16	20.45
1976 <u>1/</u> ...	13.29	16.62	16.59	20.96	18.92	15.69	18.00	23.14	17.24
Normal....	17.37	20.96	25.85	23.00	28.36	19.34	23.91	30.90	22.72

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