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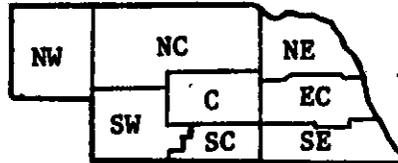
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## WEATHER

Temperatures averaged two degrees above normal in the west and six degrees below normal over the remainder of the State. Precipitation occurred at the beginning and end of the week with amounts from a trace up to four tenths of an inch.

## WINTER WHEAT

Winter wheat condition was rated at 19% poor, 76% fair, and 5% good. Producers reported it was too early to estimate the extent of possible damage caused by the cold weather before there was snow cover. There was as much or more concern about the lack of moisture. Producers feel that with adequate spring rains, much of the crop should recover.

## GENERAL

The main activities last month were: livestock care, machinery repair and maintenance, attending meetings and a few farm sales, doing bookwork and taxes, purchasing supplies, and handling grain. Very little field work was done due to the cold and snow. Snow cover was reported for most of the State except for the southwest and the Panhandle, which reported scattered patches. Farmers are still concerned about the low soil moisture conditions.

## LIVESTOCK

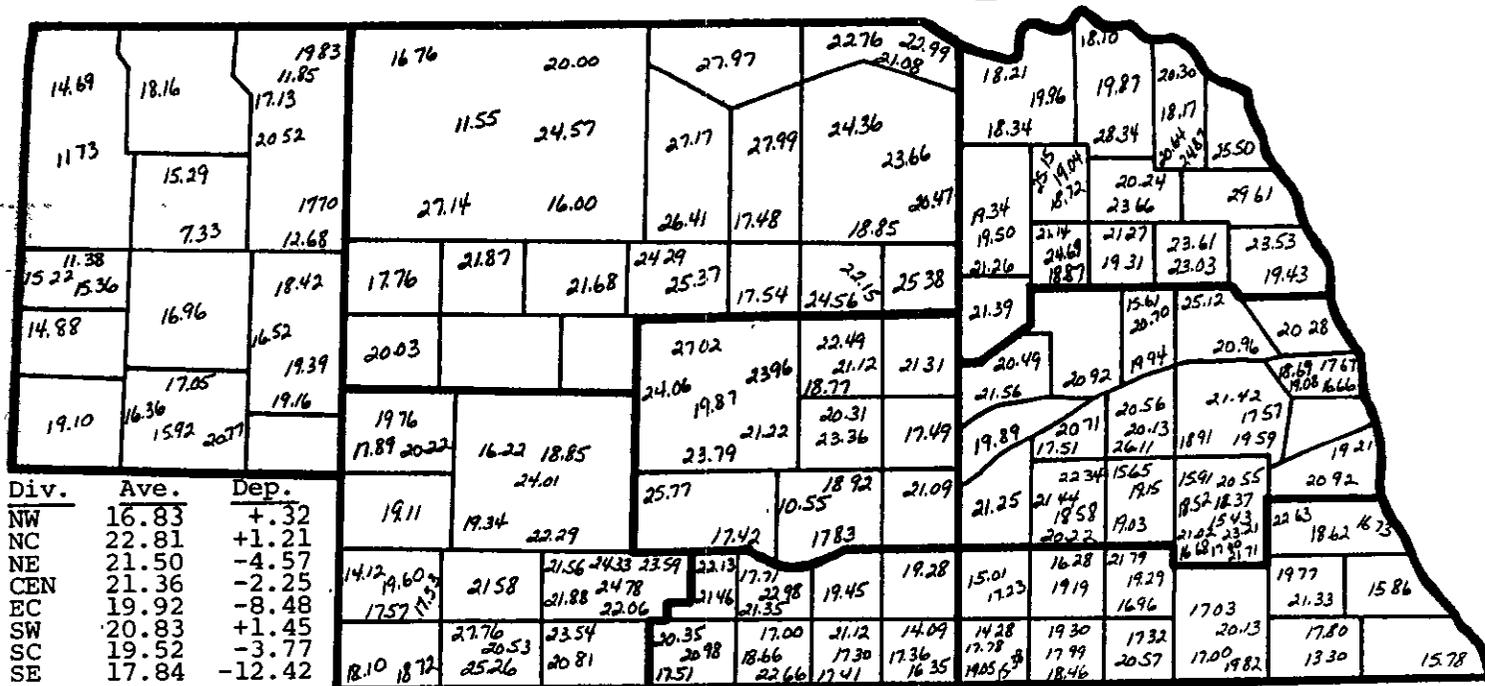
Feed grain, hay and forage supplies were rated mostly adequate. Pasture and range feed was short to adequate. Most hay markets were strong as supplies were getting shorter due to snow cover on crop residues. Calving was 11% completed, with most problems and losses occurring early in the month when the very cold weather hit. Lambing continued throughout the month and higher losses were also reported early in the month.

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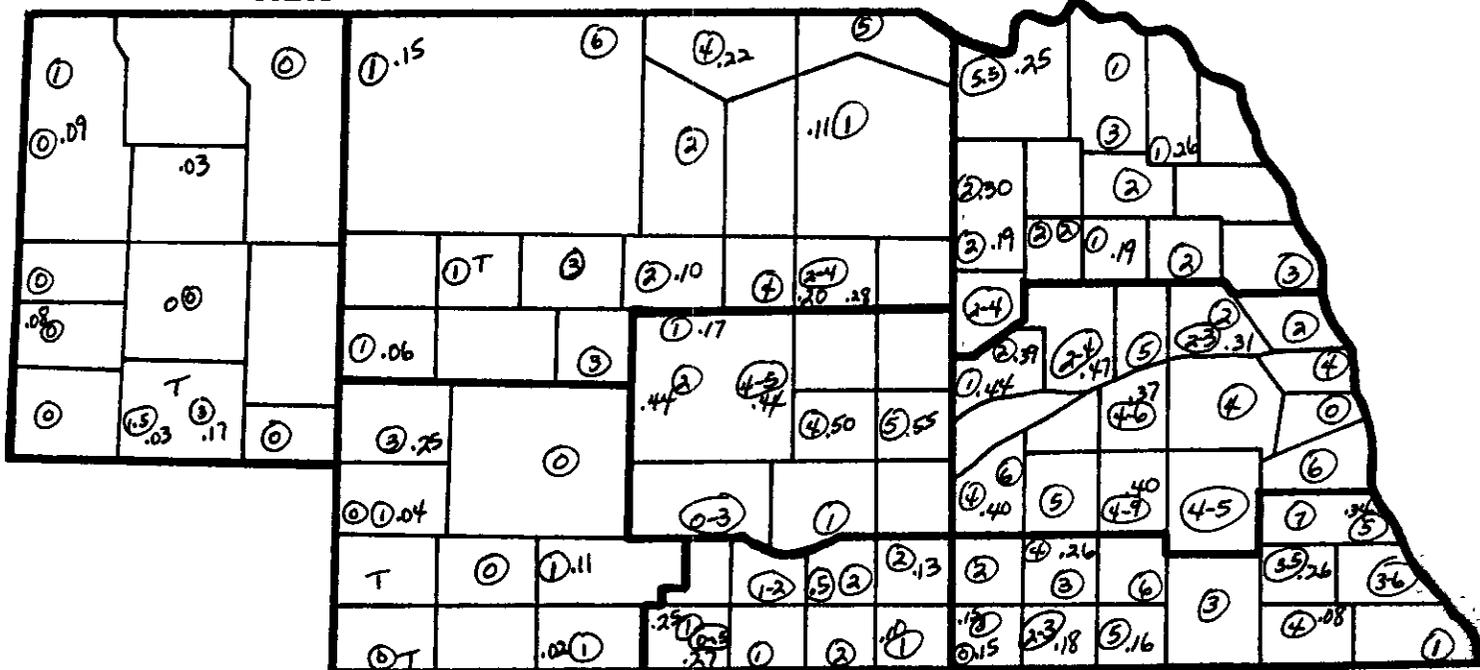
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ANNUAL PRECIPITATION MAP FOR 1988 1/



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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1989



Circled numbers indicate depth of snow (inches) reported by county agents, vocational agriculture instructors and PCA representatives.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1989

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	61	17	35	--	T
Scottsbluff	64	20	36	+4	.37
Sidney	65	20	35	--	T
NC Ord	53	-6	24	--	.40
Valentine	56	2	27	+1	.10
NE Norfolk	51	-13	21	-5	.09
Sioux City	50	-8	21	-5	.08
CEN Grand Island	56	-5	23	-7	.05
EC Lincoln	49	-16	22	-7	.19
Omaha	47	-3	22	-6	.13
SW Imperial	70	16	36	--	--
North Platte	67	13	31	+2	.26

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.