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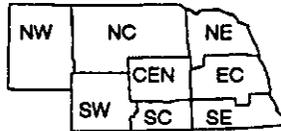
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## WEATHER

Temperatures averaged from two to six degrees above normals. Precipitation occurred the latter half of the week with amounts varying from a trace in the northwest up to over 1.50 inches in the northeast.

## GENERAL

The main activities of Nebraska farmers and ranchers this past week, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service, included calving and lambing, acquiring spring planting supplies, equipment readiness activities, and some field work. Field work consisted mainly of shredding stalks, discing, fertilizer applications, and some oat and sugar beet planting.

## CROPS

Winter wheat condition was rated at 5% very poor, 17% poor, 32% fair, 43% good, and

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3% excellent. Several reports from across the State indicated some problems with winter kill and spotty stands within fields. In a few instances, fields with bad stand losses were disced up.

Oat seeding was 29% complete, well ahead of last year at this time and the 5-year average. Seedbed preparations continued where surface conditions were not too wet.

Sugar beet field preparations have begun with some planting activity in progress.

## LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was reported at 89% of normal. The near ideal calving weather has helped keep calf losses this spring to mostly below average as well as providing a good environment for the spring calving at 63% complete. Feed lots were beginning to dry out at week's end.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF MARCH 29, 1992	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% oats sown	6	7	26	17	34	28	43	77	29	NA	13	7
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF MARCH 27, 1992												
Days suitable	6.3	6.9	6.2	5.2	4.6	4.7	3.9	2.7	5.0	NA	3.6	
Topsoil moisture - Short (Percent)	7	0	0	0	5	0	0	17	4	NA	28	
- Adequate	93	100	94	85	90	80	85	83	89	NA	63	
- Surplus	0	0	6	15	5	20	15	0	7	NA	9	
Subsoil moisture - Short (Percent)	20	7	6	31	18	0	15	67	20	NA	70	
- Adequate	80	93	88	61	77	90	69	33	75	NA	29	
- Surplus	0	0	6	8	5	10	16	0	5	NA	1	

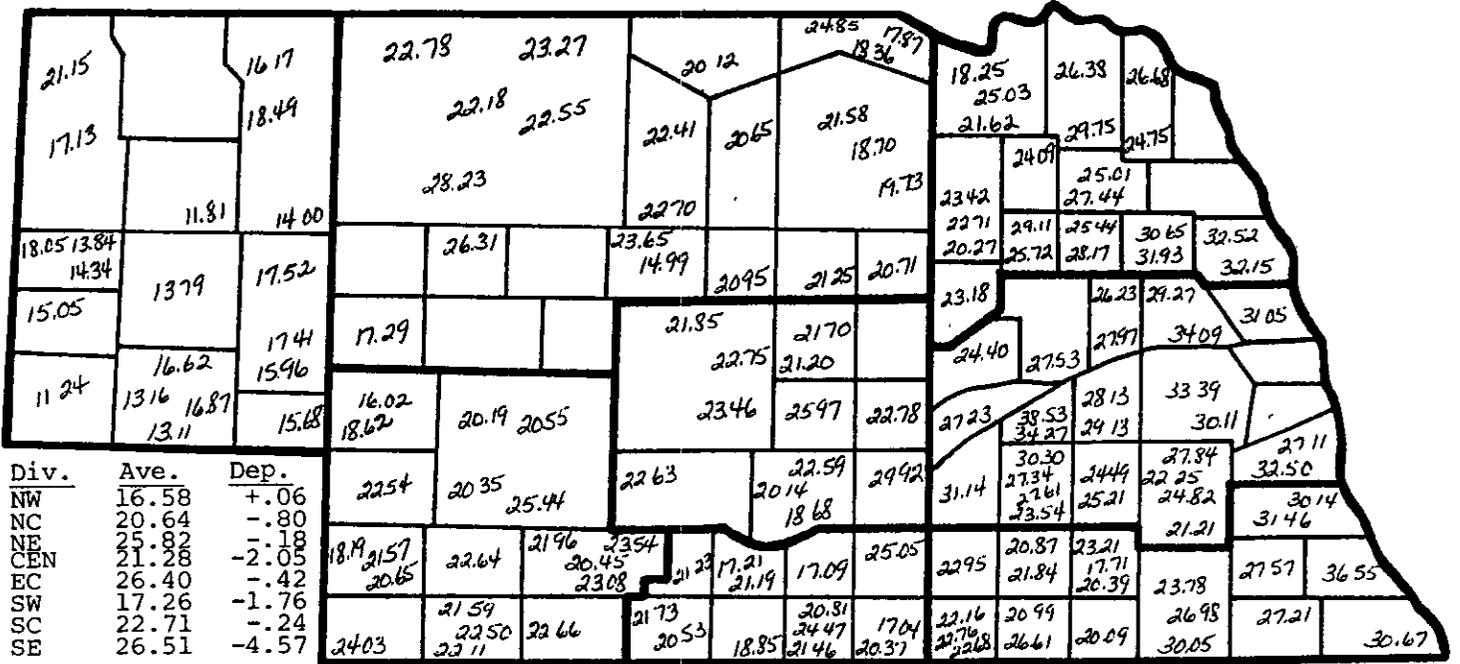
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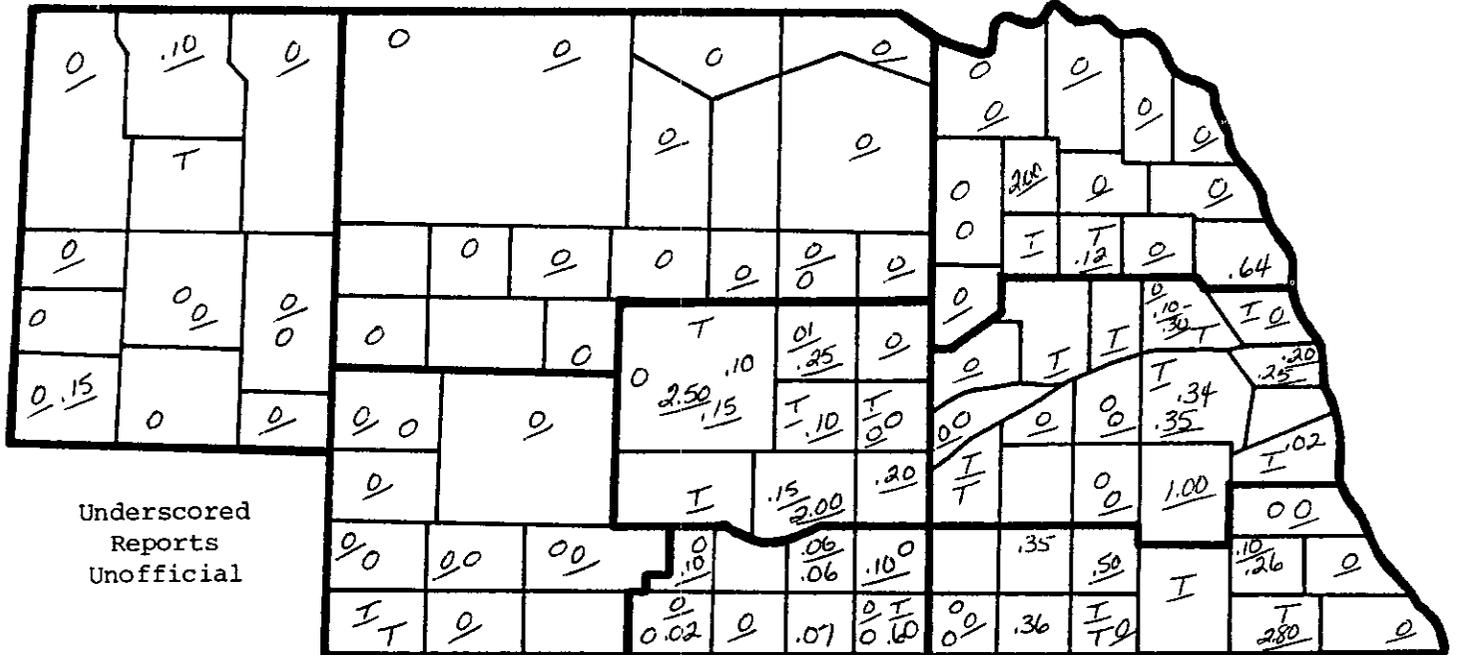
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ANNUAL PRECIPITATION MAP FOR 1991 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Department of Agricultural Meteorology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1992



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 1992

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	72	20	44	---	---
Scottsbluff	67	14	44	+6	T
Sidney	62	18	43	---	.68
NC Valentine	66	17	40	+4	.02
NE Norfolk	71	21	42	+4	.85
Sioux City	69	18	41	+2	1.53
CEN Grand Island	66	26	43	+3	.56
Ord	69	20	43	---	.31
EC Lincoln	65	22	43	+2	.75
Omaha	65	24	43	+3	1.13
SW Imperial	65	21	42	---	---
North Platte	68	24	42	+4	.31

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.