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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 2-9-53

WEATHER The week was considerably warmer than normal, with little day to day change. Light rains fell over most of the State Thursday, and light rain was falling in the northeast and light blowing and drifting snow in the Panhandle at the end of the week.

January was warmer than usual, with average temperatures ranging from near or slightly above normal along the Missouri River to the highest of record in the west. The northeastern and east-central portions of the State received normal or more precipitation, but elsewhere the month was generally dry. Several stations in the southwest had no precipitation of consequence.

CROPS The above normal temperatures last week started much of the wheat growing, particularly wheat in western Nebraska. Considerable wheat is being pastured in the Panhandle. Moisture is still short in western Nebraska, particularly in the southwestern portion. Snow in the Panhandle early this week brought .20 to .30 of an inch of moisture. A little damage to wheat from winds was reported last week. Snow remained on the wheat fields longer in eastern Nebraska, but there has been some growth of wheat since the snow melted.

Comments on the outlook for wheat are becoming more optimistic each week. Most of the counties that had wheat that did not sprout last fall are reporting that wheat is now sprouting. Only one county reported that the seed had rotted. There is a little apprehension that wheat that has started growth might lose its winter hardiness to the extent that it could be damaged later by a sudden drop to zero temperatures. This would be more likely to occur if the soil is dry.

There were also a few reports that pasture and alfalfa have started to grow due to the above normal temperatures of the past week. Some further activity in preparation of land for spring seeding was reported from southwestern Nebraska where there may be some increase in the acreage of barley, oats and even spring wheat on land that was not seeded for wheat last fall because of the dry condition. Some barley has been sown and some farmers are ready to sow spring wheat. The demand for fertilizer is good and there are some reports of a short supply.

Movement of potatoes has been slow. One report from the North Platte Valley indicates a drop of \$1 per cwt. and that the supply of certified seed potatoes is ample for only about one-third of the usual acreage.

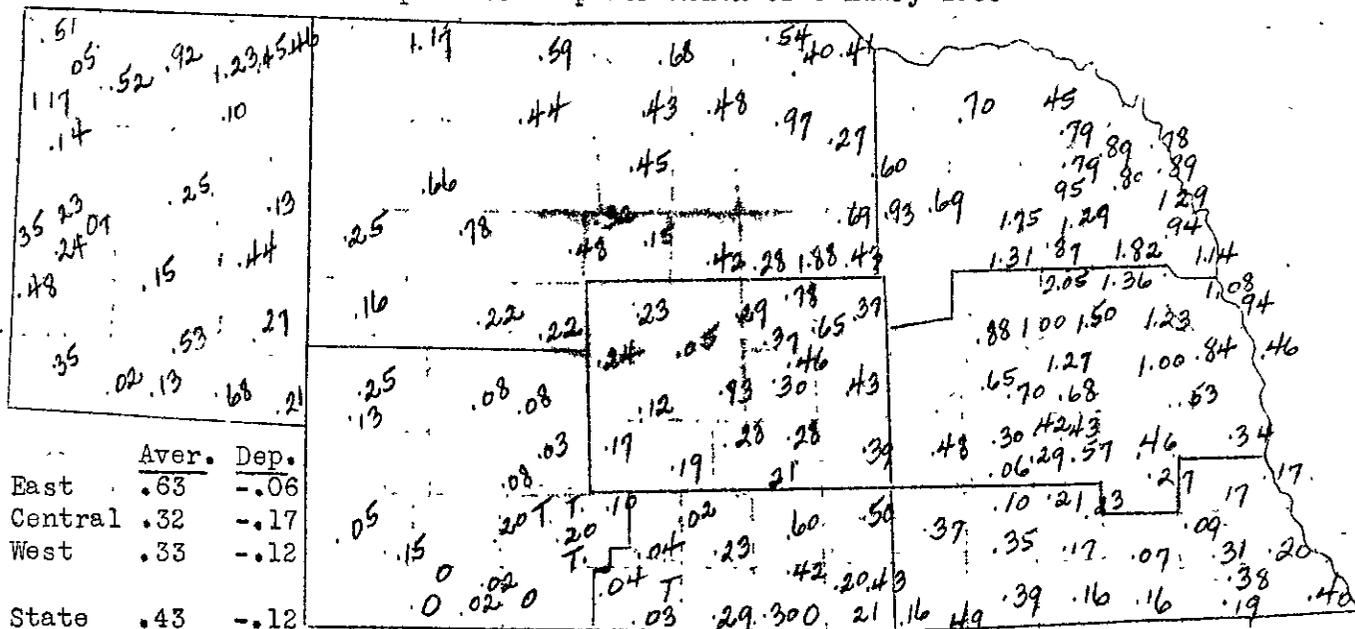
LIVESTOCK Last week was highly favorable for livestock. Early calves, lambs and pigs are arriving. The demand for pigs is increasing and there is more interest in dairying. Hay is still moving out and some at a lower price. One county reports heel flies about six weeks ahead of the usual time. Some further delay in marketing corn fed cattle is reported.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 9, 1953

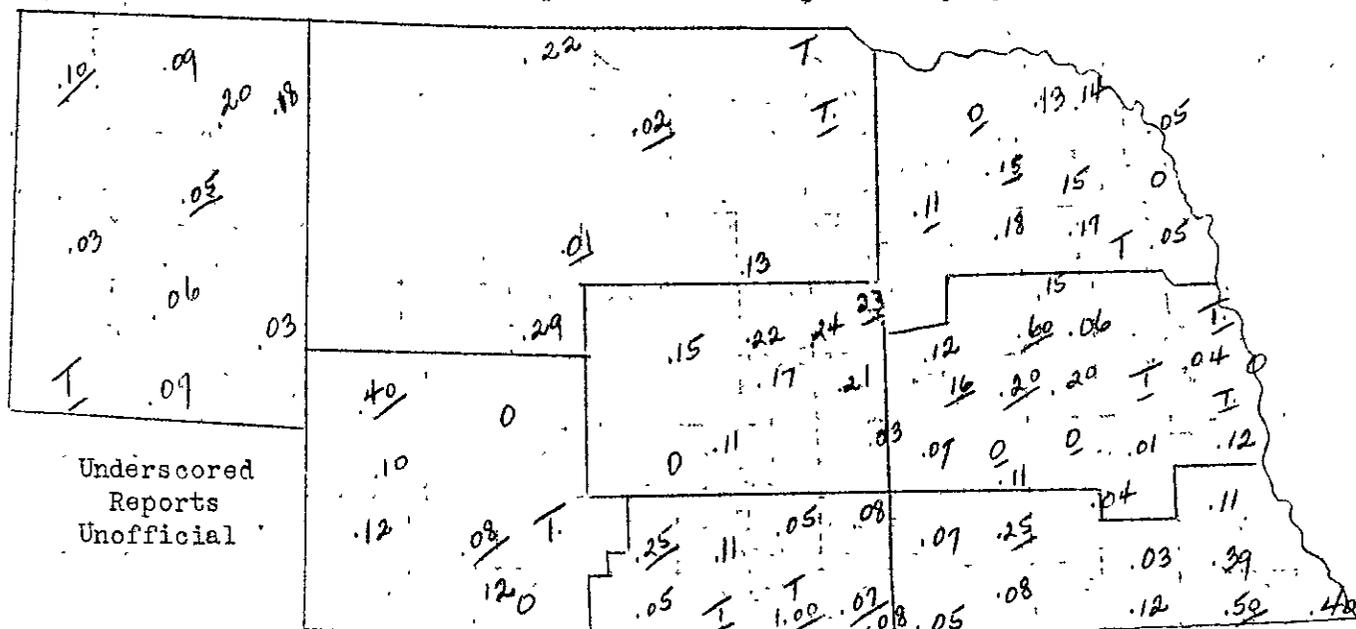
<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Grand Island	.04	Burwell	.13	Chadron	.15
Lincoln	.01	Lexington	0	Imperial	.12
Norfolk	.24	North Platte	0	Scottsbluff	.03
Omaha	0	Valentine	.22	Sidney	.05
Sioux City	.09				

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Precipitation Map for Month of January 1953



Precipitation Map for Week Ending February 6, 1953



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		February													
		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th		9th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	52	32	56	33	57	30	40	20	41	26	46	24	44	25
	Scottsbluff	56	31	63	31	62	29	44	16	43	23	47	23	48	25
	Sidney	52	29	62	28	60	29	42	18	42	21	48	23	49	25
N-C	Burwell	--	--	--	--	--	--	45	27	44	23	43	26	53	32
	Valentine	42	31	53	34	54	33	40	23	42	23	43	27	--	26
NE	Norfolk	32	22	47	22	49	27	41	27	43	25	40	25	37	33
	Sioux City	30	22	39	19	45	27	37	27	44	21	36	18	38	32
Cen.	Grand Island	--	31	--	--	--	--	38	30	47	25	48	30	45	35
	Lexington	54	25	62	26	61	31	47	22	48	20	50	24	45	32
E-C	Lincoln	35	30	46	31	56	34	42	31	45	29	44	30	44	41
	Omaha	30	27	44	28	55	30	38	30	43	26	40	25	42	37
SW	Imperial	55	31	61	32	48	35	45	23	47	23	50	23	48	--
	North Platte	56	27	61	24	--	--	46	19	46	20	47	27	46	32