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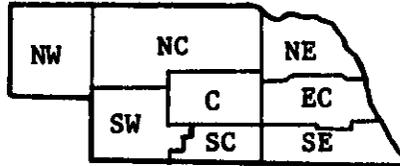
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged 5 to 11 degrees above normal during the last week of February. Scattered light rain in the southeast amounted to less than .05 inch.

GENERAL

Temperatures fluctuated widely during the month as weekly averages fell 15 to 20 degrees below normal during the opening days of February. However, the cold conditions gave way to temperatures well into the 70's during parts of the last half of the month. Precipitation during February was very light statewide. Only limited snow cover remained in a few northern counties. The State's winter wheat crop was beginning to green up across southern and central Nebraska. The warm conditions have also caused some grain storage problems with close monitoring needed. Moisture supplies were shortest in many Panhandle counties allowing early tillage operations to begin.

Farmers and ranchers have been busy purchasing crop inputs, working income tax returns, caring for livestock, as well as attending educational meetings and farm sales.

CROPS

Winter wheat crop condition rated 12% fair, 83% good, and 5% excellent. This continues well above last year when only 15% of the crop rated in good condition or better. Moisture supplies in most Panhandle counties are very tight with more needed for good crop development. The extent of winter kill is not known at this date; however, expectations were that it was very limited.

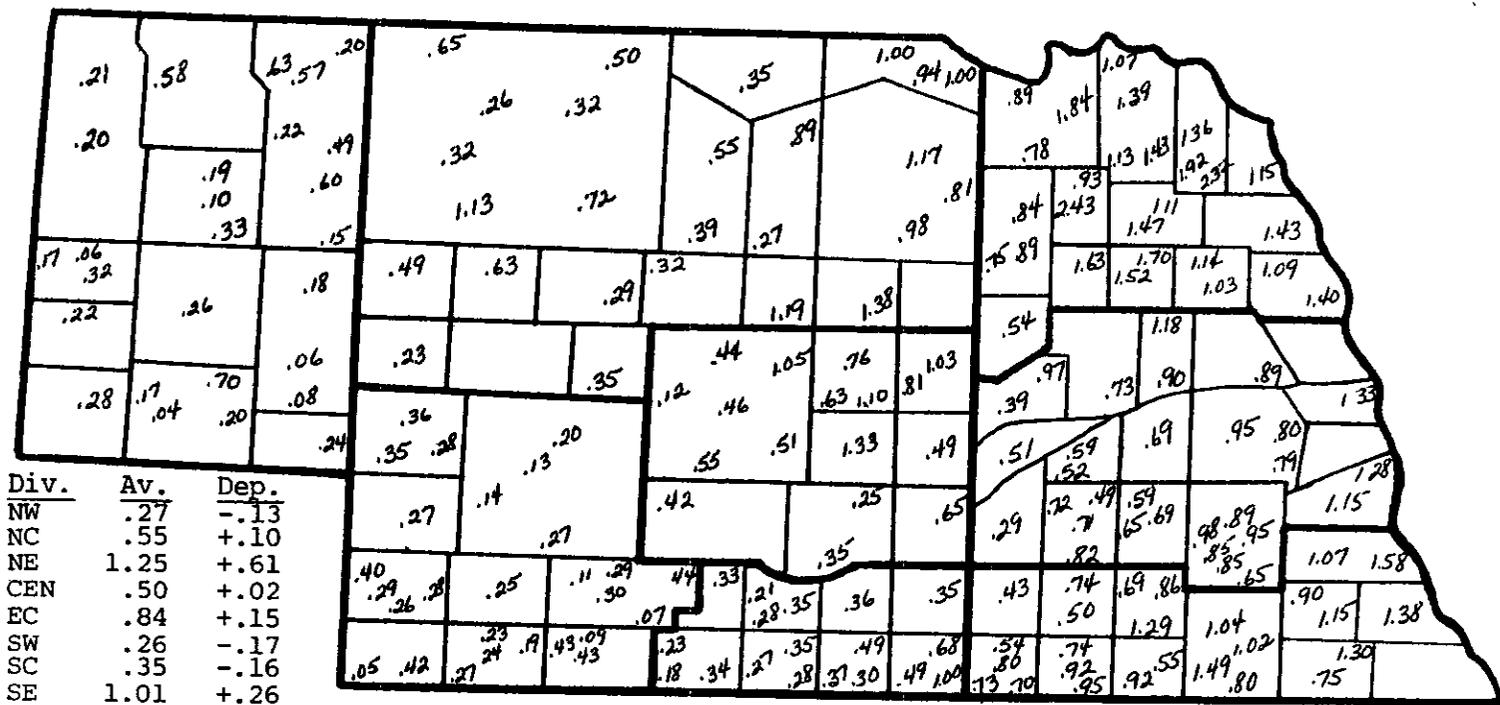
LIVESTOCK

The springlike weather has been helpful with the calving season; however, mud was a real concern in many feedlots. The melted snow cover allowed 30% of all corn and sorghum stubble to be pastured last week. However, this is below last year's 35% figure. Tight hay supplies were beginning to show up in parts of north central and southeastern Nebraska with the warmer, open conditions welcome.

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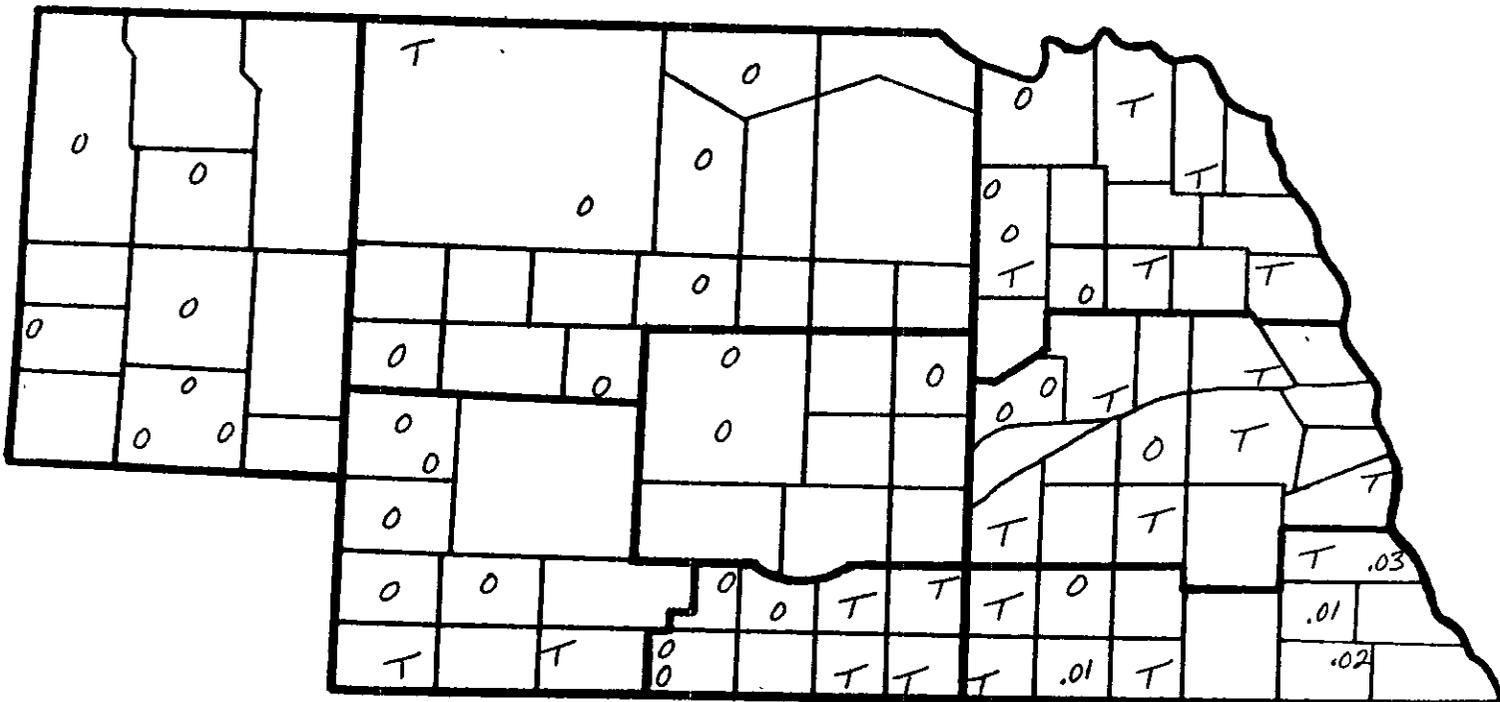
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1982 1/



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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1982



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1982

Station	Temperature				Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/	
	Max	Min				
NW	Chadron	72	15	38	--	T
	Scottsbluff	71	12	37	+6	T
	Sidney	76	8	36	--	T
NC	Ord	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	78	17	37	+11	T
NE	Norfolk	71	17	34	+8	T
	Sioux City	68	19	34	+8	T
CEN	Grand Island	76	19	35	+5	T
EC	Lincoln	74	18	35	+5	T
	Omaha	71	20	35	+7	.02
SW	Imperial	79	17	37	--	T
	North Platte	76	12	35	+5	0

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.