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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 3/18/47

WEATHER The week was cold, cloudy, and windy, with little precipitation except for moderate snow, which largely melted as it fell, over the southeastern and south-central portion of the State.

CROPS Winter wheat in south-central and in the eastern third of Nebraska was benefited by the moisture of the past week. Precipitation in the western and southwestern portions was too meager to benefit the wheat. Some slight damage was reported by winds of the past week in western Nebraska. The surface soil is too dry for winter wheat. The moisture situation is more favorable for the rye crop in north-central and northeastern Nebraska.

Farmers are eager for the weather to warm up so they can start spring farming operations. Some spring grain, grasses, and legumes were sown in southeastern Nebraska. Polk County reports some winterkilling of fall seeded alfalfa. There are several reports of country roads being in poor condition and some impassable especially in northeastern Nebraska. A few reports from northern Nebraska indicate a lack of good farm labor. Elsewhere a few reports still indicate a surplus of farm labor.

There is still a little unhusked corn. Reports indicate many farmers are shelling corn. Considerable corn is moving by truck. Kimball County reports a large quantity of wheat moved by truck since elevators are only averaging one car per week.

LIVESTOCK The weather has been unfavorable for newly born pigs. There is a good demand for brood sows but one county reports heavy brood sows being marketed at the current high price. In general, cattle wintered well considering the short supply of hay in some areas. Twenty-four percent of the counties reported a short supply of hay; 11%, a short supply of grain; 39%, a short supply of concentrates, and 34% reported shortage of range and pasture. About 21% of the counties reported a surplus of grain; 7% a surplus of hay.

The outlook for spring range and pasture is generally good because of the favorable subsoil moisture but warm weather is needed to start the grass. There are some reports of coyotes killing young calves in the sandhills and north-central Nebraska. There is a good demand for baby chicks. Some feeders are debating whether to continue to feed 1.50 corn or to send the cattle to market.

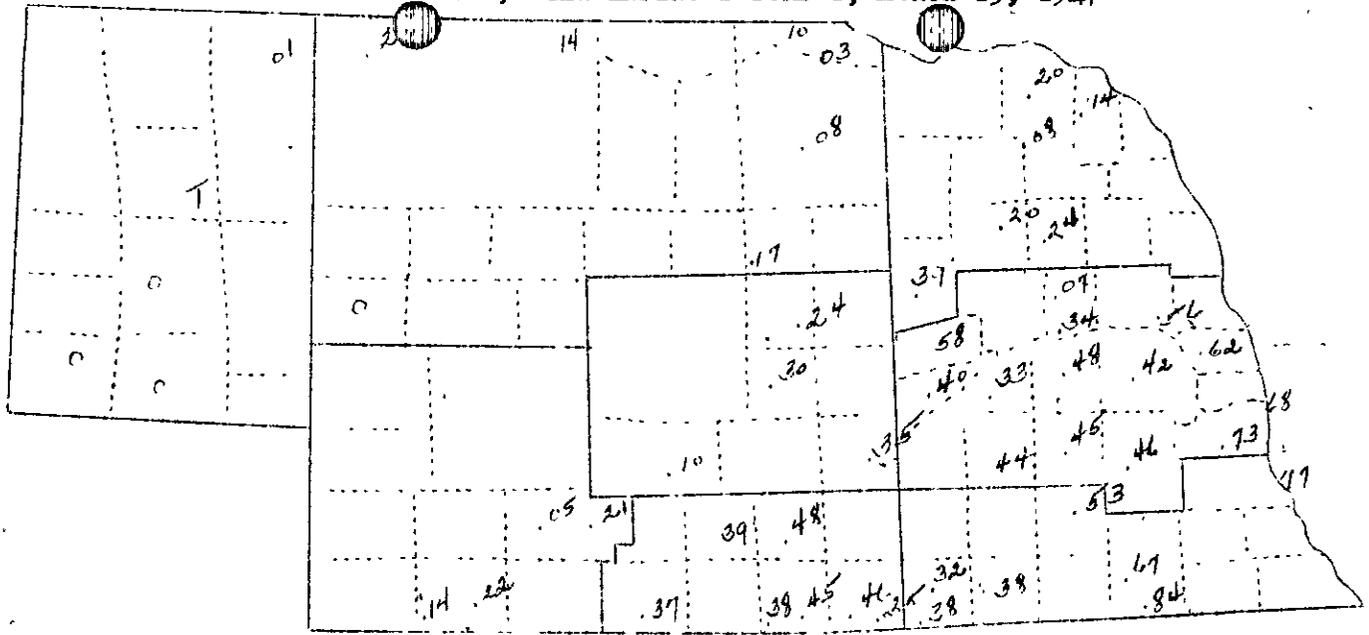
Precipitation for Week Ending March 18, 1947

Eastern Division	Central Division	Western Division
Grand Island .12	Eurwell .16	Chadron .03
Lincoln .46	North Platte .14	Hayes Center .06
Norfolk .21	Valentine .15	Sidney .04
Omaha .49		
Sioux City .14		

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PRECIPITATION, WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1947



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hrs. ending 7:30 a.m.)

		March													
		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	38	26	36	20	45	7	29	7	41	23	47	23	52	22
	Scottsbluff	47	26	43	17	48	14	33	5	42	22	52	21	58	23
	Sidney	43	26	41	21	48	15	34	3	40	25	55	19	55	23
N-C	Burwell	41	30	35	--	42	13	28	12	31	16	39	23	41	25
	Valentine	38	27	35	22	42	8	21	9	31	19	38	26	40	29
NE	Norfolk	41	35	37	30	34	14	30	14	28	20	34	20	34	29
	Sioux City	43	35	37	32	35	15	29	15	30	17	35	15	37	31
Gen.	Grand Island	42	34	36	29	42	15	31	15	33	20	39	27	41	30
E-C	Lincoln	46	38	38	34	40	20	32	20	39	21	41	26	39	32
	Omaha	47	37	42	32	39	23	32	18	31	21	38	18	36	31
SW	Hayes Center	47	29	33	19	50	--	31	13	37	17	56	29	54	31
	North Platte	45	29	34	19	49	16	32	12	34	17	51	29	52	25

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