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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged above normal, and were rather high from the 24th to the 26th, and cooler during the last three days. Light to moderate rain or snow fell over the southern and extreme eastern portions of the State, but there was very little precipitation in the north.

CROPS Most of the winter wheat improved. Warm weather prior to the snow started growth and the moisture from the snow was ideal for winter wheat. Some counties report considerable growth. The outlook for some of the late sown wheat is uncertain. Some oats and barley have been sown in wheat with poor stands. Others are waiting to see how the late sown winter wheat survived. In one south central county, a field survey indicated "about three-fifths of the wheat was still alive, but only one-third was in real good condition".

Warm weather and drying winds prior to the snow had dried some of the fields sufficiently that spring work had started and some oats and barley were sown. However, additional moisture from the melting snow caused further delay, particularly in the southeastern portion. In some counties, the moisture from the snowfall was too light to cause any material delay in planting operations.

Snow delayed some of the usual March planting of sugar beets in western Nebraska. Some spring wheat was seeded in northwestern Nebraska last week. In southwestern and southeastern Nebraska, some seeding of oats and barley had started, and some potatoes and gardens were planted. If windy, sunny weather continues, there should be considerable planting of spring small grains before the close of the week. Northeastern Nebraska still reports some frost in the ground.

LIVESTOCK Comments indicate some increasing interest in brood sows. There were some further reports of considerable loss of young pigs from the cold wave in early March. Some counties report an increasing interest in booking baby chicks. So far, the demand has been light due to present unfavorable prices of both eggs and chickens, and to the difficulty in getting oil for brooders. Reports for the west central group of States indicate a 43 percent reduction for April and May delivery, and a 39 percent reduction for the country as a whole.

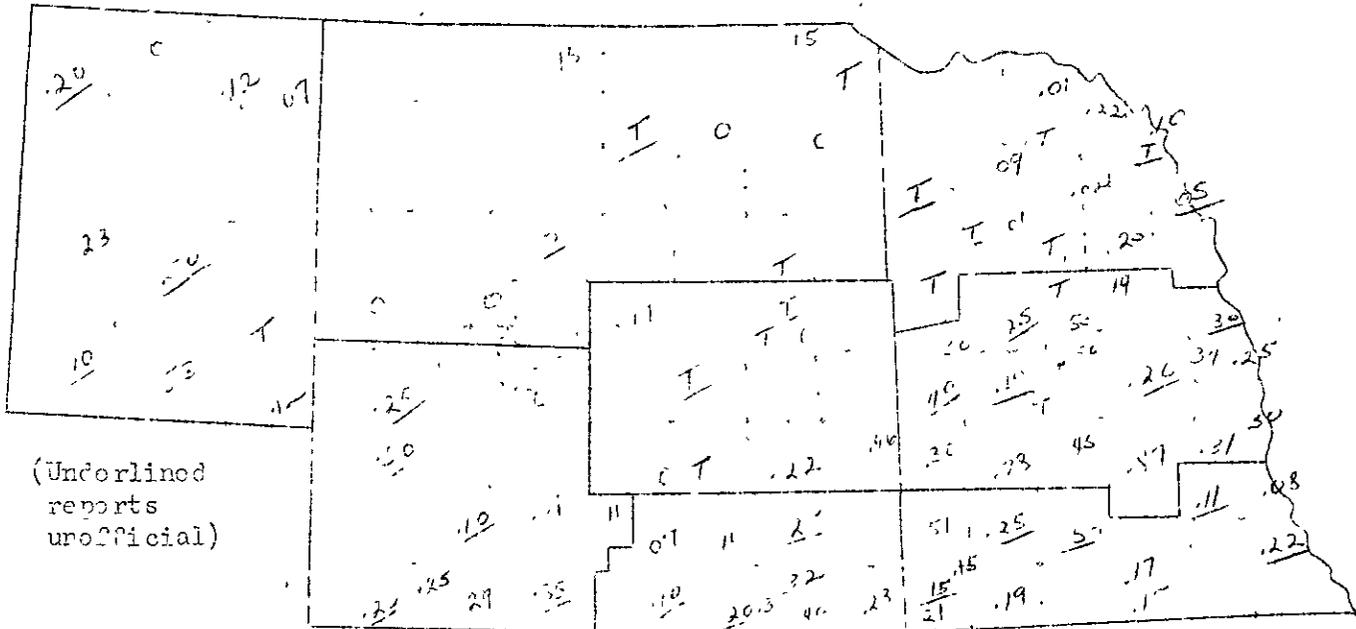
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Reports on shipments of stocker and feeder cattle to Nebraska country points in February were down 35 percent for the first two months of the year and for the 8 Corn Belt States there was a drop of 36 percent. Receipts of stocker and feeder lambs at Nebraska country points were down 34 percent for the first two months of the year and for the 8 North Central States there was a reduction of 61 percent compared to the first two months of 1947.

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WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 29, 1948.

Eastern Division	Central Division	Western Division
Council Island .46	Burwell 0	Chadron 0
Lincoln .57	North Platte 0	Hayes Center 0
Portfolk .01	Valentine 0	Scottsbluff .23
Omaha .25		Sidney .53
Stoux City .10		

PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 27, 1948



(Underlined reports  
unofficial)

HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hours ending 6:30 a.m.)

		March													
		23rd		24th		25th		26th		27th		28th		29th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
IW	Chadron	62	33	72	26	76	28	52	25	36	23	53	23	66	24
	Scottsbluff	60	27	72	27	74	31	66	27	40	29	53	22	64	25
	Sidney	61	27	71	26	74	28	68	26	37	19	48	21	66	27
N-C	Burwell	60	--	--	30	76	--	75	--	--	--	43	--	69	--
	Valentine	62	34	66	34	76	50	65	23	--	--	45	28	67	30
NE	Norfolk	55	34	--	34	74	46	72	32	40	24	41	--	69	34
	Sioux City	56	31	68	35	74	43	69	35	57	27	41	22	65	34
Gen.	Grand Island	56	32	--	35	77	47	76	30	40	24	42	26	68	32
E-C	Lincoln	57	33	71	39	78	53	75	37	62	26	38	26	63	38
	Omaha	55	30	70	37	77	52	76	42	64	27	37	26	60	38
SW	Hayes Center	60	36	73	42	78	45	75	29	37	21	--	27	69	29
	North Platte	60	32	72	32	76	47	73	27	35	23	48	28	67	30

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