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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures were below normal first two days; remainder of week was generally much above normal. Maximum temperatures during latter part in 50's and 60's in west and central, and in 40's in eastern third caused rapid melting of snow cover. Only light scattered snows occurred during the week; many areas did not receive any moisture.

CROPS Snow which covered most of the wheat fields for the past month or six weeks has begun to disappear in the western half of the State. This snow covering has been ideal for winter wheat and most of the moisture from the melting snow should be absorbed by the soil. Most of the wheat in the eastern half of the State is still covered with snow, a number of counties having snow ranging up to 10 inches on the level during the past week.

A part of the range in the western portion of the State is again open, which will save the hay supply. A few shortages of hay are reported in eastern counties where a considerable portion was moved out due to the abnormally high price. Some cattle feeders are reporting a little shortage of hay. The State's hay crop was second largest of record and the supply may yet be ample if distributed properly. January 1 farm stocks are 4,086,000 tons against 4,741,000 tons a year ago, and 3,353,000 tons the 10 year average.

January 1 farm stocks of corn are large, with a total of 190.6 million bu. against 138 million bu. a year ago, and 174.7 million bu. the 10 year average. Oat stocks are low, with 30.3 million bu. on hand January 1, nearly 10 million bu. below both last year and the 10 year average. Barley stocks, at 2.5 million bu. are slightly below that of a year ago and about one-fourth of the 10 year average. Grain sorghum stocks are above that of a year ago and about the same as the average. Soy-bean stocks are above that of a year ago and more than twice the average.

Stocks of wheat total 37.4 million bu. against 23.2 million bu. last year and 29.7 million bu. the 10 year average. Rye stocks, at 476,000 bu. are slightly below that of a year ago and slightly more than one-third the average.

LIVESTOCK Nebraska sheep on feed January 1 are down 7% compared to a year ago. Numbers in the North Platte Valley are about the same as a year ago.

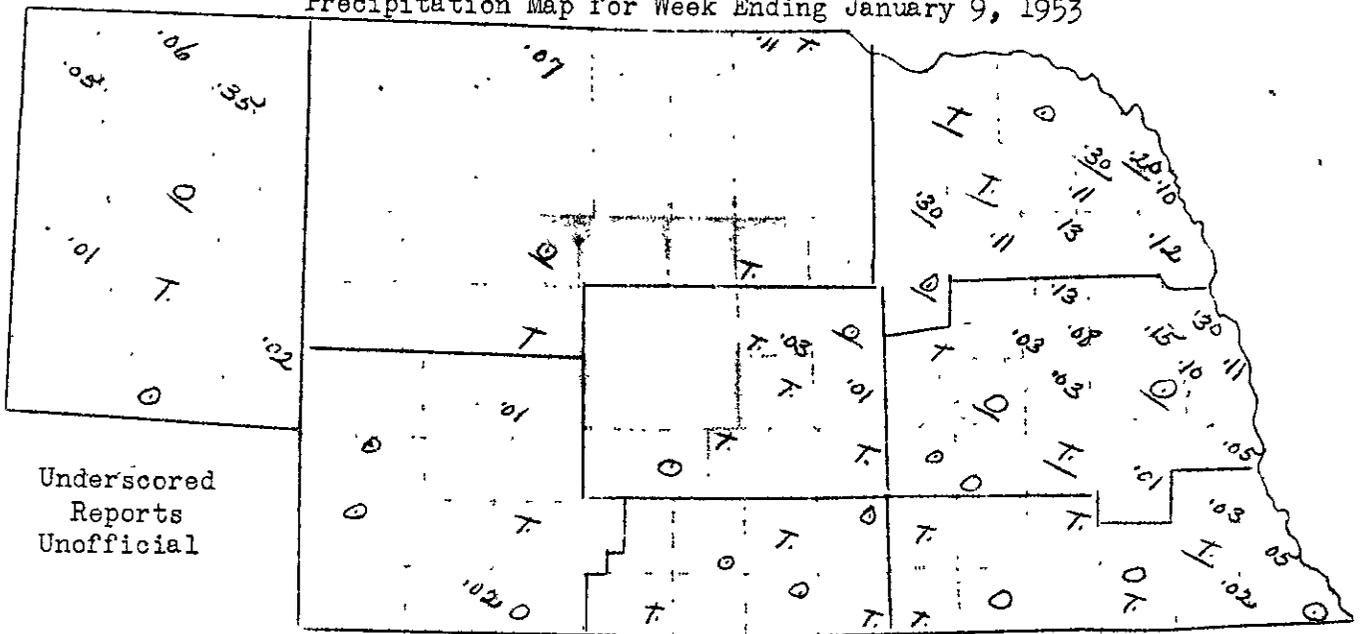
Sheep feeding in the United States is also down 7% compared to a year ago. Numbers on feed in the eleven Cornbelt States are down 2%.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 12, 1953

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island 0	Burwell 0	Chadron .06
Lincoln .01	Lexington 0	Imperial 0
Norfolk .10	North Platte .01	Scottsbluff .01
Omaha .11	Valentine .07	Sidney 0
Sioux City 0		

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Precipitation Map for Week Ending January 9, 1953



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

		January													
		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	36	10	27	18	49	33	47	--	61	38	52	28	59	41
	Scottsbluff	40	14	25	14	50	35	52	24	66	32	54	25	66	38
	Sidney	40	13	22	13	42	29	44	26	55	36	52	29	61	34
N-C	Burwell	28	9	11	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	43	18	--	--
	Valentine	31	6	15	10	40	30	45	18	44	37	49	22	52	39
NE	Norfolk	21	15	21	2	20	9	27	2	28	16	44	22	32	28
	Sioux City	15	11	19	0	22	14	30	7	24	10	41	10	28	21
CEN.	Grand Island	26	19	23	4	23	17	36	9	--	26	45	17	40	31
	Lexington	30	18	28	8	28	15	48	25	52	30	55	24	54	28
E-C	Lincoln	24	19	21	8	23	18	29	13	25	17	44	24	34	26
	Omaha	22	15	21	5	21	16	28	21	27	16	40	--	33	28
SW	Imperial	44	18	33	13	54	28	50	24	60	36	55	25	65	30
	North Platte	23	15	30	9	44	21	52	19	59	28	56	23	60	26

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