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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Light to moderate snow fell over most of the State on the 14th and 15th, accompanied by considerable blowing and drifting. Snowfall amounts up to five inches were reported locally in the Panhandle. Very warm weather at beginning of week was followed by the lowest temperatures of the winter on the 16th. Readings considerably below were general. The lowest reported was 21 below zero at Chadron.

CROPS Reports from the Panhandle state that winter wheat showed up green after the snow disappeared. Those from the central portion indicated that wheat that didn't come up last fall has sprouted since the moisture was received. The snow has been ideal for winter wheat and as a rule, it makes some growth under the snow. The situation looks more favorable now than it did last autumn but the outcome remains to be seen.

The production of Nebraska certified seed potatoes was estimated at 888,000 bu., slightly above that of last year and slightly above the 1941-50 ten year average. The area harvested, 4,319 acres, is less than last year and around 60% of the average. Yields were much better. Nearly 70% of Nebraska certified seed potatoes are Triumphs. Nebraska ranked third in the production of Triumph potatoes last year, being exceeded by N. D. and Minn. Rail shipments of potatoes totaled 2,901 cars up to the 15th of the month, compared with 2,666 cars to the same date last year.

Farm machinery is selling at much lower prices than a year ago at farm auctions. Land prices are still high and a report from Scotts Bluff county stated that the asking price of a 160 acre farm that could be purchased for \$17,000 in 1941, is now \$50,000. Reports continue to indicate a good demand for oats for seed.

Last week snow covered most of the northern half of the State varying from light to moderate. Some of the roads were blocked in northeastern Nebraska. Some of the telephone lines were down and powerline service was disrupted.

With few exceptions, grain feed supply was reported as ample to surplus throughout the State. Concentrates are generally ample with a few counties reporting a shortage. About 80% of the counties report an ample supply of hay and forage and 20% of the counties report local shortages. Range and pasture is reported short in about two-thirds of the counties and ample in the balance.

LIVESTOCK The storm last week was unfavorable for livestock but fortunately it was of short duration. The blizzard and sudden drop in temperatures were somewhat severe on cattle last week. Since range and pasture has been closed for a considerable length of time there is some apprehension as to whether the feed supply will be ample. Shipments of large quantities of hay out of the State has contributed to some local shortages. Cattle feeders are having some difficulty in getting sufficient hay.

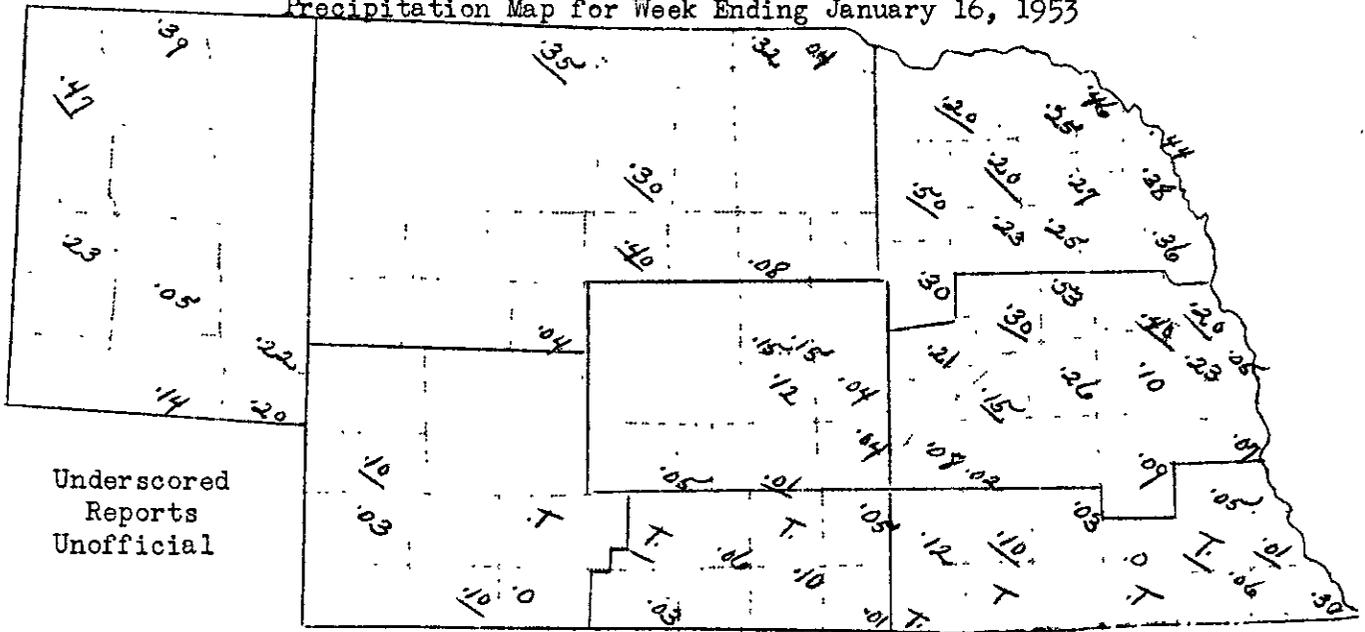
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 19, 1953

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .03	Burwell .08	Chadron .39
Lincoln .09	Lexington .05	Imperial .03
Norfolk .23	North Platte ---	Scottsbluff .23
Omaha .05	Valentine 0	Sidney .14
Sioux City .48		

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Precipitation Map for Week Ending January 16, 1953



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

		January													
		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	64	31	60	19	23	-5	10	-12	33	17	41	32	34	26
	Scottsbluff	61	30	58	24	31	--	21	-4	39	17	45	33	48	34
	Sidney	56	--	56	25	37	--	17	0	39	18	48	32	48	36
N-C	Burwell	--	--	--	--	28	-2	--	--	28	7	45	25	30	21
	Valentine	50	30	57	12	--	--	--	--	36	18	43	21	--	--
NE	Norfolk	46	22	40	21	24	0	10	-17	10	-1	27	17	30	14
	Sioux City	39	18	42	24	25	4	14	-16	31	-10	25	10	25	14
CEN.	Grand Island	52	28	42	24	28	2	8	-11	--	--	37	28	34	19
	Lexington	67	--	57	24	--	0	5	-10	26	8	47	27	37	25
E-C	Lincoln	45	28	40	25	28	7	7	-8	13	-9	34	11	33	19
	Omaha	48	28	40	23	31	8	--	-9	11	5	28	19	30	19
SW	Imperial	64	31	64	24	34	-1	10	-7	35	9	52	--	53	27
	North Platte	--	--	63	23	34	-1	3	-10	32	11	48	28	43	27

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