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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 1-18-54

WEATHER The week was colder than normal, with severe freezing over the State during the weekend. Light snow fell over the central and eastern portions of the State, but there was not enough to be of consequence any place. There was no precipitation in the west. Several days were rather windy.

CROPS With few exceptions, the winter wheat condition is reported good. The top soil is dry and a snow would be beneficial. The snow of the past week, while quite general except in the western portion, was too light to be of material benefit. Considerable of the wheat is moving to market.

Some potatoes are being marketed but at a very low price, ranging from 30¢ to 60¢ a hundred pounds. Some counties report considerable seed is being offered for testing. A number of samples of soil are being delivered for tests.

Winter barley in southwestern Nebraska is favorable so far. There is some apprehension as to the outcome of late seeded alfalfa. Good quality baled alfalfa is selling as high as \$30 per ton in some counties.

There is increasing interest in pump irrigation. Irrigated corn in southwestern and south-central Nebraska averaged five times as much as the dryland corn in those areas last year. A marked increase in pump irrigation is expected this coming season.

LIVESTOCK A few counties are reporting higher prices for finished cattle. This has resulted in some premature marketing of cattle. The exceptionally good quality of corn, together with the highly favorable weather, has brought larger gains on cattle on feed than usual. Gains up to 2.6 pounds per day are reported. While Nebraska cattle feeding is down 17% from the unusually high numbers a year ago, the total is still considerably above the average for January 1. Nationally, cattle feeding is down 9%.

Some sheep raisers are reporting the arrival of most of their spring lamb crop. Lambing is earlier than usual. While the January 1 report of sheep on feed indicated a drop of 6%, Nebraska still ranks first in lamb feeding. Numbers on feed are still the lowest since 1949. Nationally, sheep feeding is down 4%.

Some 60-lb. feeder pigs are bringing \$25 to \$27 per head. There is a good demand for bred gilts. Good litters of pigs are reported.

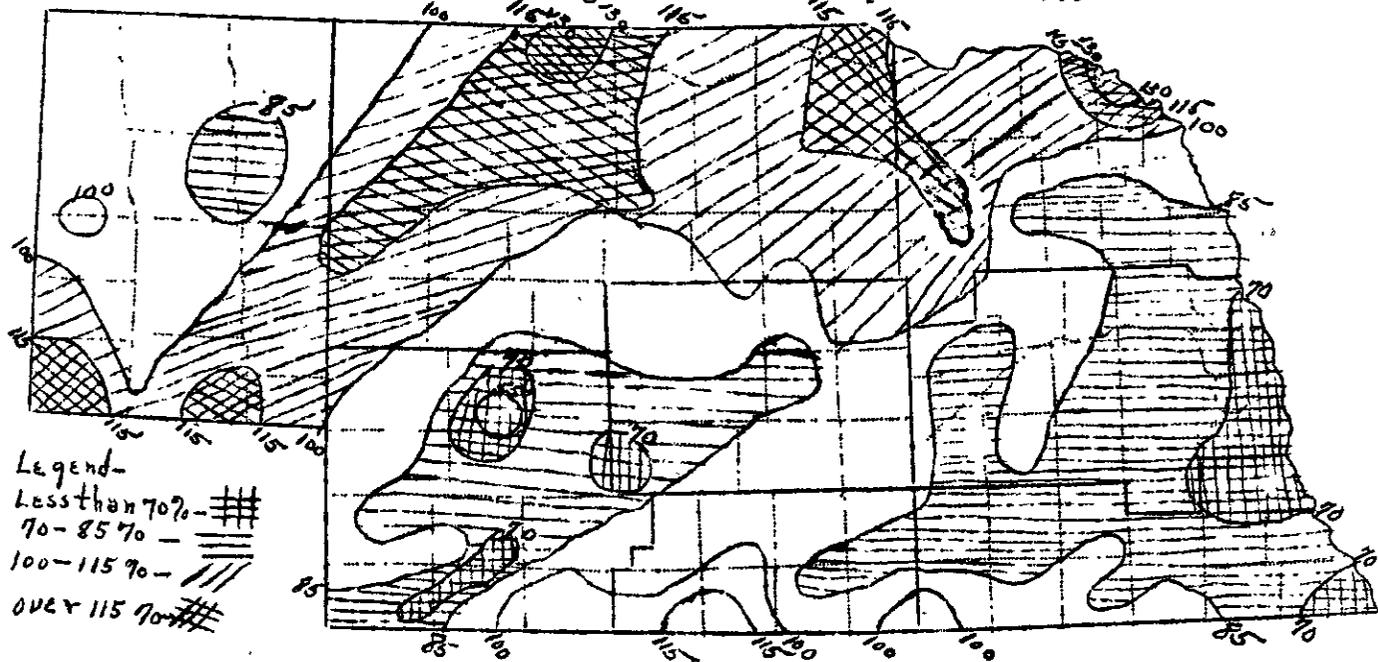
Low temperatures of the past week increased the need for hay and forage. Most of the counties are reporting ample hay and forage, with a few counties reporting a surplus. Many of the southern counties are reporting a short supply of hay and feed. With few exceptions, the grain supply ranges from ample to surplus.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 18, 1954

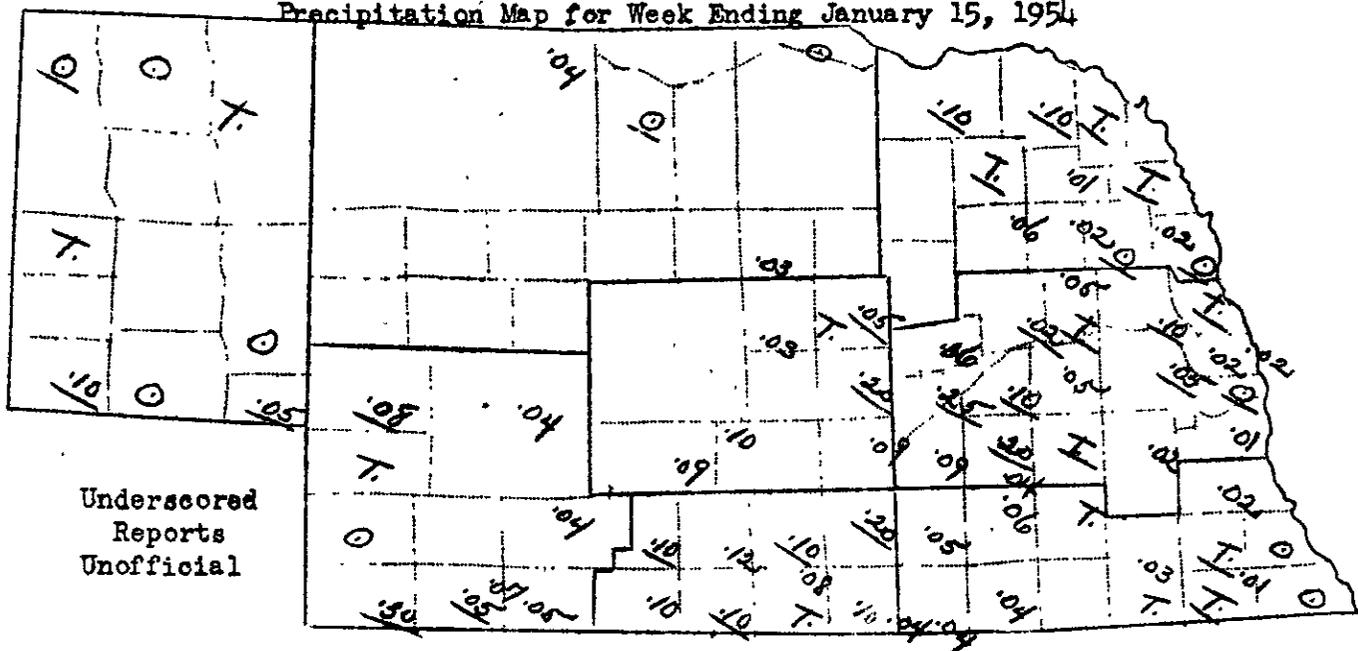
<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Grand Island	.09	Burwell	.03	Chadron	0
Lincoln	.02	Lexington	.09	Imperial	0
Norfolk	.06	North Platte	.04	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.02	Valentine	.04	Sidney	0
Sioux City	.06				

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Nebraska--Percentage of Normal Precipitation--1953



Precipitation Map for Week Ending January 15, 1954



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

		January 12th		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	27	21	28	10	37	13	50	4	43	-8	3	--	40	-3
	Scottsbluff	36	12	25	8	41	21	51	15	47	3	17	4	36	19
	Sidney	34	7	21	12	40	18	44	27	42	11	20	4	41	17
N-C	Burwell	28	10	21	14	16	11	33	20	21	-3	2	-5	17	11
	Valentine	23	9	25	15	38	19	41	9	38	-7	--	--	24	3
NE	Norfolk	27	4	20	13	23	8	34	26	29	-7	-2	-8	14	11
	Sioux City	23	-6	16	10	25	12	35	20	32	-7	-1	-7	13	9
CEN.	Grand Island	28	8	20	13	25	9	35	23	27	-3	4	-5	19	12
	Lexington	26	15	21	13	26	5	36	19	--	0	5	-3	17	10
E-C	Lincoln	24	3	19	15	30	18	33	32	34	0	5	-4	18	15
	Omaha	25	-2	16	12	30	15	34	32	34	-2	4	-4	21	12
SW	Imperial	32	18	22	12	40	14	39	17	32	5	12	1	24	15
	North Platte	29	18	22	15	37	14	34	17	26	3	6	-1	19	11