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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 2-1-54

WEATHER The week was dry in the central and west, but a little snow fell over the central and eastern portions of the State. Cold weather prevailed early in the week, but the remainder was mild. Temperatures averaged near normal in the eastern portion of the State to considerably above in the west.

January was dry. Temperatures averaged a few degrees below normal in the east, near normal in the central, and a few degrees above in the west. There was much sunshine. Cold winds blew on several days, particularly over the eastern portion of the State.

CROPS Reports on winter wheat for the past week vary from good to a declining condition due to dry weather and wind. Some damage was done by blowing, particularly in the lighter soils in the Panhandle. The snow of the past week was generally too light to be of material benefit but a few areas report some benefit. Precipitation has been extremely light since the third of December.

Grain feed supplies are reported ample in three-fourths of the counties. There were a few reports of shortage in southern counties but 20% of the counties reported a surplus. Stocks of corn in all positions were slightly below that of a year ago. While farm stocks comprised 68% of the total stocks, they were down 18% from a year ago. Stocks of oats and barley were also less than a year ago, but sorghum stocks were larger. Stocks of wheat in all positions are 39% greater than a year ago.

Supplies of hay and forage were ample in nearly 80% of the counties. Some shortage was reported in southern counties. The weather so far has been mild with few exceptions, which has reduced the need, but this was offset to some extent by earlier feeding last fall due to short pastures. Some counties report lower prices with surplus available unless the weather is unusually severe until grass is available. January stocks of hay were 11% below that of a year ago.

The production of honey varied considerably last year from very light in some areas to exceptionally good yields in other areas. The crop was down 12% but still 22% above the average. The U. S. honey crop was down 18%.

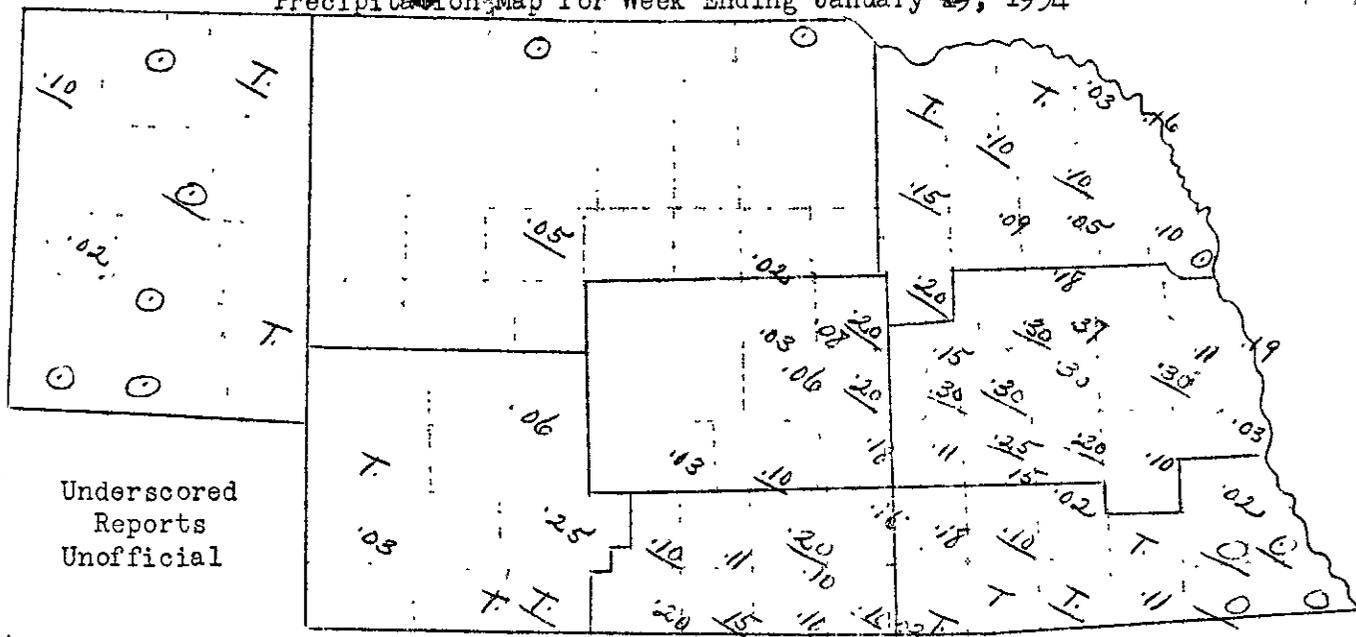
LIVESTOCK & POULTRY Reports on livestock were favorable. Some replacements of cattle were made after fattened cattle were marketed. Some calves were shipped to the country for cheap gains from grass next summer. There were a few losses of pigs from the zero temperatures. There is still a good demand for bred sows and feeder pigs. Some calving and lambing was reported last week. Some spraying of cattle for control of lice and grubs has been done and there is interest in testing for Brucellosis.

Heavy turkey breeder hens are down 7% with the same decrease nationally but light turkey breeder hens are up 40% for the U. S.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1954

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .18	Burwell .02	Chadron 0
Lincoln .10	Lexington 0	Imperial .03
Norfolk .09	North Platte .06	Scottsbluff .02
Omaha .19	Valentine 0	Sidney .01
Sioux City .16		

Precipitation Map for Week Ending January 29, 1954



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

		January						February							
		26th		27th		28th		29th		30th		31st		1st	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	7	6	34	12	47	32	69	27	45	24	49	25	61	36
	Scottsbluff	20	11	40	21	51	30	59	30	51	24	52	20	63	31
	Sidney	19	8	20	13	49	22	59	30	58	22	52	24	65	36
N-C	Burwell	11	- 8	10	- 8	41	20	53	25	46	25	37	17	57	35
	Valentine	5	0	19	10	42	28	60	28	43	25	--	--	60	39
NE	Norfolk	8	2	8	- 9	36	15	44	15	43	11	33	14	55	35
	Sioux City	9	2	12	- 8	28	7	39	10	43	9	30	14	48	36
CEN.	Grand Island	11	5	12	- 9	39	16	48	29	50	25	37	18	56	34
	Lexington	14	5	15	- 3	44	20	58	27	52	24	39	22	59	33
E-C	Lincoln	13	7	12	- 1	36	13	48	24	53	20	32	20	58	39
	Omaha	13	4	11	- 6	26	2	47	18	49	15	31	19	55	37
SW	Imperial	--	7	21	6	50	25	63	29	61	23	45	21	65	32
	North Platte	17	6	18	5	43	23	62	24	52	22	43	18	63	31

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