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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal, with warm weather at the beginning and close of the week, and moderately cold weather during the middle. There was much cloudiness, very little wind, and no precipitation of consequence.

CROPS Winter wheat has sufficient moisture in the topsoil after most of the snow melted. There was very little snow left in the western third of the state at the close of the past week, and at the present time there is very little snow left in the eastern two-thirds of the state. The soil was dry and sufficient frost had left the ground prior to the thaw so there was practically no runoff of water from the snow.

The moisture from the snow packed the soil around the roots of wheat and it is now in much better condition to withstand low temperatures. More snow covering would be beneficial and much more moisture is needed to penetrate the subsoil as soon as the balance of the frost leaves the ground.

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The demand has been good for red potatoes at higher prices and the car lot movement has increased. A total of 1,289 cars had been shipped to February 9 as compared with 1,095 cars for the same date a year ago. There has also been a little advance in the price of dry edible beans.

LIVESTOCK Most of the past week has been quite favorable for livestock. A number of the counties are reporting some surplus hay for sale while other counties are a little short. Reports indicate that about one-third of the counties are reporting a shortage of grain feed while the balance should have ample with some having a surplus. About one-fourth of the counties are reporting a slight shortage of hay and forage while the balance of the counties report ample supplies with some areas having a surplus.

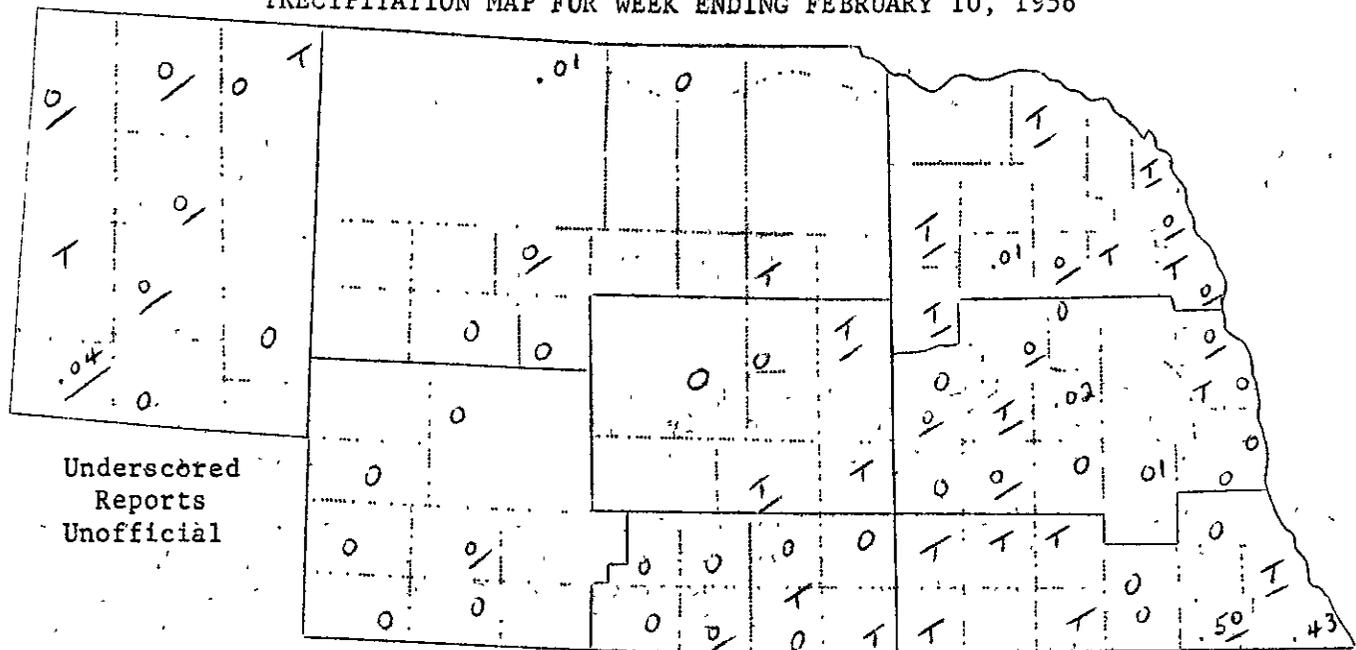
Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle to Nebraska country points July to December inclusive, totaled 350,496 head as compared with 477,632 for the same period in 1954. This is a decrease of 27%. January shipments totaled 43,482 cattle or 32% less than in January 1955.

A total of 500,363 sheep and lambs were shipped to Nebraska country points during the last half of 1955 as compared with 675,083 head for the same period in 1954, a decrease of 26%.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 13, 1956

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

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1956



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		Febr.		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th		13th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	48	29	41	23	35	16	40	20	46	27	39	18	52	22		
	Scottsbluff	45	26	36	24	32	7	39	15	42	25	35	17	48	25		
	Sidney	42	24	38	23	30	8	39	17	42	25	36	16	48	29		
NC	Burwell	36	19	37	28	31	3	37	23	36	9	34	9	41	17		
	Valentine	39	23	39	14	33	8	36	18	41	15	34	9	39	18		
NE	Norfolk	34	22	37	29	32	6	36	23	33	23	30	12	33	15		
	Sioux City	34	23	40	27	34	16	35	25	33	23	28	23	32	21		
CEN	Grand Island	36	23	37	28	32	11	38	27	38	21	35	18	40	30		
EC	Lincoln	41	25	38	29	36	12	37	24	37	29	31	25	40	35		
	Omaha	34	23	34	25	33	10	31	19	35	23	27	22	34	27		
SW	Imperial	50	25	39	25	32	9	44	20	45	25	41	15	54	28		
	North Platte	46	29	37	25	32	13	42	25	43	19	37	16	51	23		

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