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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The week opened rather cold, but mild weather prevailed after the first day. Temperatures averaged a few degrees above normal for the week as a whole. Sunshine was plentiful. There was little wind in the east, but a few days were rather windy in the west. No precipitation of consequence occurred.

CROPS Winter wheat needs a good rain. The surface soil is getting dry and there was considerable soil blowing last week in the Panhandle and southwestern Nebraska. Some of the wheat in the southern counties has started to green up.

There was no appreciable moisture in the wheat belt last week, but there was a little in north central Nebraska. Some reports indicate that the moisture which fell in the form of snow in the last half of January and middle and last half of February penetrated the soil to depths ranging from six inches to a foot after the snow melted. Much of the frost has left the ground and there was little run off moisture. Except for summer fallow and irrigated fields, the subsoil moisture is very short. Much rain will be needed to replenish the subsoil moisture supply.

There was a considerable number of farm auction sales reported. However, there are very few farms available for rent as reports indicate that the land is being taken over by operators of larger farms.

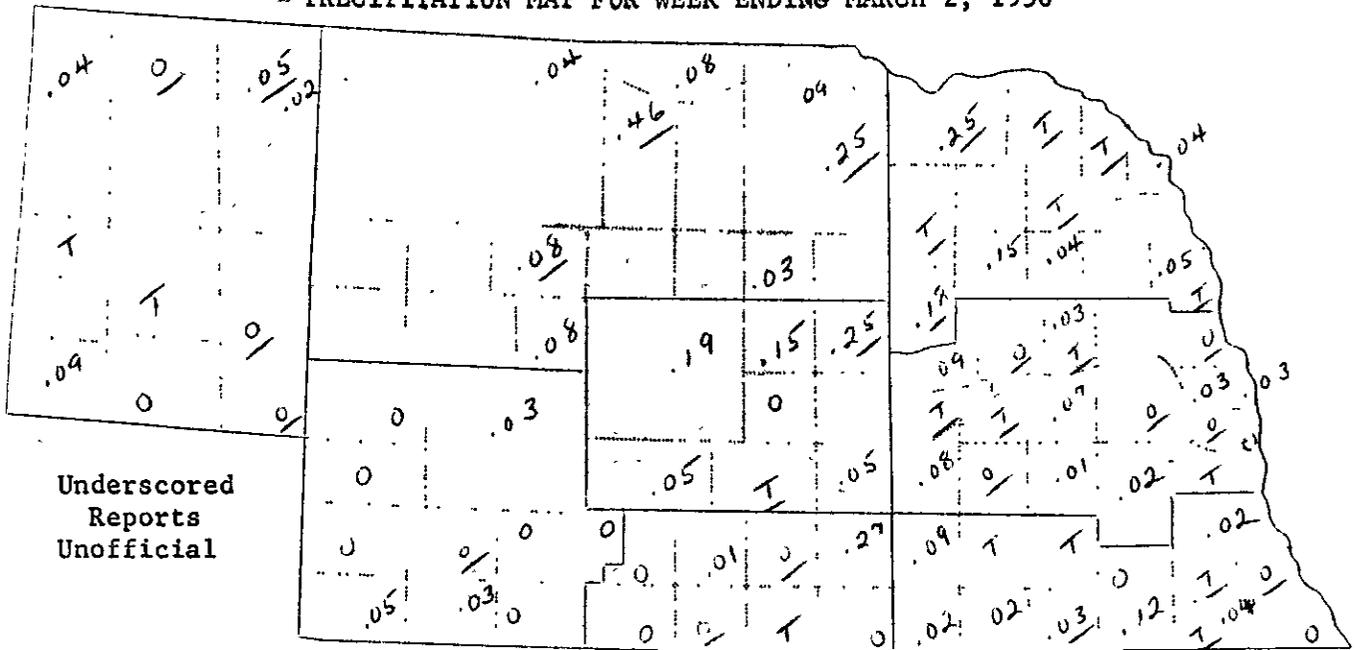
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Farmers are in somewhat of a quandary as to planting. There is some complaint as to the reduced acreage allotment of corn following an extremely short crop last year and shortage of corn for feed. Field operations will begin as soon as the soil is dry enough. There has been some inquiry for seed to be used for alternate crops that may replace corn. Soy beans and sorghums are the crops mentioned mostly for replacement of corn.

LIVESTOCK There is still an interest in poultry and in milk production. Some of the smaller dairymen are selling out to the larger operators. The 1955 calf crop was down slightly but still 25% above the ten-year average. The 1955 wool crop was down 20%. January liveweight slaughter of cattle was up 9% from a year ago, calf and hog slaughter up 14%, and sheep slaughter down 8% from a year ago.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 5, 1956.

| <u>Eastern Division</u> |     | <u>Central Division</u> |     | <u>Western Division</u> |   |
|-------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|-------------------------|---|
| Grand Island            | .04 | Burwell                 | 0   | Chadron                 | 0 |
| Lincoln                 | .01 | North Platte            | 0   | Imperial                | 0 |
| Norfolk                 | .01 | Valentine               | .01 | Scottsbluff             | 0 |
| Omaha                   | .03 |                         |     | Sidney                  | 0 |
| Sioux City              | 0   |                         |     |                         |   |

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 2, 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)

|     |              | Feb. 28th |     | Feb. 29th |     | March 1st |     | March 2nd |     | March 3rd |     | March 4th |     | March 5th |     |
|-----|--------------|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|
|     |              | Max       | Min |
| NW  | Chadron      | 40        | 20  | 50        | 25  | 58        | 30  | 50        | 33  | 47        | 24  | 62        | 30  | 48        | 27  |
|     | Scottsbluff  | 40        | 19  | 49        | 23  | 57        | 28  | 49        | 40  | 46        | 20  | 60        | 25  | 60        | 24  |
|     | Sidney       | 40        | 19  | 50        | 20  | 57        | 28  | 47        | 28  | 48        | 20  | 60        | 23  | 65        | 33  |
| NC  | Burwell      | 28        | 6   | 44        | 6   | 55        | 34  | 48        | 28  | 50        | 25  | 48        | 27  | 61        | 28  |
|     | Valentine    | 38        | 15  | 45        | 19  | 50        | 30  | 47        | 28  | 45        | 20  | 52        | 27  | 50        | 28  |
| NE  | Norfolk      | 19        | 0   | 41        | 20  | 54        | 37  | 50        | 26  | 50        | 25  | 45        | 28  | 56        | 31  |
|     | Sioux City   | 20        | 7   | 44        | 25  | 55        | 36  | 51        | 31  | 50        | 27  | 43        | 32  | 57        | 32  |
| CEN | Grand Island | 24        | 17  | 47        | 31  | 62        | 36  | 54        | 31  | 53        | 27  | 48        | 29  | 62        | 31  |
| EC  | Lincoln      | 26        | 19  | 50        | 35  | 61        | 40  | 56        | 35  | 58        | 30  | 51        | 34  | 67        | 33  |
|     | Omaha        | 21        | 12  | 45        | 28  | 58        | 35  | 54        | 28  | 49        | 28  | 43        | 31  | 58        | 30  |
| SW  | Imperial     | 45        | 24  | 55        | 21  | 62        | 32  | 54        | 32  | 56        | 19  | 58        | 21  | 72        | 33  |
|     | North Platte | 42        | 17  | 52        | 21  | 61        | 31  | 53        | 35  | 54        | 23  | 56        | 21  | 66        | 25  |

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