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WEATHER The week opened mild, but unseasonably cold weather moved across the State Tuesday night, and remained until after the close of the week over the eastern and central portions of the State, but there was some moderation in the west. Snow fell over most of the State on Wednesday. Amounts ranged from light to none over the western half of the State to 2 to 4 inches in the east. There was considerable wind and drifting during the snow storm.

CROPS Snowfall was too light over much of the State to bring improvement in the soil moisture situation. In some eastern counties 4 to 6 inches of snow provided a protective cover for winter wheat and other fall seeded crops enabling them to withstand the sub-zero temperatures experienced January 10 and again on January 14. In the central area, where topsoil is critically dry and porous, snowfall generally measured from 1 to 3 inches, but in many instances drifting left fields exposed. In the West, snowfall was light and local dust storms were experienced. Wheat that was well-rooted was holding its own, but in the droughty sections where topsoil is loose and dry, wheat was suffering some from blowing soils and cold temperatures.

Snow and lower temperatures stepped up feeding activity. Livestock had to be moved off pastures and other field roughage in areas where snow covered the ground. Nearly all counties report a short or below normal range and pasture feed supply and about two thirds of the counties are short on hay.

Farmers continue their search for good seed oats and barley. The drain on feed resources forced a few more farm sales. However, some operators are looking for land to increase the size of their farming units.

LIVESTOCK Low temperatures increased feeding requirements last week, but stock are generally in good condition. Commercial lamb feeding is above last year but farm feeding is down. Cattle are about through gleaning corn fields and moving into feed lots. Prices of fat lambs and cattle have been disappointing. Locally, interest is increasing in dairy production.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 14, 1957

Eastern Division

Grand Island .30
Lincoln .34
Norfolk .15
Omaha .29
Sioux City .19

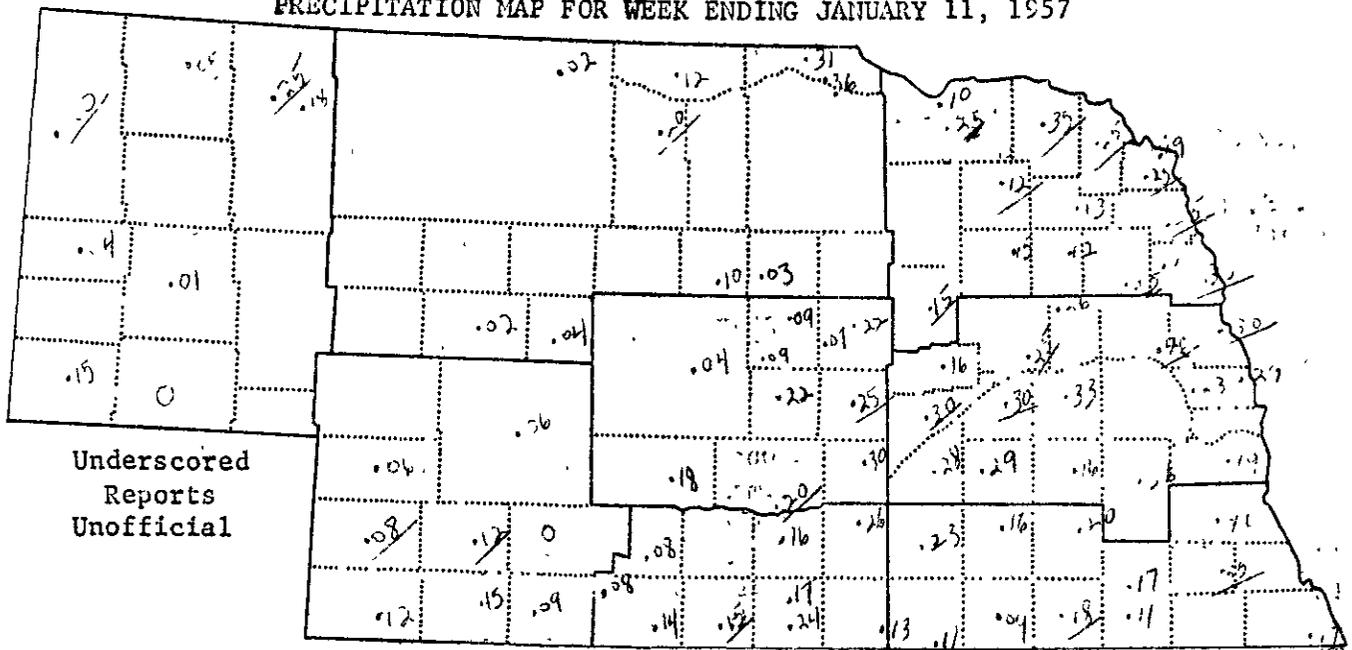
Central Division

Burwell .03
North Platte .08
Valentine .02

Western Division

Chadron .05
Imperial .03
Scottsbluff .04
Sidney .01

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 11, 1957



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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)

		January		9th		10th		11th		12th		13th		14th	
		3th	8th	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	45	28	35	-3	-1	-12	33	9	21	1	21	0	17	8
	Scottsbluff	47	30	38	-1	6	-10	36	10	42	14	43	17	25	11
	Sidney	47	23	40	2	12	-5	34	10	51	22	45	21	34	10
NC	Burwell	47	22	37	0	4	-17	26	4	19	3	9	1	7	-9
	Valentine	51	23	33	-6	-2	-22	25	10	18	-1	9	-3	8	-18
NE	Norfolk	45	28	36	2	6	-12	14	6	20	3	10	1	6	-17
	Sioux City	40	27	38	3	8	-10	11	1	21	5	12	0	5	-20
CEN.	Grand Island	46	25	42	3	9	-14	15	6	25	4	11	3	11	-5
EC.	Lincoln	46	31	44	9	15	-4	11	10	29	9	17	4	10	-4
	Omaha	40	27	39	5	12	-11	8	3	25	4	16	0	6	-13
SW	Imperial	52	17	42	3	12	-12	28	2	44	16	42	12	17	8
	North Platte	52	22	40	1	8	-11	26	8	35	12	20	6	13	7

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