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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Mild temperatures prevailed through the first four days of the period, lower temperatures were noted during the weekend and Monday morning. Several southern stations reported temperatures in the 70's on Monday the 5th. Temperatures were slightly below zero in the northwest on the final morning of the period.

Precipitation was mostly in the form of snow, but some freezing drizzle was reported in the east. It fell on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Moisture totals were generally less than 1/10 inch.

CROPS Milder weather last week sharply reduced supplemental feed requirements and made it much easier for farmers and ranchers to care for livestock. Operators were given an opportunity to devote more time to other outside farm tasks which were delayed by the recent cold spell. There was increased activity in repairing buildings, shelling corn and jobs connected with preparations for the spring planting season. Field work was at a standstill, but many farmers were busy repairing machinery, having seed tested, hauling manure or acquiring supplies needed later.

Topsoil moisture conditions were improved by the melting snow, especially where runoff was light. The outlook was further brightened by more snowfall over the weekend. Some winter grain crops have started to green, but it is too early to determine how well they withstood the recent cold spell. The lack of snow and early greening are causing some concern as this situation leaves the crops vulnerable to damage should a sharp drop in temperature occur.

Pastures, ranges and stalk fields were open for grazing and livestock were doing well on field feed and roughage. Quality of the feed was improved by the melting snow which cleaned and softened the cured grasses. Favorable weather permitted stockmen to conserve grain and hay stocks while getting full use of field feeds.

LIVESTOCK The moderate weather was beneficial to livestock and weight gains increased from the recent low level. Early lambing operations were well advanced in some areas. Farrowings and calving also progressed seasonally. Feedlot cattle and lambs were once again making good gains, but some operators were hampered by mud around the lots. Egg and milk production showed an upward trend.

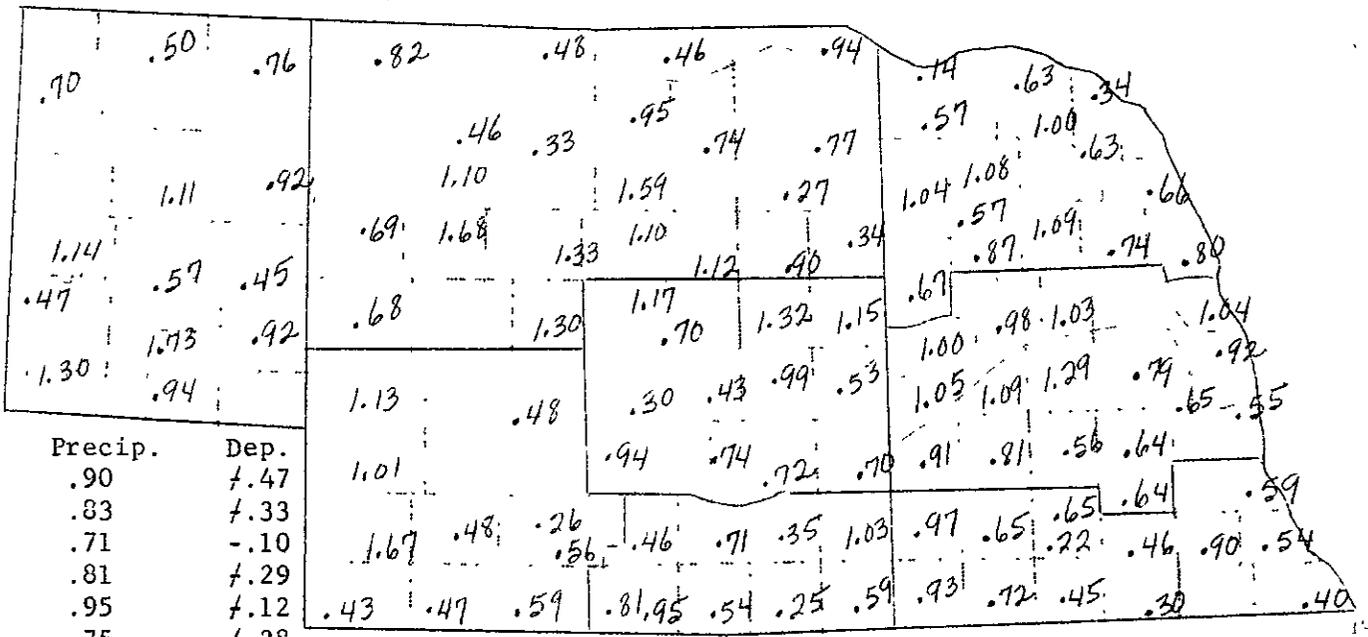
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 11, 1963

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.04	Burwell	---	Chadron	.01
Lincoln	.01	North Platte	---	Imperial	---
Norfolk	.03	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	.01
Omaha	.12			Sidney	.01
Sioux City	.26				

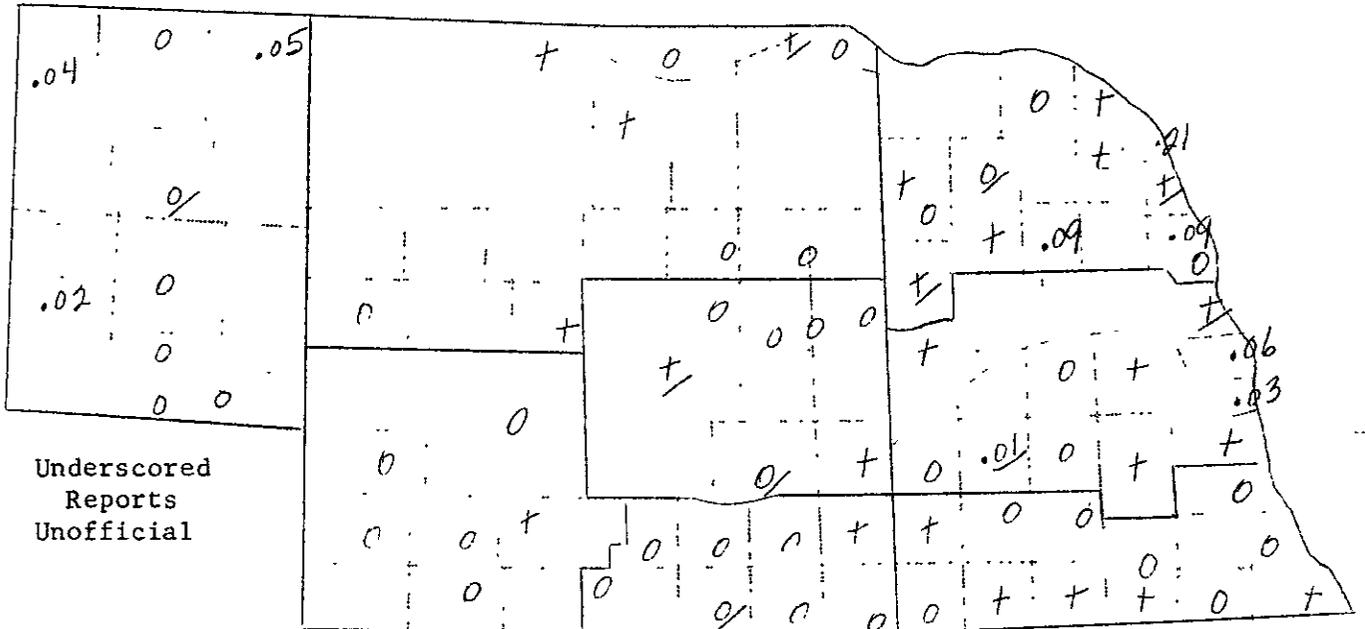
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1963



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 8, 1963



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		February 5th		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	61	33	59	33	62	27	62	35	52	26	32	22	23	- 3
	Scottsbluff	60	30	61	32	63	30	63	30	53	27	39	27	30	3
	Sidney	62	34	65	34	65	30	64	33	53	28	40	26	28	0
NC	Burwell	60	26	59	37	55	22	64	33	52	23	29	19	20	--
	Valentine	64	34	68	30	55	23	65	37	51	23	27	18	27	1
NE	Norfolk	57	27	58	40	41	25	37	28	45	25	31	23	24	5
	Sioux City	56	--	56	36	40	27	37	29	32	28	30	21	24	4
CEN	Grand Island	55	25	60	38	54	22	48	27	53	26	29	23	26	3
EC	Lincoln	62	32	65	40	46	29	34	30	45	32	31	23	29	7
	Omaha	51	33	55	40	40	28	30	28	31	29	29	22	25	5
SW	Imperial	63	29	73	37	62	25	66	35	57	28	46	26	32	4
	North Platte	59	27	56	36	59	28	63	30	56	24	27	18	30	4