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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER A warm, dry, windy week. Temperatures averaged from six to ten degrees above normal. Temperatures were above normal every day of the week and reached as high as the 60's and 70's on four days. New record high temperatures were set at Grand Island on Tuesday and Wednesday.

CROPS Field work started to move at a rapid pace at the close of the week. Frost is out of the ground except in local areas and most fields were dry enough to permit tillage operations. Surface soil is dry and loose and a good rain would be beneficial to pack the soil. There is a good supply of subsoil moisture. Seeding of oats and barley got under way in the southeastern counties and will become general over the State if weather conditions permit. A small acreage of sugar beets were planted in the upper Platte Valley.

Winter wheat is out of the winter dormant stage and starting to make some growth. The plants seem to have survived the winter in good condition in most areas, except where damaged by standing water or wind erosion. High winds during the past week caused some additional damage to the crop, particularly on light, sandy soils. Tillage operations were under way in many western and southwestern counties to prevent wind erosion. Many farmers were fertilizing the crop.

Hay feeding continues in most areas, as pasture and range feed have started to "green" but have not made sufficient growth to supply forage. Most livestock have now been taken from corn and sorghum fields, but there is some limited use of wheat and rye pasture. Hay supplies appear adequate for the remainder of the feeding season, except in local areas where some feed may need to be brought in from near-by sources.

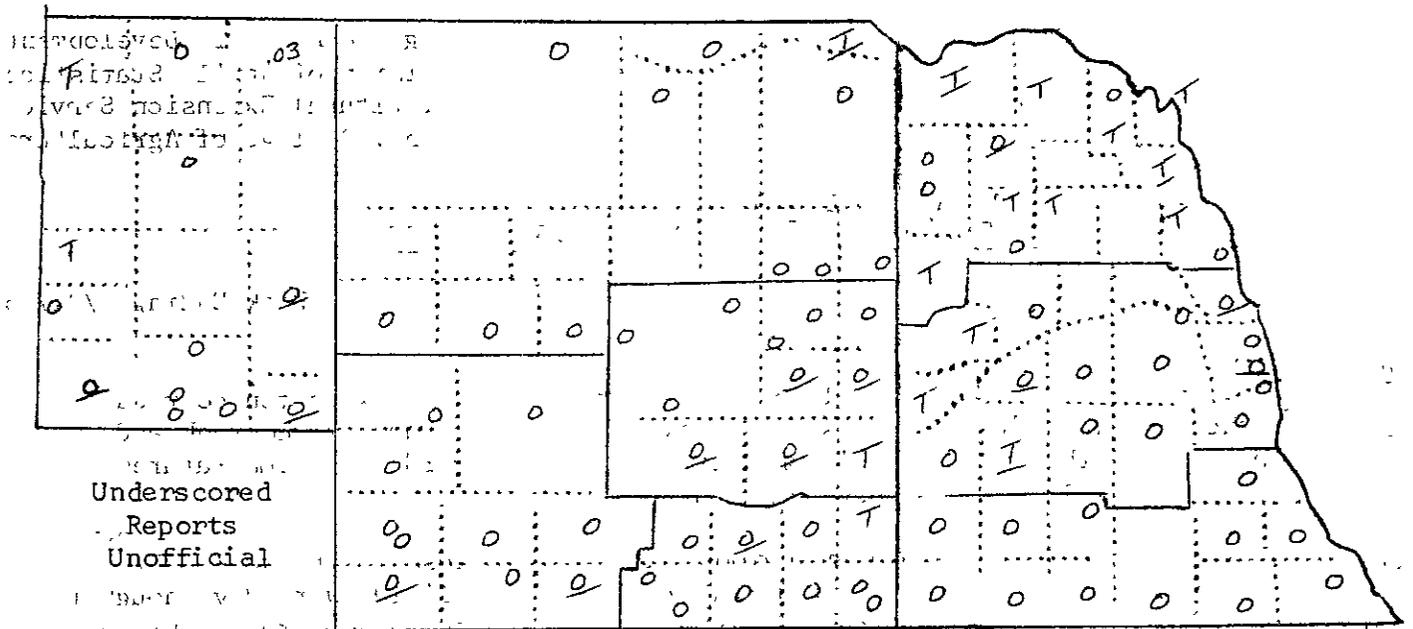
Reports show an average of 4.3 days that were favorable for farm work last week.

LIVESTOCK Weather conditions have been quite favorable for new-born stock. Calving is well under way and death losses have been minor. Lambing is nearing completion in most areas of the State. Feedlot cattle have been making excellent gains with favorable weather conditions and dry lots.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 20, 1966

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	.12
Lincoln	0	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	T	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	T
Omaha	0			Sidney	0
Sioux City	T				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 19 1966



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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)

		March 14th		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th		20th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	68	30	70	41	71	40	45	25	50	21	72	42	55	37
	Scottsbluff	67	31	72	38	--	37	44	23	53	23	74	43	56	38
	Sidney	68	26	70	39	74	36	44	25	52	21	70	40	55	26
NC	Burwell	73	31	77	33	77	45	56	33	49	26	65	32	60	32
	Valentine	65	29	68	34	79	39	52	31	45	22	66	39	54	38
NE	Norfolk	--	33	76	34	76	58	63	37	50	32	57	40	62	34
	Sioux City	70	36	75	--	80	58	70	38	53	38	57	37	65	35
CEN	Grand Island	71	40	78	41	80	58	64	35	56	29	65	40	66	30
EC	Lincoln	69	48	75	47	77	61	71	37	55	32	61	47	67	39
	Omaha	68	47	76	46	77	59	72	36	54	34	56	41	65	38
SW	Imperial	72	31	76	--	80	40	48	30	55	22	70	30	60	28
	North Platte	73	30	75	37	77	42	52	30	52	22	68	29	58	27

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