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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER It was another week of the cloudy, foggy, snowy weather that has been so persistent in Nebraska this winter.

The cloudiness resulted in cool days with day-time temperatures well below seasonal and warm nights that averaged about as much above normal as the days were below, resulting in near normal weekly means.

At the end of the week the ground was snow-covered over practically the entire State. The greatest accumulation is in an area extending from the south central portion to the northeast portion and over the southern Sandhills. Depths of 10 to 15 inches are common in these sections and exceed 20 inches at some local sites.

CROPS Most field forages were covered and feed requirements of livestock were placing heavy demands for hay, silage and cake. Forage supplies are becoming scarce in many areas with shortages occurring in local areas. Some livestock are being marketed where feed supplies have become critically low, and additional liquidation will be necessary if there is a prolonged continuation of current conditions. Some chopped ear corn is being fed where hay supplies are becoming short.

Slow thawing and low evaporative rate are aiding soil moisture supplies with only small amounts of runoff occurring. Wheat continued in the dormant stage as a result of cool temperatures.

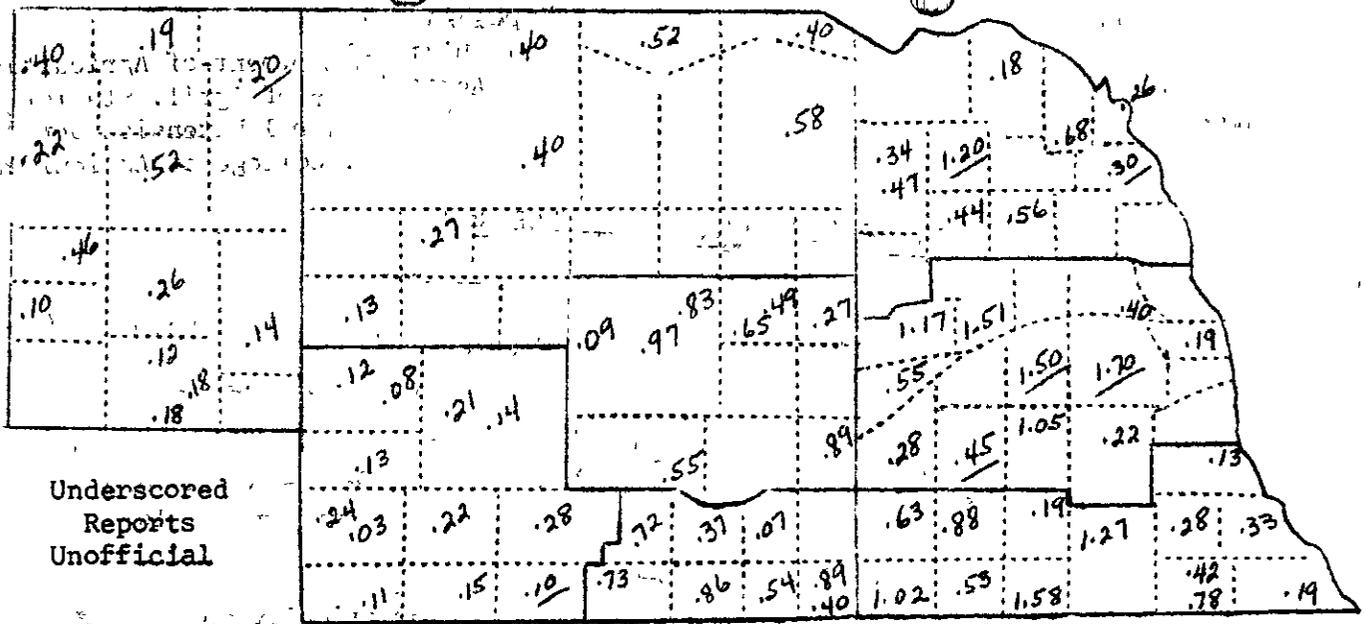
Feeding and caring for livestock was the major labor requirement. Snow and mud are causing problems in moving feed supplies and shelling corn. Other activities were machinery repair, planning current year farming and ranching operations, sign up for farm programs, assessments, and attending sales.

LIVESTOCK Lambing, farrowing, and calving operations made favorable progress with limited losses from disease and exposure. Additional care was needed for young livestock as some low night-time temperatures were experienced. Feeding areas are snow-clogged and muddy. Inshipments of stocker and feeder cattle during January 1969 totaled 82,000 head compared to 113,000 head a year ago. Sheep and lamb inshipments were down sharply during January with 9,000 head reported compared to 16,000 head last year.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 23, 1969

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.72	Burwell	--	Chadron	.18
Lincoln	.16	North Platte	.14	Imperial	.02
Norfolk	.37	Valentine	.40	Scottsbluff	.33
Omaha	.16			Sidney	.07
Sioux City	.23				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 21, 1969



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Day-time highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;  
Night-time lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CST)

		February													
		17th		18th		19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	35	15	43	23	33	28	33	18	29	9	34	16	38	20
	Scottsbluff	44	28	42	29	32	30	36	10	30	17	38	27	43	29
	Sidney	39	18	40	23	31	27	34	15	36	17	41	25	47	26
NC	Burwell	35	10	39	25	31	21	34	28	38	8	34	24	38	--
	Valentine	29	21	33	23	29	23	31	29	30	-2	28	25	41	29
NE	Norfolk	27	13	32	24	30	23	31	30	37	29	33	28	35	32
	Sioux City	24	21	32	20	28	19	31	30	34	32	35	29	34	33
CEN	Grand Island	27	10	32	13	27	24	33	32	36	28	31	27	33	33
EC	Lincoln	27	9	31	8	30	25	33	31	36	33	38	31	36	33
	Omaha	28	8	30	8	31	21	33	29	36	33	37	31	39	33
SW	Imperial	34	15	31	23	29	26	35	24	32	17	32	25	34	26
	North Platte	29	25	29	24	28	27	32	28	32	6	26	26	33	31

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