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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER It was a mild week with temperatures averaging three to six degrees above normal except in the northeast division where averages were one to three degrees below normal.

Widespread rain and snow fell Tuesday and Wednesday. Precipitation fell in the Panhandle and the far east again over the week end. The northeast averaged a half inch of moisture in the mid-week storm with local areas receiving up to one to two inches in thundershowers. The southeast received about an inch of moisture in the week end storm. Elsewhere weekly totals were mostly small.

The northeast still has from three to five inches of icy snow on the ground. Most of the south and west have bare ground while in between the two areas the remaining snow is confined to where deep drifts had been along snow fences, shelter belts, ravines, etc.

CROPS Wheat and rye plants started to green in the western part of the State as a result of higher temperatures. In the east central and south central counties many fields are flooded or covered with standing water, and some acreage loss can be expected. There has been no seeding of spring crops to date.

Field tillage operations got under way in the far western counties on the lighter soils, but in other sections of the State field work was limited to the spreading of fertilizer and limited stalk cutting. Recent precipitation will cause further delay in field work and planting of oats and spring barley. The roads, fields and farm lots are extremely muddy in the eastern part of the State, and drying weather will be needed to improve the situation.

Winter ranges in the sandhills are becoming free from snow and providing some feed but feeding of hay, other roughages and grain continues, and supplies are becoming very short.

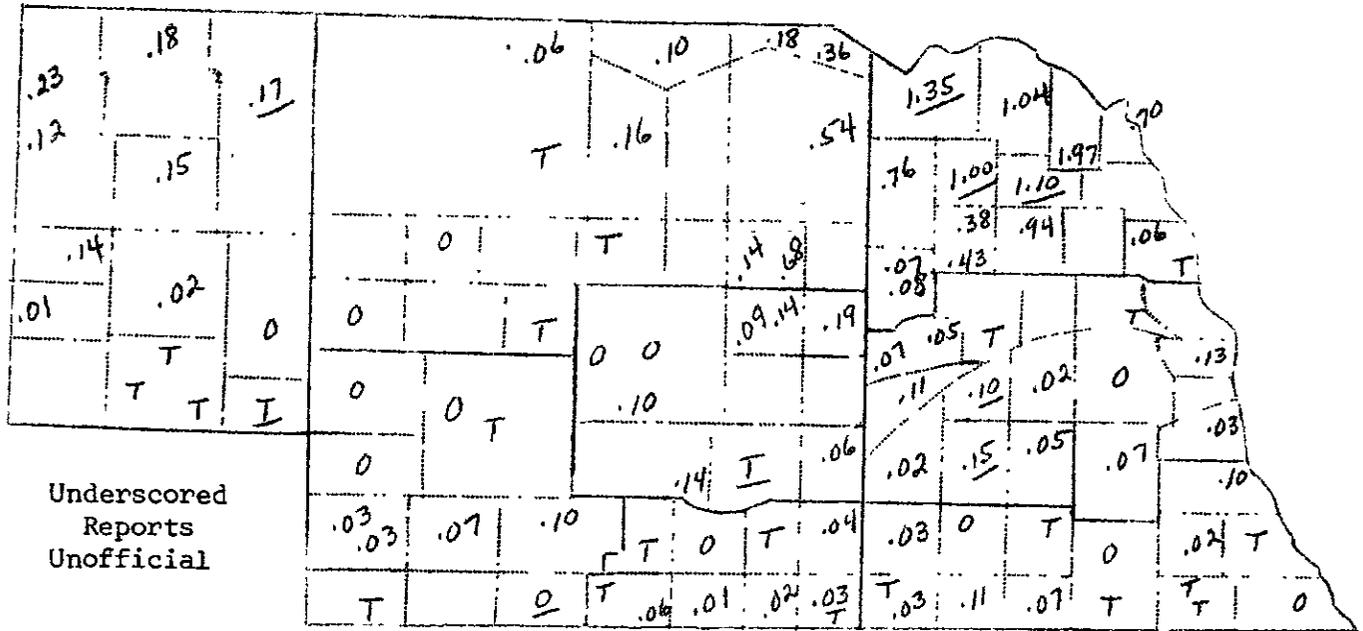
Farm work consisted mainly of securing seed supplies, repair of farm machinery, cleaning feed lots and attending farm sales.

LIVESTOCK Calving operations are gaining momentum, and reports indicate that calves are generally weaker than usual, and losses of newborn calves are above average. Movement of fed cattle from lots continues and gains have been limited because of the severe winter and muddy lots. Demand for feeder cattle has been good. Weather conditions were more favorable for livestock the past week, but recent precipitation has caused some additional hardship to be placed on newborn animals. Shearing of farm flocks of sheep in the western counties is well advanced.

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

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.06	Burwell	.14	Chadron	.23
Lincoln	1.08	North Platte	T	Imperial	.03
Norfolk	.38	Valentine	.06	Scottsbluff	.15
Omaha	.93			Sidney	.05
Sioux City	.71				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 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)

		March													
		17th		18th		19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	65	28	66	36	48	27	51	22	59	29	61	34	56	26
	Scottsbluff	65	30	61	32	46	23	51	22	56	32	58	30	54	25
	Sidney	62	28	62	31	44	22	51	17	57	29	60	20	49	21
NC	Burwell	52	25	55	25	44	32	37	25	42	26	49	21	40	--
	Valentine	52	23	52	28	41	28	34	24	55	31	53	20	43	27
NE	Norfolk	47	27	51	24	40	29	35	19	40	25	44	24	38	30
	Sioux City	47	25	46	25	40	30	34	17	35	28	41	26	35	33
CEN	Grand Island	55	30	60	28	48	34	38	27	48	26	59	26	42	31
EC	Lincoln	67	31	60	31	69	33	40	26	46	26	65	32	38	34
	Omaha	65	31	58	34	61	31	39	21	42	30	59	31	38	32
SW	Imperial	66	30	68	30	51	31	53	29	60	30	59	23	54	29
	North Platte	60	26	64	30	52	30	52	27	55	28	58	18	51	29

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