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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER It was a cool week with frequent very light precipitation and no appreciable amount of moisture. Temperatures averaged four to five degrees below normal in the west to as much as 10 to 12 degrees below normal in the east. Arctic air invaded the State on Friday giving unseasonably low readings the rest of the week.

CROPS Field work got under way in western areas, and there was a limited amount of sugar beets and spring small grains sown. Elsewhere soils were too wet or frozen for any tillage operations. Stalk chopping, hauling manure, and fertilizer application became active where field travel was possible.

Wheat started greening in western and southern counties. However, it was too cool for much growth. The wheat came through the winter in good condition with very little winter kill in the west, but in some poorly drained areas of the east--especially terrace channels--wheat drowned out. Pale western cutworms have started hatching in the south-west and west, and control measures may be necessary. Soil moisture conditions are generally quite good.

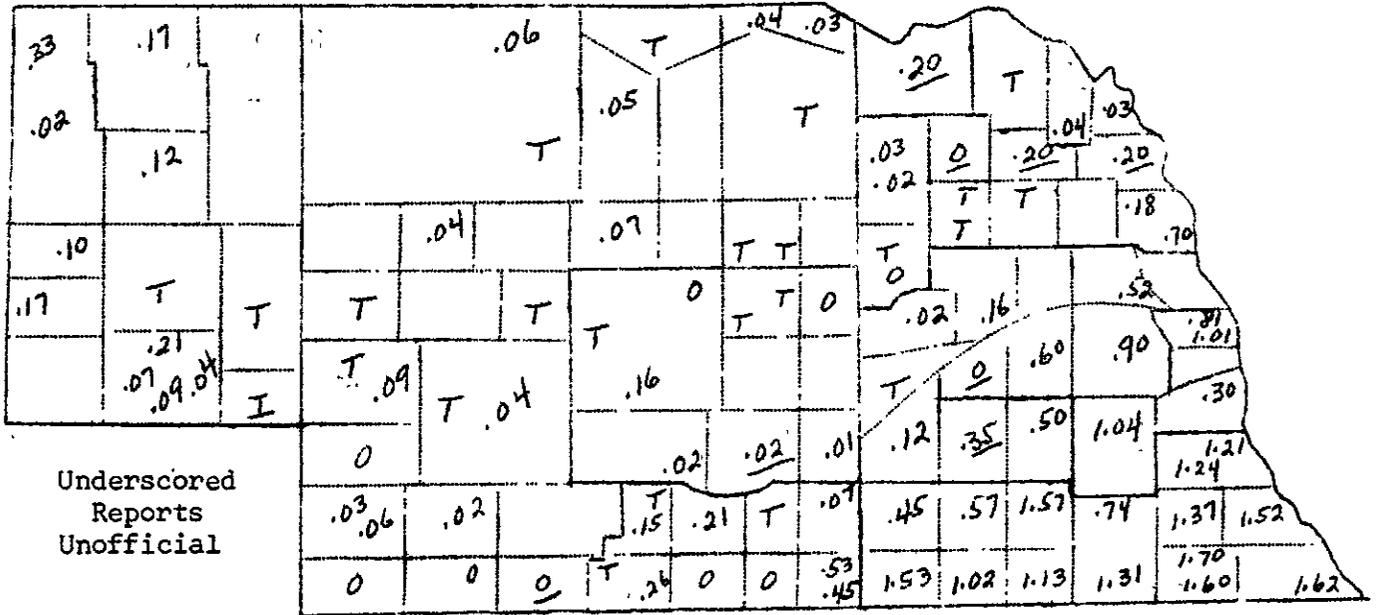
Farmers and ranchers are grazing livestock on some field forages that have been covered by snow most of the winter. Hay supplies are below average in many areas. Roads and feed yards remained muddy in most central and eastern counties making it difficult to move feed supplies and market produce.

LIVESTOCK Cold weather was hard on newborn livestock. Calving operations are well under way with weak calves and death losses running above average. Demand for feeder cattle is very high as feed lots become empty, and operators are looking for replacement cattle.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 30, 1969

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.04	Burwell	--	Chadron	.12
Lincoln	.03	North Platte	.04	Imperial	.06
Norfolk	T	Valentine	.06	Scottsbluff	.09
Omaha	.01			Sidney	.04
Sioux City	.02				

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 PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MAR 28, 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													
		24th		25th		26th		27th		28th		29th		30th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	37	12	38	18	50	20	68	28	30	19	40	24	48	27
	Scottsbluff	35	14	37	16	48	21	63	33	36	21	49	39	51	26
	Sidney	35	11	36	15	49	18	66	33	40	20	55	21	44	24
NC	Burwell	37	26	35	15	43	25	56	26	27	8	27	15	27	24
	Valentine	42	22	32	14	41	21	64	19	22	5	30	15	29	26
NE	Norfolk	36	22	33	19	41	31	49	26	26	6	19	12	28	26
	Sioux City	36	25	33	20	40	29	42	33	33	5	21	8	26	24
CEN	Grand Island	41	29	38	22	47	29	60	36	36	13	26	21	28	27
EC	Lincoln	39	27	37	25	45	33	53	34	34	13	27	22	30	30
	Omaha	35	25	32	22	43	31	45	36	36	7	22	16	30	26
SW	Imperial	43	20	39	14	51	19	67	38	43	18	40	20	38	24
	North Platte	41	23	37	12	46	20	66	35	38	17	32	24	33	26

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