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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Cold weather prevailed throughout the past week in Nebraska. Below zero temperatures were common and in some places readings fell to 20 degrees below zero or lower. Averages for the week ranged from 6 to 16 degrees below normal.

Snow flurries were frequent in the central and west. Four to eight inches of snow, preceded by freezing drizzle, fell in the southeast on Thursday.

CROPS Grazing of field forages is once again limited by snow and ice cover. Livestock remained in many of the stalk fields but could get little feed after mid-week. Ranchers are feeding hay and cake on winter ranges, and farmers have increased supplemental feeding of hay and other forages as colder weather reappeared.

There was a small amount of wind erosion in the southern Panhandle during the early part of the week. Many wheat fields are snow covered now thus giving some temporary protection from winds and cold temperatures.

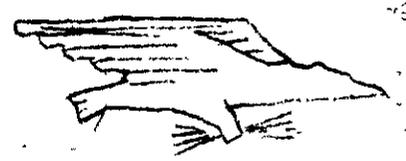
Farm activities consisted mainly of livestock care and moving feed supplies. Farm and ranch operators spent some of their time attending livestock auctions, farm sales, and planning spring operations.

LIVESTOCK Calving and lambing operations are on the increase. Newborn livestock are requiring more care as a result of the adverse weather. However, losses have not been abnormal. Feeding areas are wet and surfaces are rough, causing some problems for animals.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 7, 1971

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.08	Burwell	.01	Chadron	.08
Lincoln	.40	North Platte	.01	Imperial	.06
Norfolk	.01	Valentine	.12	Scottsbluff	.09
Omaha	.52			Sidney	.14
Sioux City	.06				

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