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WEATHER

Last week was stormy; a major storm occurred on the 13-14. The intense storm system lashed the State with strong winds and much precipitation. Heavy, wet snow drifted badly and isolated communities near the Wyoming border; the east and central had heavy thunderstorms and local one-inch rains and small hail.

Average temperatures last week ranged from near normal in the extreme west to 10 degrees above normal along the Missouri River.

A mild, dry weekend occurred state-wide.

CROPS

Additional rainfall during the middle of the week, plus a heavy snow-storm in the Panhandle area, prolonged the wet and muddy conditions across most of the State. Care of livestock and regular farm chores remain very difficult. However, generally open weather has prevailed since the mid-week rains so feed-lot and field conditions should begin to improve with warmer temperatures.

Fields remained very muddy during the week, thus no progress was made in the harvesting of corn and sorghum. Strong winds in some areas on Tuesday and Wednesday caused additional damage to crops remaining in the field.

The wheat crop continues in good to excellent condition. Spring application of fertilizer has been very slow because of the wet fields. Most fertilizer applied to date has been on pastures.

LIVESTOCK

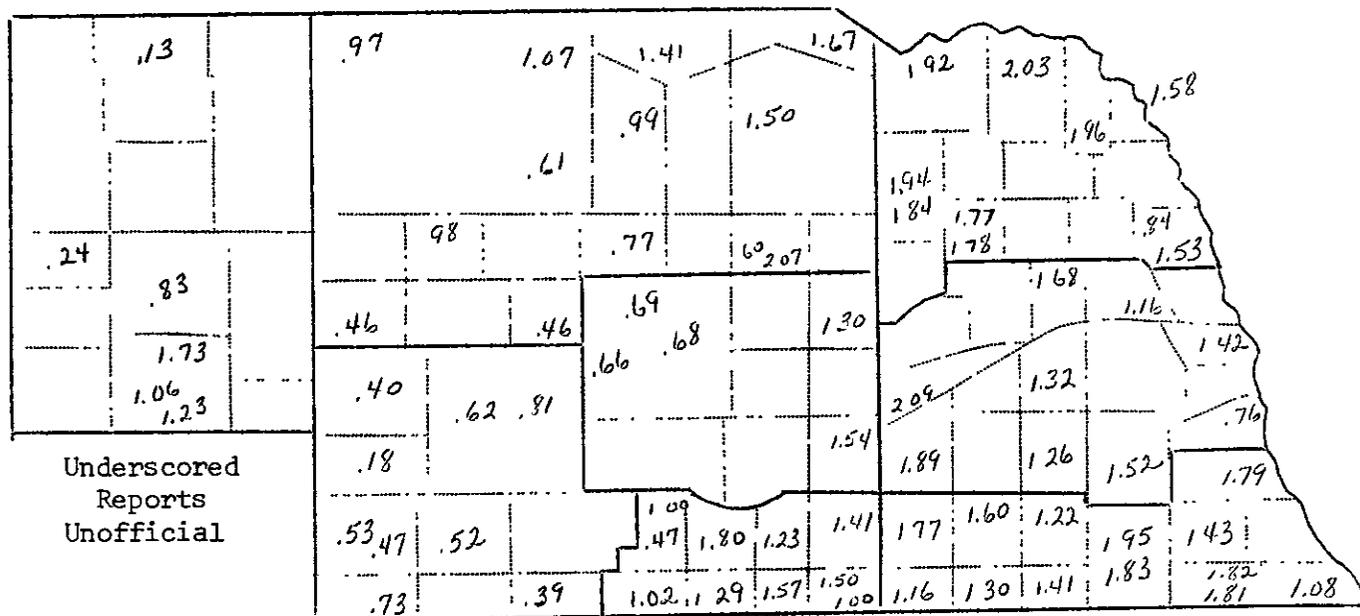
Care of livestock continues to be a time consuming job. Blizzard conditions in the Panhandle at mid-week caused additional concern. Most cattle made it through the storm with losses confined to new born calves. However, sheep did not fare as well. Reports of sheep and lambs buried in snow were noted with losses expected to be high.

Elsewhere, most feedlots remain extremely muddy with gains continuing below average. The calving season is in full swing over most of the State. Some producers are reporting above average losses due to scours.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING 3/18/73

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.44	Burwell	.92	Chadron	.13
Lincoln	.62	North Platte	.80	Imperial	.46
Norfolk	.77	Valentine	1.07	Scottsbluff	.31
Omaha	.50			Sidney	1.05
Sioux City	1.12				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 16, 1973



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Daytime highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
Nighttime lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CST)

		March													
		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	61	26	39	32	33	24	41	24	49	23	61	34	49	34
	Scottsbluff	65	29	48	33	33	23	40	20	46	24	63	29	55	33
	Sidney	65	27	45	30	32	22	38	22	46	24	63	32	58	32
NC	Burwell	69	42	63	37	47	33	43	30	42	20	50	30	55	--
	Valentine	64	36	59	40	43	30	42	27	44	20	59	37	54	34
NE	Norfolk	65	48	66	44	53	36	38	29	41	23	48	29	50	35
	Sioux City	63	46	68	51	57	38	43	31	43	24	47	27	53	30
CEN	Grand Island	68	46	63	44	47	36	44	28	43	24	50	32	53	37
EC	Lincoln	67	50	63	49	60	39	44	26	42	23	49	30	54	36
	Omaha	64	54	61	50	56	37	42	29	36	25	46	28	52	36
SW	Imperial	70	42	52	37	40	26	48	27	50	24	67	30	54	33
	North Platte	71	43	56	37	43	29	49	24	49	20	62	33	51	32

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