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WEATHER

Last week saw much precipitation, especially in the southeast...totals in excess of three inches were reported from Plattsmouth to Table Rock. Heavy, wet snow fell in the southern Panhandle on the 28th and 29th.

Considerable cloudiness and recurring precipitation kept daytime temperatures below normal. Average weekly temperatures ranged from a few degrees subnormal in the southern Panhandle to 7 degrees above normal in the extreme southeast. Maxima in the 50's or higher occurred statewide on the 27th and in the east on the 28th.

CROPS

Wet and muddy conditions continue to plague farmers and ranchers across the State. All field work was at a standstill last week as the additional moisture further delayed attempts to harvest remaining crops and also delayed preparation of seedbeds for spring plantings. The main farm activities during the past week were fighting the muddy weather and taking care of livestock.

Condition of the winter wheat crop remains above average but growth has been slowed because of cool weather.

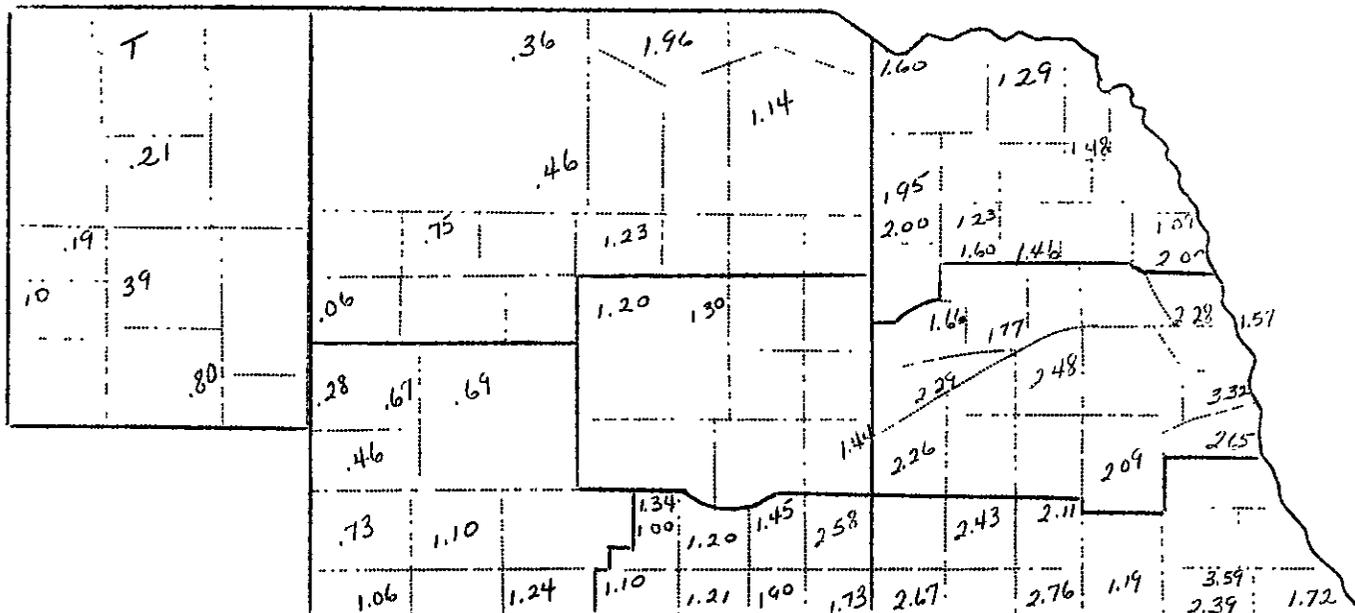
Reports have been received concerning dead spots in wheat; most of this caused by standing water, winter kill, and other undetermined causes. The extent of this damage is expected to be minor. However, the extremely wet weather makes ideal conditions for soil borne mosaic.

With no harvesting attempted last week, the harvest of grain sorghum remains at 94% complete and harvest of corn remains at 97% complete. Farmers are concerned about the delay in the start of field operations for spring planting. Some are faced with the problem of getting last year's crop out before they can begin to work the ground for this year's crop.

LIVESTOCK

Feedlots remain in very bad condition. In some areas, the lots have been abandoned with farmers now feeding in the fields. Livestock losses continue above normal while gains are slow. The cool and wet weather has been very hard on new born animals. In the range areas, baby calf scours are reported but do not appear to be as severe as in previous years. Most can be saved with prompt treatment. However, continued wet and cool weather will cause more cases to occur.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 30, 1973



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 1973

Station	Temperature				Precipitation Inches Total
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	58	25	38	--	T
Scottsbluff	57	25	36	-1	.19
Sidney	54	24	34	--	.70
NC Burwell	58	26	41	--	.87
Valentine	54	26	39	+3	.37
NE Norfolk	57	30	43	+5	1.20
Sioux City	63	31	45	+7	.43
CEN Grand Island	56	32	41	+1	1.44
EC Lincoln	62	35	45	+3	2.09
Omaha	62	34	45	+5	1.57
SW Imperial	53	30	37	--	.73
North Platte	53	28	39	0	.69

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