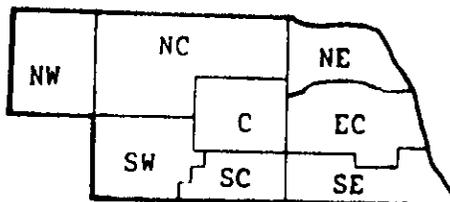


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# NEBRASKA

## WEEKLY WEATHER & CROP REPORT

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### WEATHER

Temperatures were above normal the first half of the period and below normal the remainder of the period. Precipitation fell in the form of snow over the central and east portions with the greatest depth over the northeast portion. Strong winds accompanied the storm.

### CROPS

The main activities of Nebraska farmers and ranchers this past week have been preparing for spring fieldwork, caring for livestock, and doing other farm maintenance work. So far, only a minimum amount of fieldwork has been started. Some have done a little stalk shredding, plowing, and discing; but most of this has stopped due to the weather. According to the county agents, weather conditions kept the average days suitable for fieldwork to three days during our survey period--reports ranged from zero to seven days.

Topsoil moisture supplies were short in 35%, adequate in 64%, and surplus in 1% of the counties reporting as of last Friday. Subsoil moisture supplies were reported short in 89% of the counties. The Panhandle area reported approximately

### CROPS (Cont.)

50% of counties with adequate subsoil moisture; all other districts were mostly short. A year ago topsoil was 39% short and subsoil 91% short. Most areas report the need for additional moisture for spring crops to replenish subsoil moisture.

Winter wheat is in mostly fair condition across the State. Snow this winter limited wind erosion in the north central and northeast districts but some wind erosion has been experienced with the high winds in the drier areas of the northwest, southwest, east central and southeast districts. Reports indicate spotty wheat stands due to late planting and insufficient moisture.

Alfalfa and wild hay are both in mostly fair condition with more soil moisture needed.

### LIVESTOCK

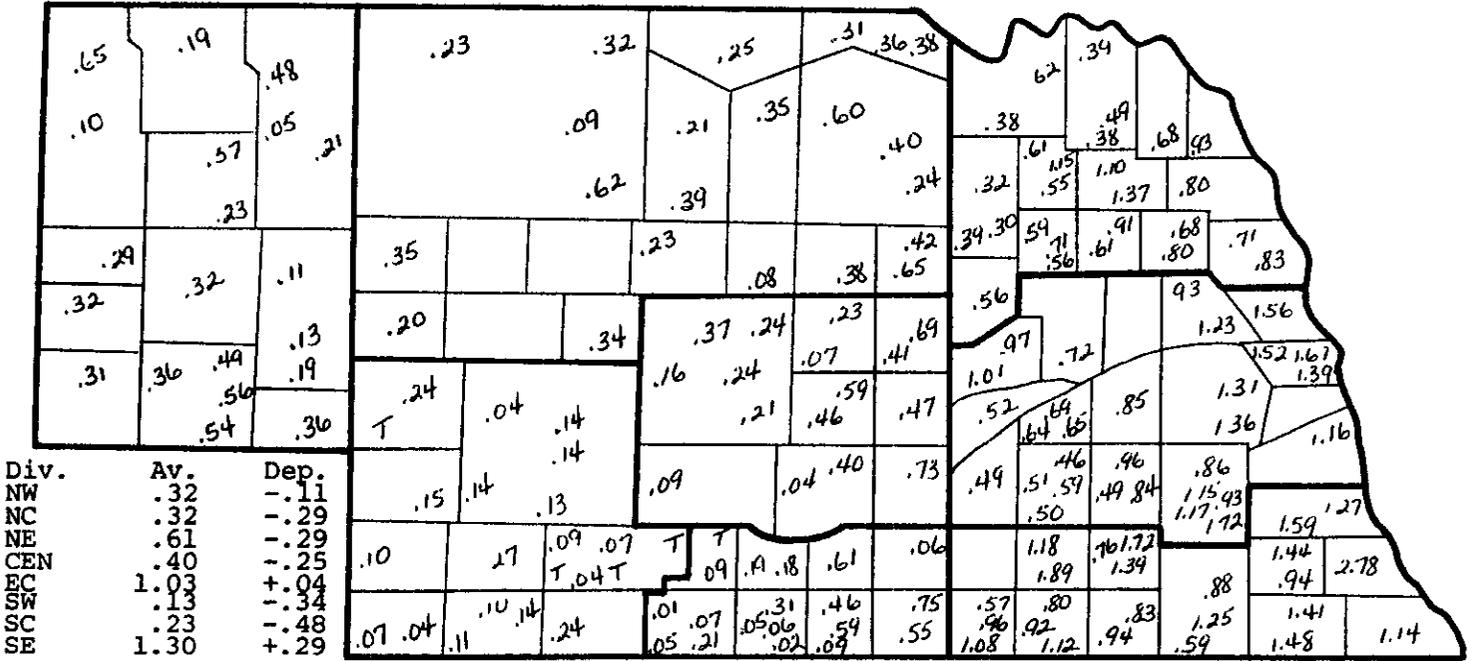
Pasture and range feed conditions are reported short in 66% of the counties. Some cattle are still grazing corn and milo stalk fields. In most cases, the weather has been favorable for the spring calving season. Most areas report to be in full swing with minimal losses.

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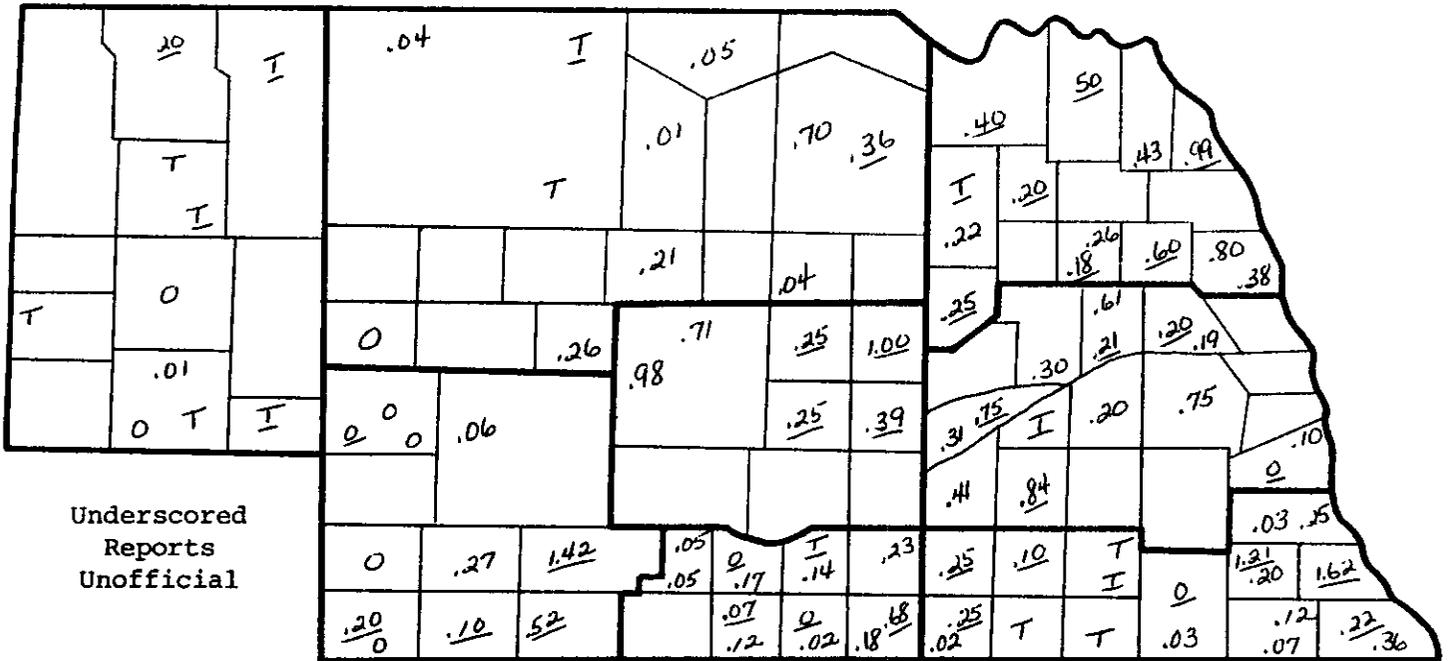


PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1976 1/



1/ Courtesy Conservation & Survey Division, University of Nebraska.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1976



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 1976

Station	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Extremes		Mean	Departure		
	Max	Min			Total Inches 1/	
NW	Chadron	64	10	38	--	.06
	Scottsbluff	65	10	36	+4	.06
	Sidney	60	7	35	--	0
NC	Burwell	53	7	33	--	.04
	Valentine	51	7	30	+1	T
NE	Norfolk	46	11	34	+4	.45
	Sioux City	44	10	31	+1	.62
CEN	Grand Island	57	7	36	+3	.16
EC	Lincoln	54	10	35	+1	.05
	Omaha	52	14	35	+1	.25
SW	Imperial	63	12	38	--	0
	North Platte	61	7	33	+1	1.70

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.