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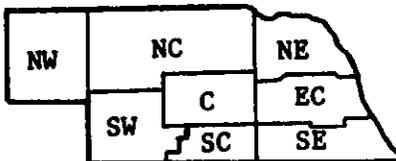
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WEATHER

For the week ending January 27, 1984, little or no precipitation was received over the State. Temperatures averaged around 14 degrees above normal with warm days and cool nights.

GENERAL

January in Nebraska was a mild winter month with temperatures averaging two degrees above normal. This reduced snow cover to less than one inch in Panhandle counties and left seven to eight inches in the Northeast (see map on back of page). In addition, the mild conditions helped conserve feed inventories that had required heavy usage during a very cold December. As the month closed, cattle producers were beginning once again to utilize some crop residues.

Farm and ranch activities centered around livestock care, equipment repair, farm sales, and tax preparations.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 1% poor, 51% fair, 46% good, and 2% excellent. Some ice cover in southeastern counties made it difficult to evaluate the dormant crop. In the west, snow cover was about gone, leaving the crop susceptible to possible damage from high winds.

LIVESTOCK

Hay and forage supplies rated short in over half of the State during January. Greatest shortages were being experienced in central and southern counties. Producers in these areas were holding hay to fill their own winter needs. While in northern areas, hay supplies were often covered with snow, making movement difficult.

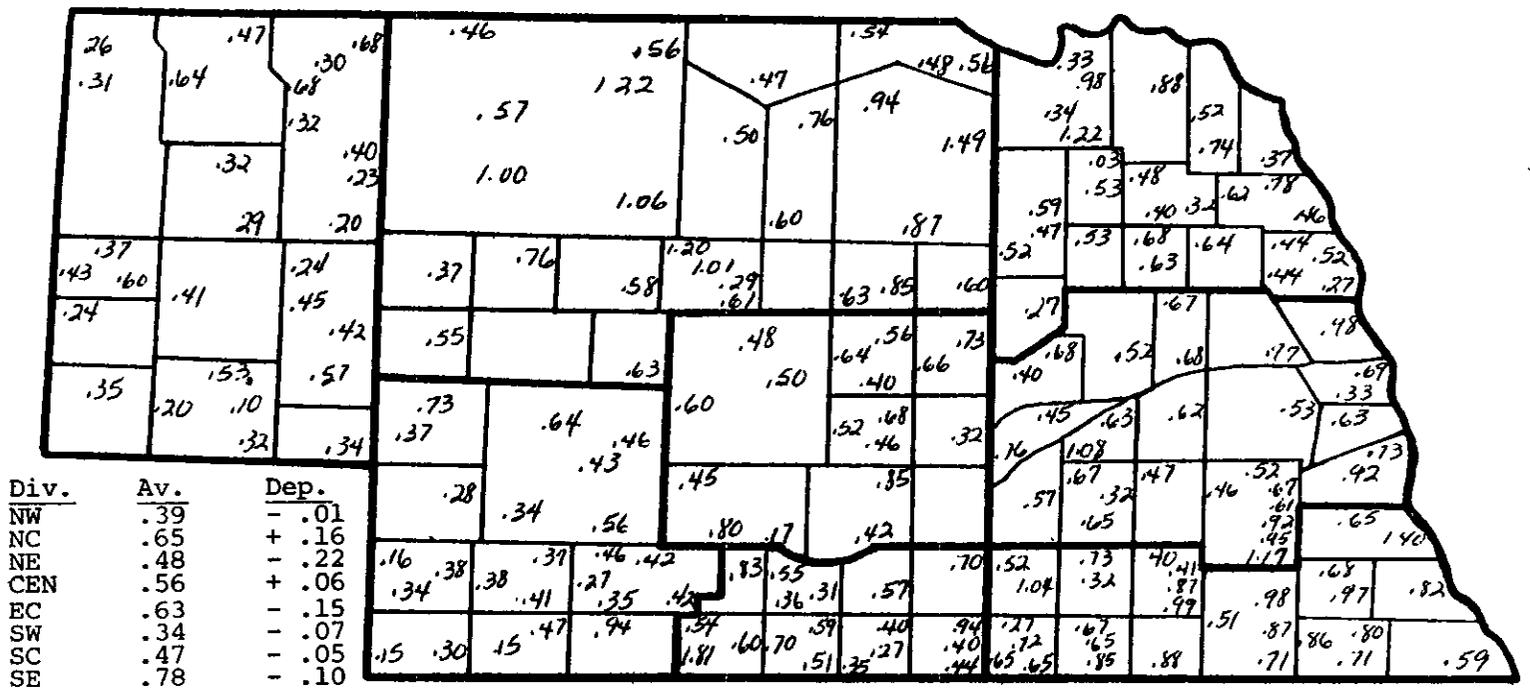
Reports from various parts of Nebraska indicated a much higher number of open cows than normal. Volume of cows moving through sales were continuing to run above normal in a number of areas.

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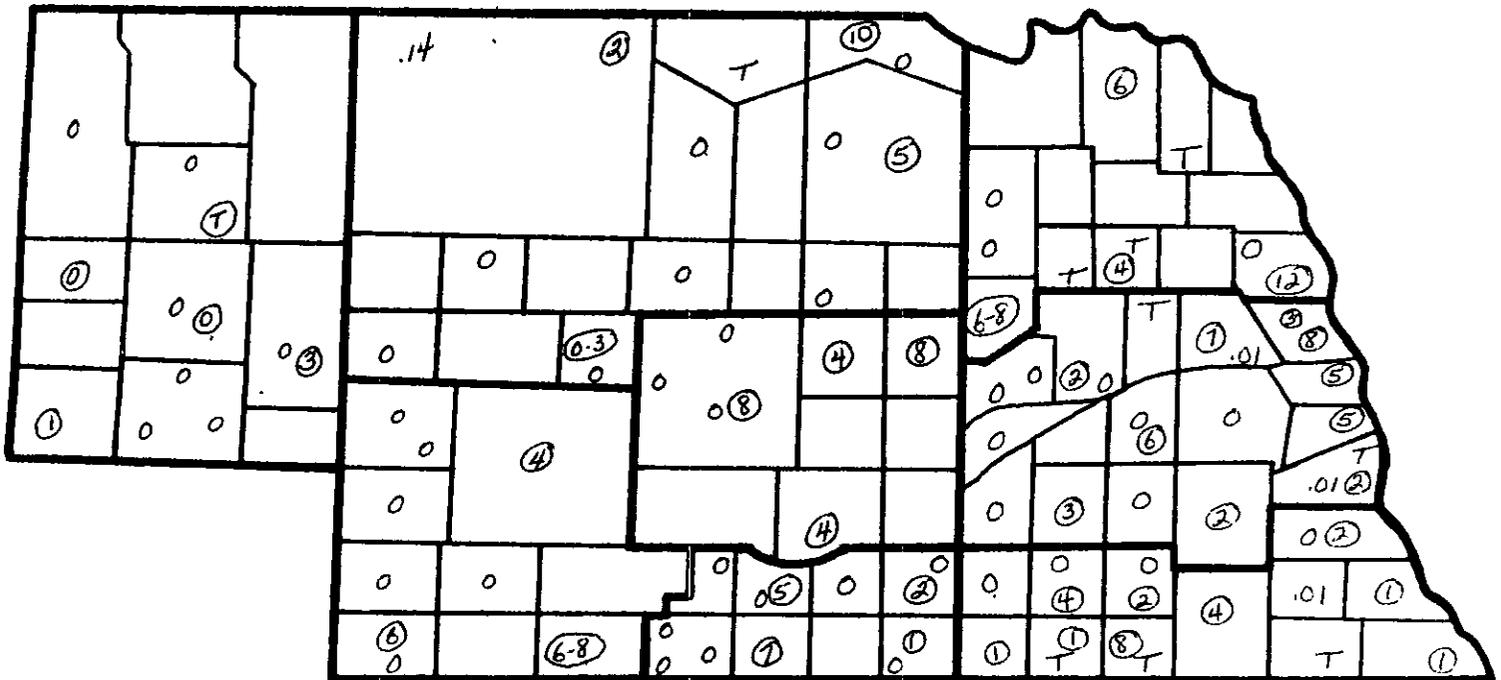
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1983 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Center for Agricultural Meteorology and Climatology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1984



Circled numbers indicate depth of snow (inches) reported by county agents and PCA representatives.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 1984

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	50	2	32	--	0
Scottsbluff	53	8	37	+12	.01
Sidney	50	11	34	--	0
NC Ord	--	--	--	--	--
Valentine	50	4	34	+15	T
NE Norfolk	46	19	33	+15	.01
Sioux City	44	16	31	+14	.02
CEN Grand Island	50	10	34	+13	T
EC Lincoln	49	16	33	+13	T
Omaha	44	20	33	+14	.01
SW Imperial	48	10	33	--	0
North Platte	47	3	30	+8	0

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.