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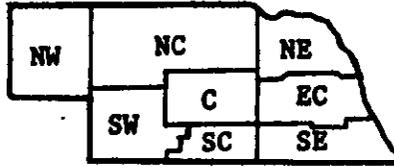
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WEATHER

Average temperatures ranged from six to nine degrees above normal for the week. Precipitation ranged from trace amounts up to a tenth of an inch.

GENERAL

The main activities during February were: equipment maintenance, calving and lambing, attending educational meetings, and tax preparations. Some fieldwork was done in the southern half of the State, consisting mainly of cutting and shredding stalks, disking, and fertilizer application. Most areas reported field conditions were too dry to perform any fieldwork. Some oats were reported planted in the Southeast. No snow cover was reported anywhere in the State.

WINTER WHEAT

Winter wheat condition was rated at 26% poor, 64% fair, and 10% good. At the end of

WINTER WHEAT (Cont.)

February last year, the condition was 19% poor, 76% fair, and 5% good. Some wheat in the East and Southeast was beginning to green up and was suffering from the dry soil conditions. Blowing soil was hurting some wheat in the West and North. Moisture will be needed as the crop breaks dormancy.

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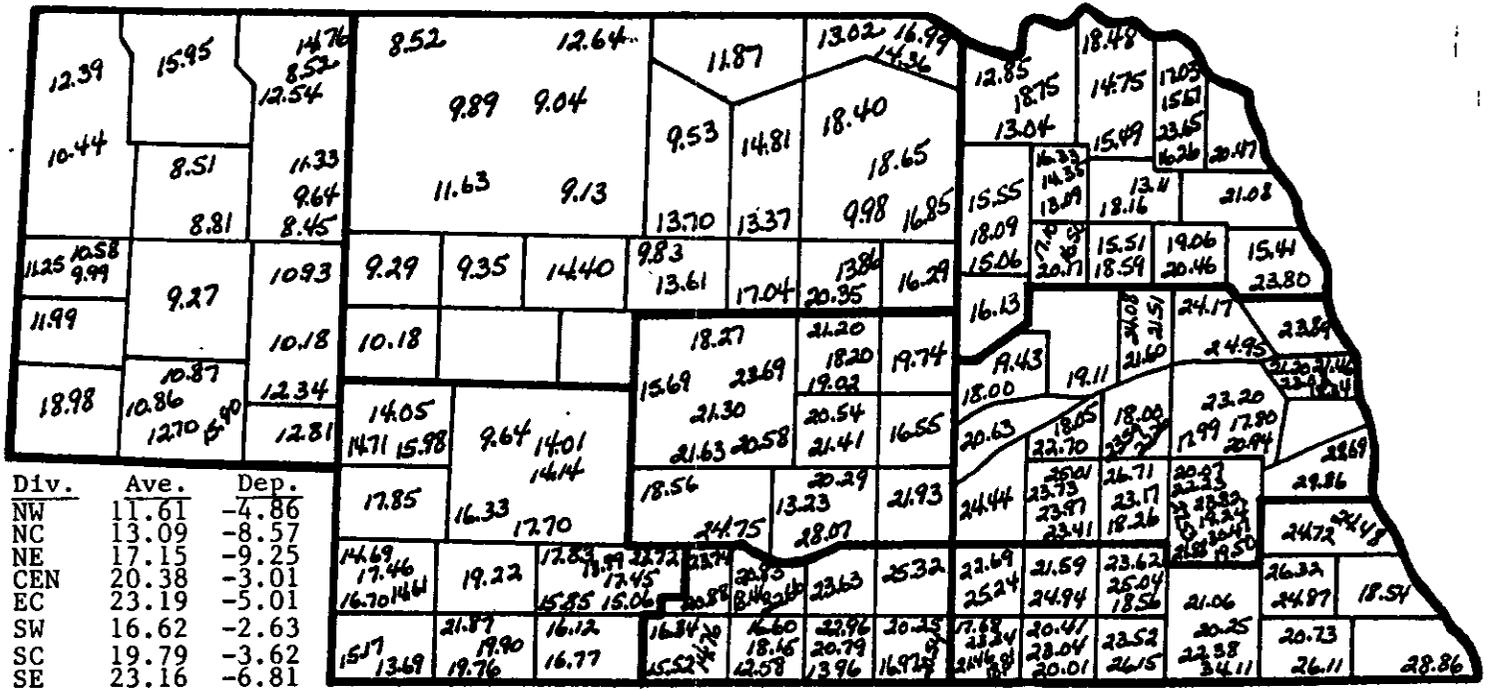
Feed grain supplies were rated average, hay and forage supplies as average to below average, while pasture and range supplies rated below average. The open winter helped stretch short hay supplies as cattle in some areas were still grazing stalks. Hay was being moved from storage areas to feedlots and calving areas. Cattle were rated in good condition and making excellent gains. Calving was considered 21% complete, with excellent conditions reported. Lambing was also well underway. Feedlots and farmyards were being cleaned as dry field conditions allowed manure to be spread easily.

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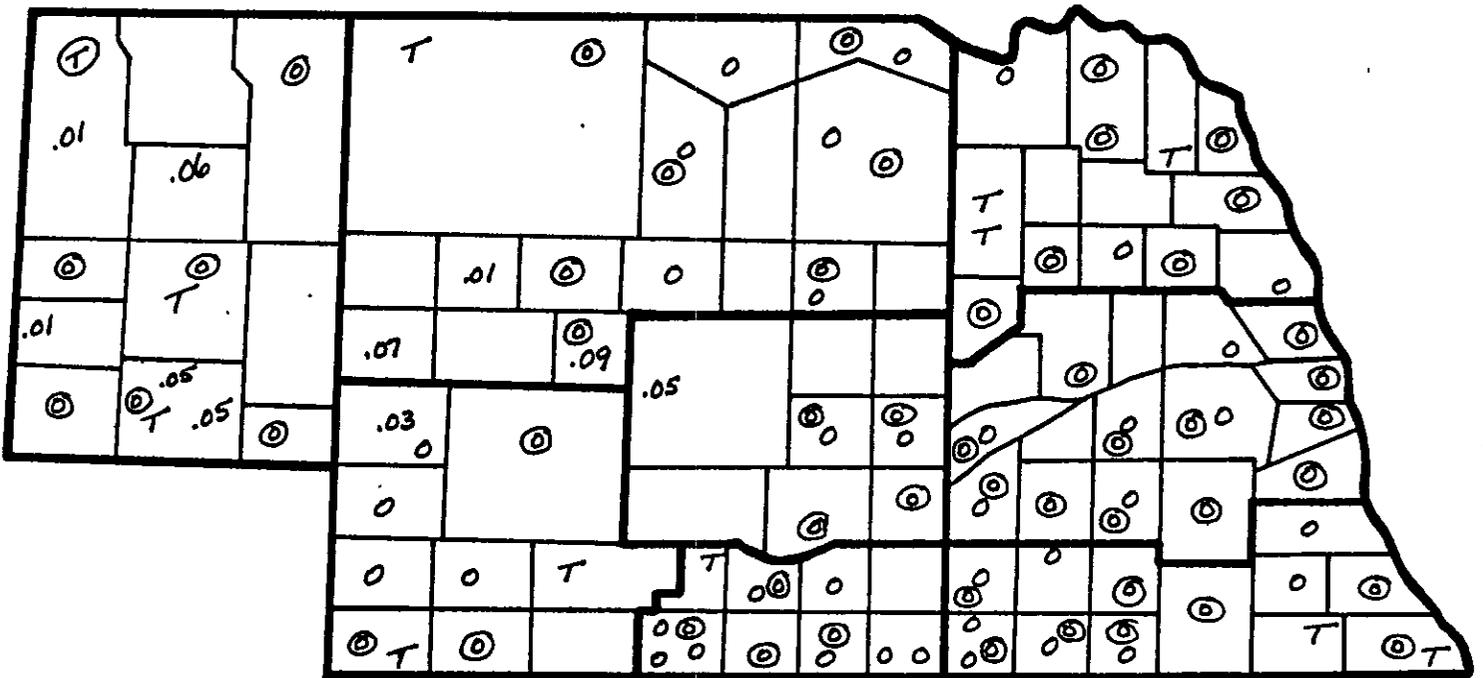
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ANNUAL PRECIPITATION MAP FOR 1989 1/



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

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1990



Circled numbers indicate depth of snow in inches as of March 2, 1990.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 1990

Station	Temperature				Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/	
	Max	Min				
NW	Chadron	64	18	37	--	.01
	Scottsbluff	63	19	39	+6	.09
	Sidney	60	19	37	--	0
NC	Ord	61	11	36	--	0
	Valentine	61	13	36	+9	0
NE	Norfolk	58	14	37	+9	0
	Sioux City	62	11	35	+7	0
CEN	Grand Island	65	18	38	+7	0
EC	Lincoln	68	15	37	+6	0
	Omaha	65	18	38	+9	T
SW	Imperial	64	20	39	--	0
	North Platte	65	16	38	+8	.10

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.