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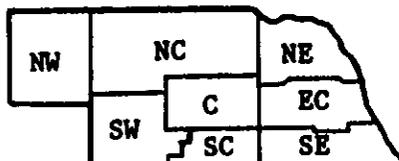
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WEATHER

Precipitation occurred the first part of the week with amounts averaging around a tenth of an inch. Temperatures averaged from one degree above normal in the northwest up to seven degrees above normal in the southwest.

GENERAL

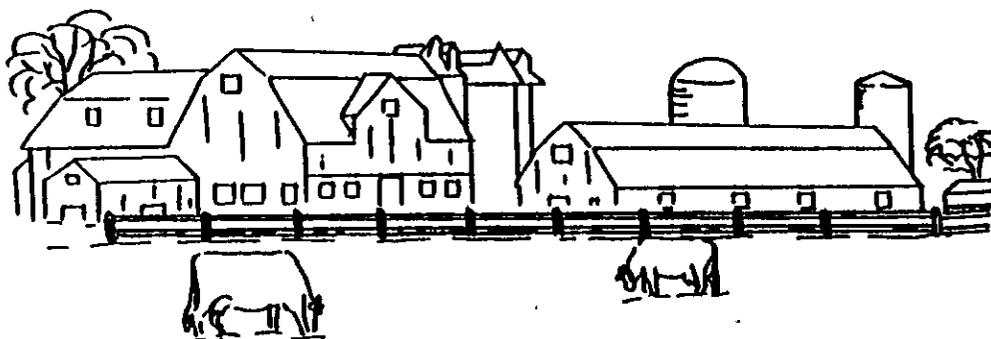
The main activities of Nebraska farmers and ranchers during January included: care and feeding of livestock, repair and maintenance of equipment, record keeping and tax preparation activities, attending meetings, planning and acquiring spring planting supplies, and routine chores. Most areas received some snow during the month with some heavy amounts reported. Snow depth as of February 1 averaged 2.4 inches across the State. However, several areas reported no snow cover and still others reported short soil moisture supplies.

WINTER WHEAT

Winter wheat condition was rated at 11% poor, 45% fair, and 44% good. A year ago, the wheat condition was rated at 2% very poor, 25% poor, 56% fair, and 17% good. Some soil erosion was reported on wheat fields with no snow cover in the west and north. Another concern expressed was the need for spring rains if sufficient additional snow is not received.

LIVESTOCK

Feed grain supplies as well as hay and forage supplies were rated at average to above average. Pasture and range condition was rated at fair. Livestock on stalk fields with snow cover were in some cases receiving supplemental feed. Cattle and calves overall were considered to be in good condition. Calving and lambing were just getting underway with calving at 3% complete.

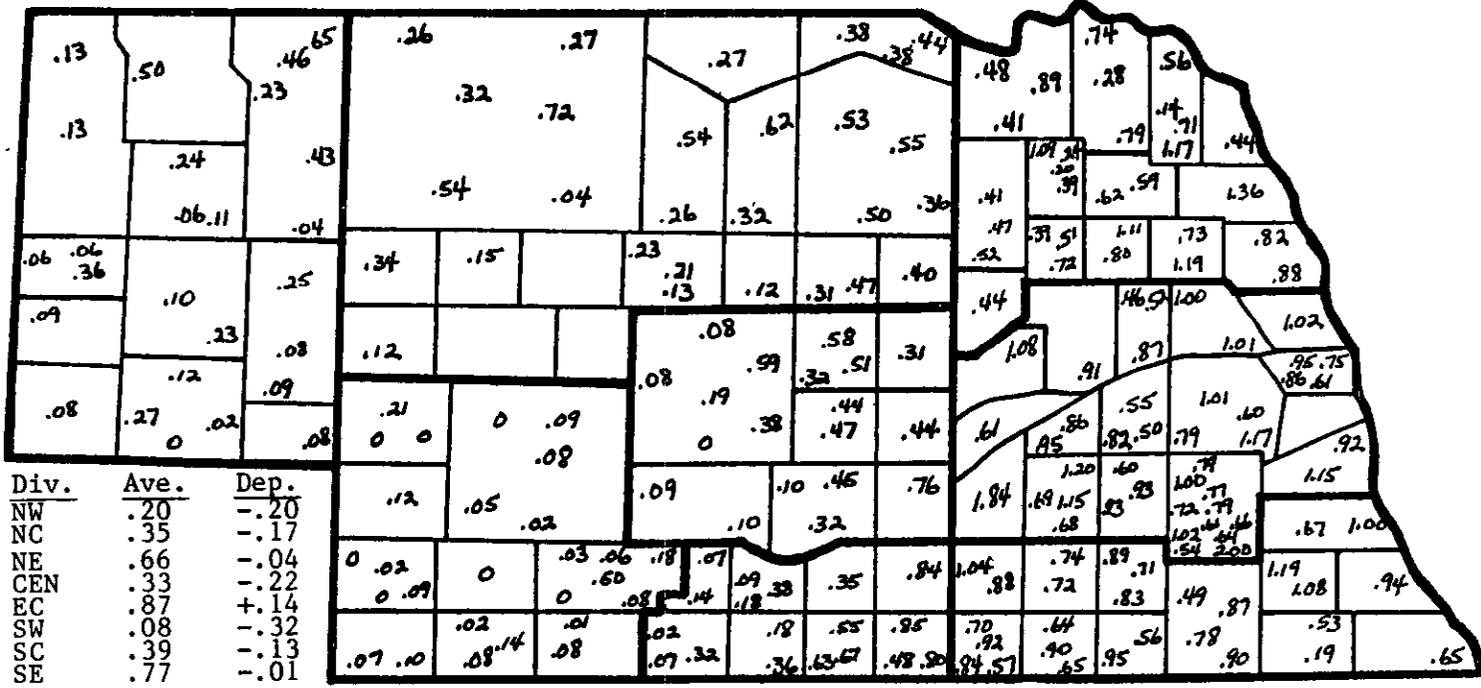


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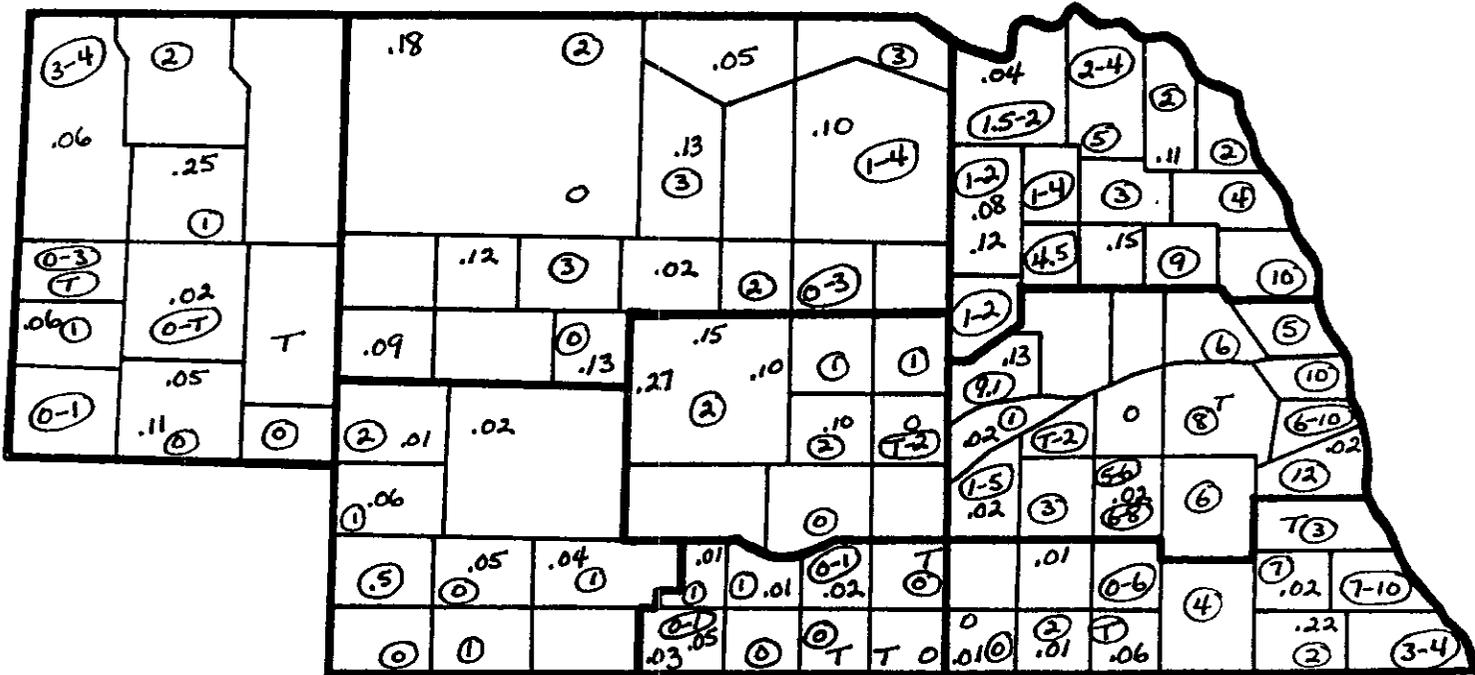
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1990 1/



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, FEBRUARY 1, 1991



Circled numbers indicate depth of snow in inches as of February 1, 1991.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1991

Station	Temperature				Precipitation	
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/	
	Max	Min				
NW	Chadron	58	-16	25	---	---
	Scottsbluff	60	-10	27	+1	.21
	Sidney	60	-9	29	---	.02
NC	Ord	59	-6	28	---	---
	Valentine	63	-10	26	+6	.12
NE	Norfolk	53	-8	24	+5	.18
	Sioux City	45	-6	23	+5	.03
CEN	Grand Island	59	-5	29	+6	.07
EC	Lincoln	54	-9	25	+3	.05
	Omaha	50	-2	26	+6	.01
SW	Imperial	64	-5	30	---	.02
	North Platte	65	-1	30	+7	.06

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.