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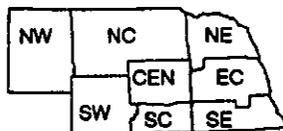
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WEATHER

The week was warm and mild. Temperatures averaged 13 to 18 degrees above normals. Scattered precipitation occurred at the beginning of the week with amounts from traces in the west up to .29 inch in the southwest.

GENERAL

The main activities during the month, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service, were: equipment maintenance, attending meetings and farm sales, calving and lambing, tax preparations, signing up for farm programs, grain movement, and some field work. The field work was limited mostly by wet conditions, although dry conditions prevented field work in the North, but stalk shredding, chiseling, disking, fertilizer application, and oat planting were all reported. Farm stored grains were in mostly good condition, with some problems caused by the weather changes.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition was rated at 2% very poor, 13% poor, 53% fair, 29% good, and 3% excellent. The crop was beginning to green up and start growing across the State. This has caused concern that a cold spell could cause a large amount of winter kill.

Some oats were being sown in the Southeast, and preparations were being done in other areas.

LIVESTOCK

Feed grain supplies as well as hay and forage supplies were adequate to surplus due to the availability of stalk fields most of the winter. Feed lots were still muddy causing some reduced weight gains. Weather conditions were generally good to excellent for calving with the only problem reported being muddy conditions. Calving was reported at approximately 20% complete, with losses light. Lambing was in full swing with many areas reporting at least 50% complete. Cattle condition was rated at 13% fair, 72% good and 15% excellent.

SUPPLIES OF FEED GRAINS AND HAY & FORAGE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1992	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST REPORT
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE		
Feed Grains - Short	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	9	1	1
(Percent) - Adequate	81	79	67	79	73	91	75	82	79	87
- Surplus	19	21	33	21	27	9	25	9	20	12
Hay and Forage - Short	0	0	0	0	5	0	8	9	2	3
(Percent) - Adequate	50	50	52	93	72	73	75	91	65	74
- Surplus	50	50	48	7	23	27	17	0	33	23

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 1992

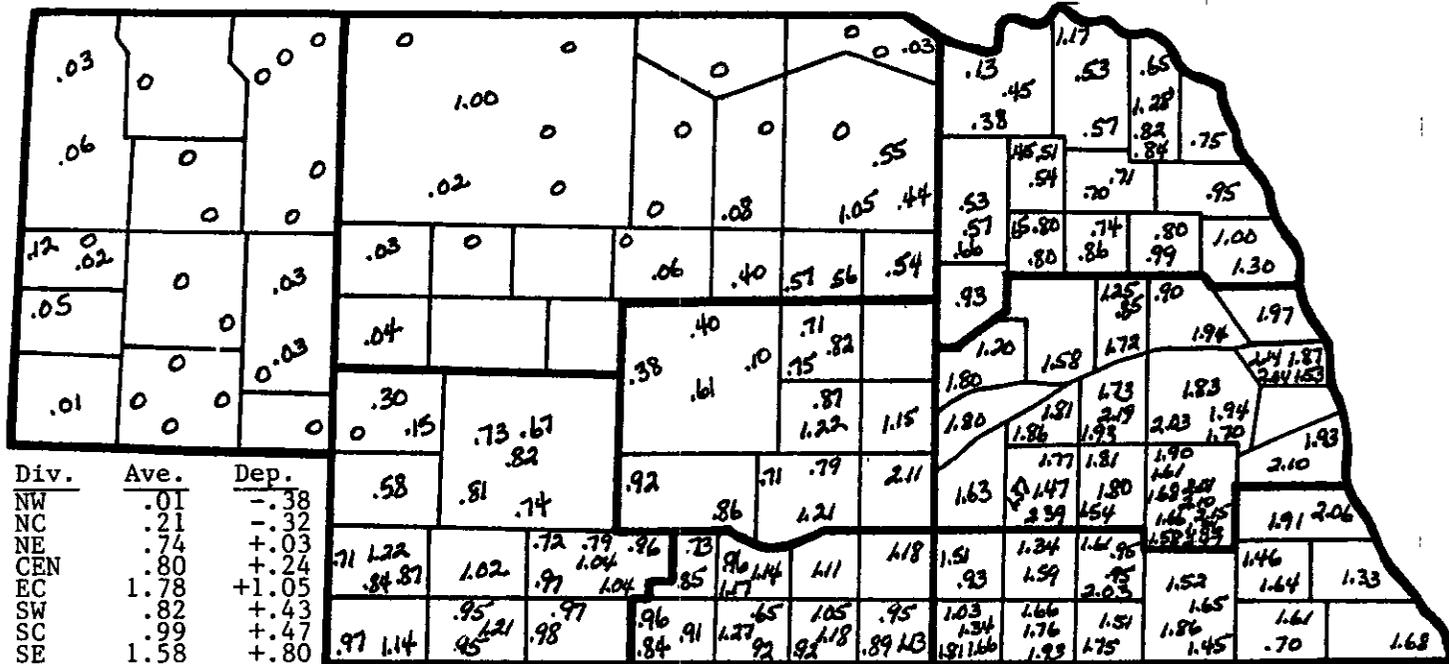
Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	73	20	47	---	.05
Scottsbluff	72	21	45	+13	T
Sidney	72	19	46	---	.22
NC Valentine	74	16	44	+17	.01
NE Norfolk	80	20	45	+18	.04
Sioux City	77	21	43	+16	.10
CEN Grand Island	80	21	44	+13	.18
Ord	77	17	45	---	0
EC Lincoln	81	21	45	+15	.05
Omaha	79	21	45	+16	.04
SW Imperial	76	24	45	---	.29
North Platte	76	21	45	+15	T

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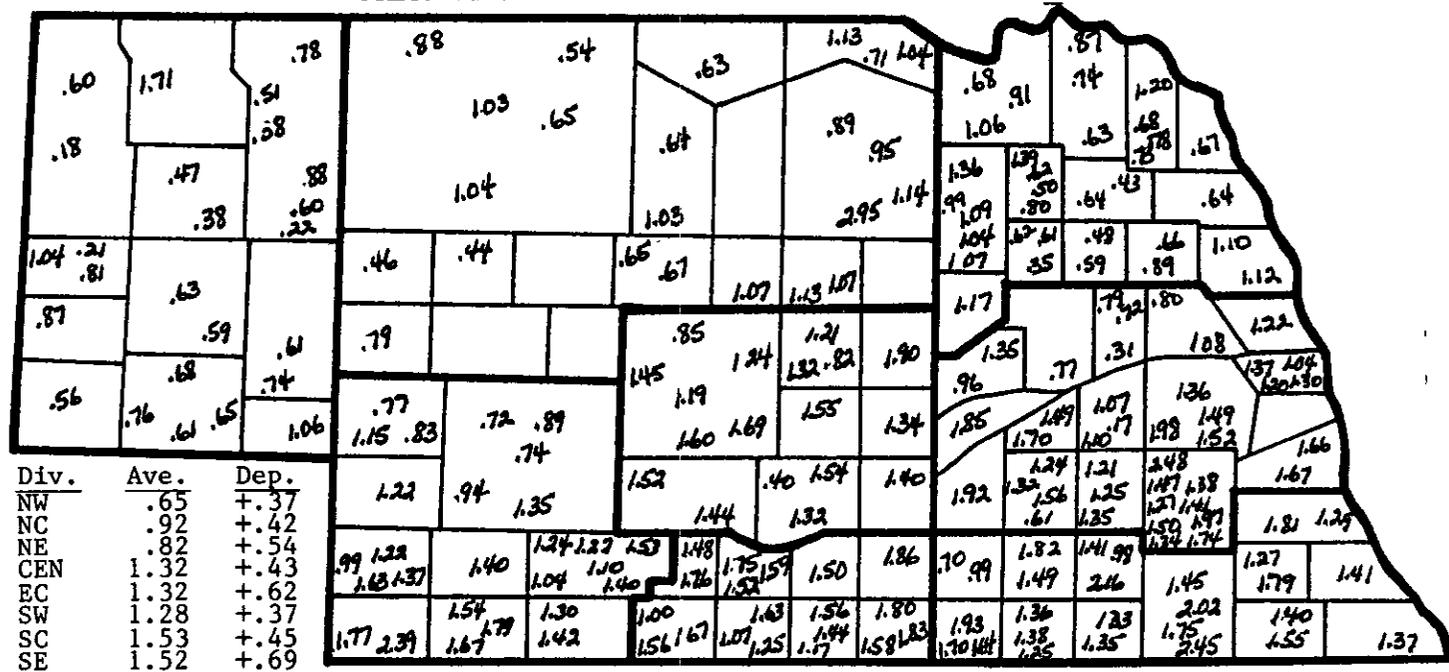
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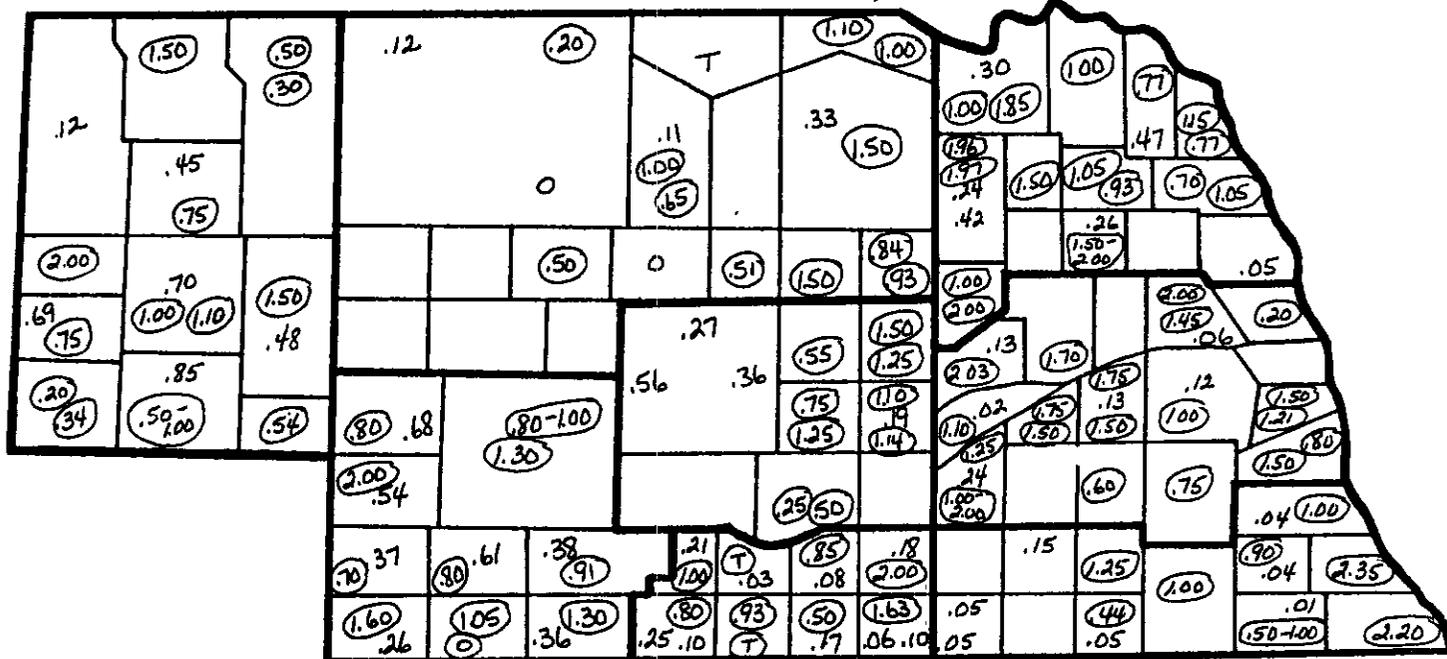
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1992 1/



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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1992



Circled numbers are unofficial precipitation amounts reported for the month of February.