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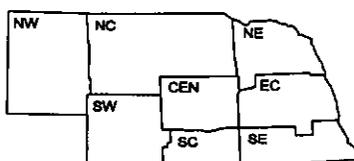
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WEATHER

Temperatures early in January were well below normal across much of Nebraska. However, temperatures during the last three weeks were mild, averaging near 10% above average. Precipitation was light across the State, ranging from a trace to forty-nine hundredths in the southeast.

GENERAL

Minimal snow cover was offset by above normal temperatures which allowed the wheat crop to improve slightly from a month ago, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The weather continued to provide conditions favorable for good utilization of stalk fields by cattle. Monitoring of farm stored grains was active with some producers finding grain going out of condition due to the variation of temperatures. Producer activities included attending meetings, record

GENERAL (Cont.)

keeping, tax planning, 1999 crop year planning and livestock care.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 1% poor, 18% fair, 70% good, and 11% excellent. The crop appears to be doing well due to mild temperatures.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Livestock continued to glean stalk fields. Supplemental feeding occurred on stalk fields during January where cattle had depleted available crop residue or where the residue contained reduced nutritional value. Feed grain and hay and forage supplies were mostly adequate to surplus across the State. The 1999 calving season had begun with 6% calved statewide. Condition of cattle and calves was rated 1% poor, 10% fair, 73% good, and 16% excellent.

WINTER REPORTING AS OF JANUARY 29, 1999	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST REPORT	LAST YEAR
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE			
	PERCENT										
% Cows Calved	4	4	2	2	3	8	12	11	6	n/a	4
SUPPLIES OF FEED GRAINS AND HAY AND FORAGE AS OF JANUARY 29, 1999											
Feed Grains											
- Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(Percent) - Short	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2
- Adequate	89	97	74	60	78	69	54	99	79	72	88
- Surplus	11	3	25	40	22	30	46	0	21	27	10
Hay and Forage											
- Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(Percent) - Short	1	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	1	2	13
- Adequate	82	92	71	56	73	78	67	100	78	85	83
- Surplus	17	8	28	44	27	19	30	0	21	13	4

n/a = not available.

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**TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR
WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1999**

Station		Temperature			Precipitation	
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	54	7	26	---	02
	Scottsbluff	49	10	29	+4	.03
	Sidney	48	11	29	---	.03
NC	Valentine	57	7	28	+8	.01
NE	Norfolk	49	10	28	+9	T
	Sioux City	39	9	26	+8	04
CEN	Grand Island	47	13	28	+6	0
	Ord	54	12	29	---	T
EC	Lincoln	48	15	30	+9	T
	Omaha	46	14	29	+7	T
SW	Imperial	53	13	32	---	T
	North Platte	53	11	30	+8	0