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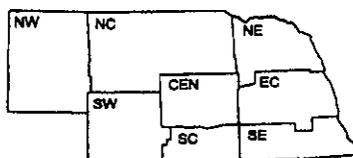
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WEATHER

Temperatures during the month of December averaged six to seven degrees above normal. With the exception of the third week of the month, temperatures were well above normal. Limited precipitation was received during December, with most areas recording less than one inch of total moisture accumulation.

GENERAL

Above normal temperatures during December combined with limited snow fall resulted in a warm, open winter to date, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Soil moisture supplies remained very short, with crop producers looking for additional moisture to recharge soil profiles and looking for snow to provide protection for the winter wheat crop. Due to the warm conditions, some areas had no frost in the ground. Livestock producers have taken advantage of the mild conditions and left cattle

GENERAL (Cont.)

on stalks, which has limited supplemental feed usage. Other farm and ranch activities included book work and tax accounting, general farm maintenance and livestock care.

CROPS

Winter wheat crop rated 6% very poor, 4% poor, 24% fair, 66% good. Poorest wheat stands continued to be reported in eastern counties. Significant snowfall occurred in portions of the west the first days of the New Year providing needed moisture and protection from winds and low temperatures.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

With weather conditions mild, few livestock problems were being experienced. Hay supplies were being drawn down slowly and were reported as adequate to surplus in most areas. Feed grain supplies were adequate to surplus as well.

SUPPLIES OF FEED GRAINS AND HAY AND FORAGE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1999	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST REPORT	LAST YEAR	
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
	PERCENT											
Feed Grains - Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0
(Percent) - Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	1
- Adequate	94	63	68	80	60	44	75	57	69	n/a	72	
- Surplus	6	37	32	20	40	56	25	43	31	n/a	27	
Hay and Forage - Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	
(Percent) - Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	2	n/a	2	
- Adequate	90	75	84	25	74	69	75	43	71	n/a	85	
- Surplus	10	25	16	75	26	31	25	43	27	n/a	13	

n/a = not available

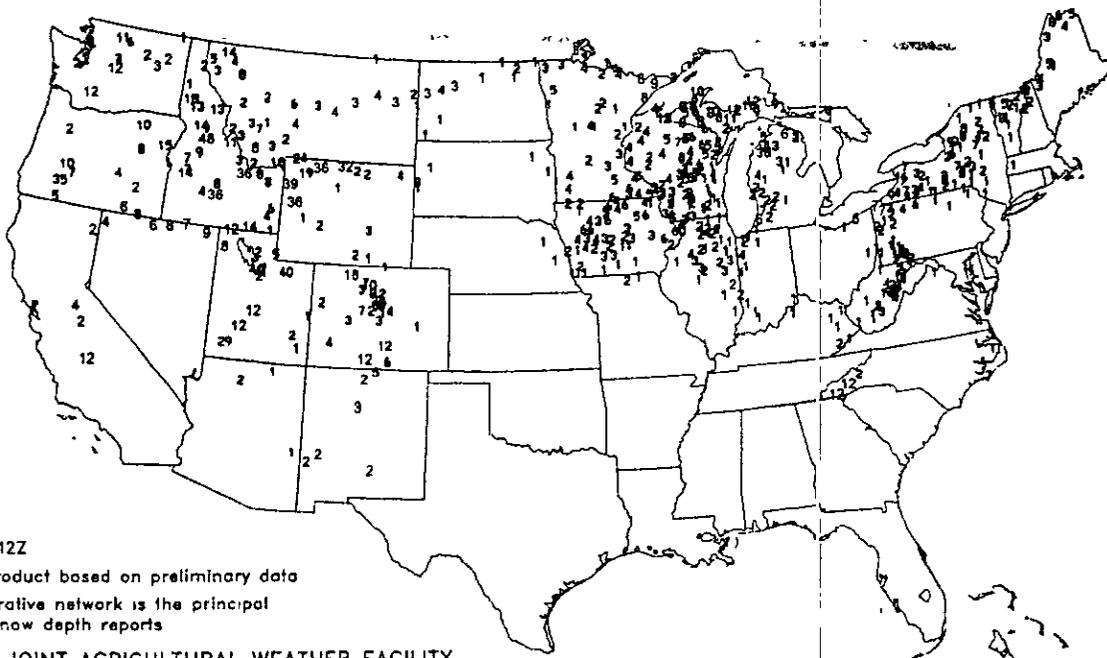
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Snow Depth (Inches)

Dec 27, 1999



Snow Depth at 12Z

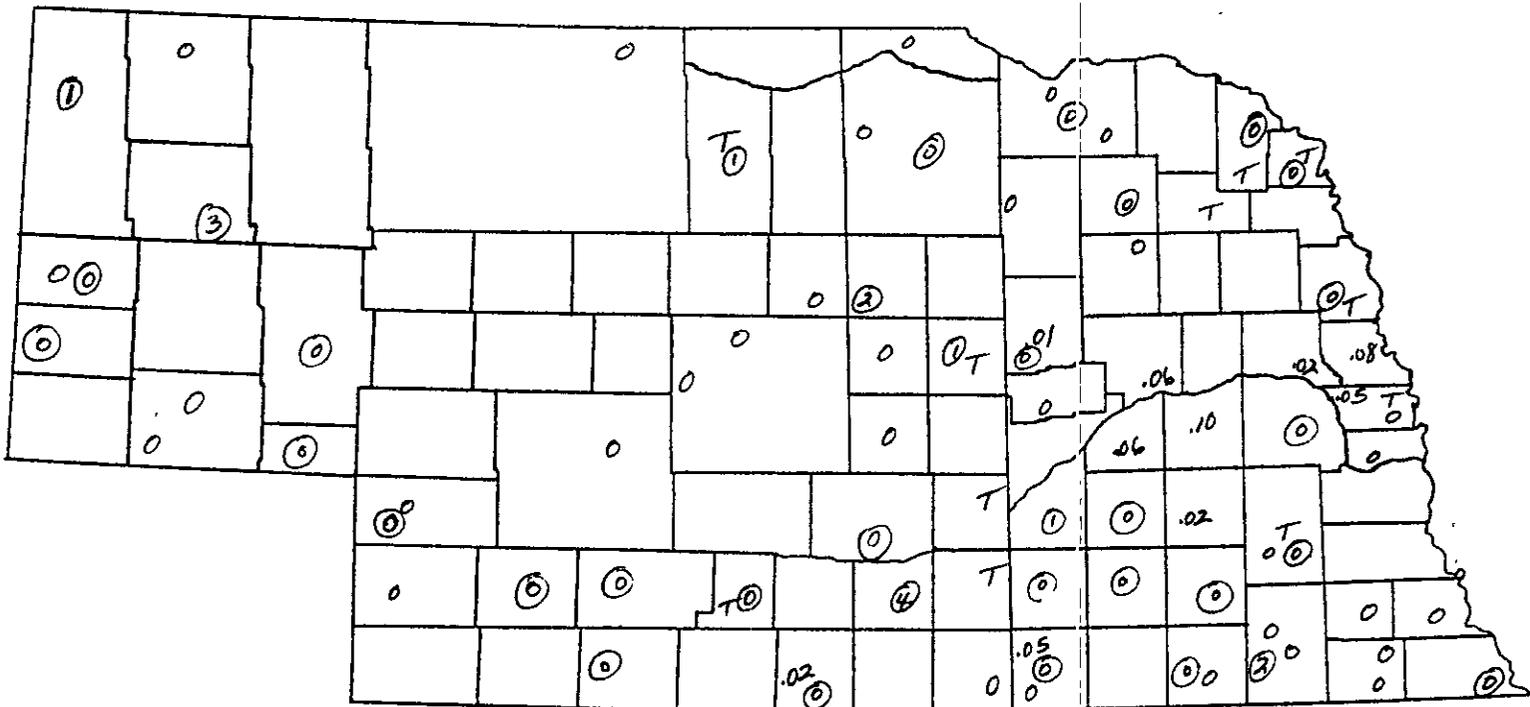
Experimental product based on preliminary data

The NWS cooperative network is the principal source of the snow depth reports

NOAA/USDA JOINT AGRICULTURAL WEATHER FACILITY

Supplemental values from the U.S. Air Force Snow Depth Analysis, 00Z Dec 27

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2000



Circled numbers represent depth of snow in inches as of December 31, 1999.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2000

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	60	12	36	---	0
Scottsbluff	63	16	38	+14	0
Sidney	61	19	39	---	0
NC Valentine	63	16	37	+18	0
NE Norfolk	62	18	38	+19	0
Sioux City	61	17	36	+18	T
CEN Grand Island	68	18	39	+17	T
Ord	66	19	37	---	0
EC Lincoln	64	17	38	+16	T
Omaha	63	22	38	+17	T
SW Imperial	65	20	41	---	0
North Platte	66	11	36	+15	0