

## **U.S. Department of Agriculture, Nebraska**

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Records: 1878-1975

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### **HISTORICAL NOTE**

The U.S. Bureau of Animal Industry was established in May 1884 to prevent the exportation of diseased cattle and to eradicate contagious diseases among domestic animals. The Bureau operated through an extensive field service supervised by several headquarters divisions. It enforced such regulatory measures as the Meat Inspection Act of 1891; the Diseased Animal Transportation Act of 1903; the Virus Serum Act of 1913, in relation to veterinary biological products; and the Twety-Eight Hour Act of 1873, which required that animals in interstate transit be unloaded, fed and watered every twenty-eight hours. From 1927 to 1939 it also enforced the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921. In 1953 the Bureau was abolished and its functions were divided among other branches within the Department of Agriculture.

The U.S. Soil Conservation Service (SCS) was established by the U.S. Soil Conservation Act in 1935 to provide a permanent program for preventing and controlling soil erosion. In 1937 it began to provide technical and other assistance to farmers in soil conservation districts organized under state laws. The SCS was given responsibility for assisting in water conservation programs in 1944. The duties of the SCS include conducting soil and snow surveys, watershed activities, and river basin surveys and investigations; promoting agricultural stability; assisting local groups in planning and developing land and water resources in multiple county areas; and giving technical help to landowners and operators.

The U.S. Weather Bureau was established by an act of Congress on October 1, 1890. It took over the weather service that had been established in the Office of the Chief Signal Officer of the War Department in 1870. The Bureau in Nebraska maintained meteorological stations at Lincoln, Omaha, North Platte, and Valentine with numerous substations. The duties of the Weather Bureau included forecasting, recording climatological data, and making meteorological observations and reports. The Bureau was transferred to the Department of Commerce in 1940.



ADDED ENTRIES:

AGRICULTURE--NEBRASKA  
ANIMAL INDUSTRY--NEBRASKA  
ANIMAL INDUSTRY--LAW AND LEGISLATION  
CLIMATE--NEBRASKA  
MEAT INDUSTRY AND TRADE--LAW AND LEGISLATION  
SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS--NEBRASKA  
SOIL CONSERVATION--LAW AND LEGISLATION  
SOIL CONSERVATION--NEBRASKA  
United States. Bureau of Animal Industry--Nebraska  
United States. Department of Agriculture. Bureau  
of Animal Industry  
    See: United States Bureau of Animal Industry  
United States. Department of Agriculture. Weather Bureau  
    See: United States Weather Bureau  
United States. Department of Commerce. Weather Bureau  
    See: United States Weather Bureau  
United States Weather Bureau (Lincoln, Neb.)  
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT--NEBRASKA  
WEATHER--NEBRASKA See: CLIMATE--NEBRASKA  
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### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of records of some departments of the U.S. Department of Agriculture relating to Nebraska. It is contained in 5 boxes and on one roll of microfilm. It is arranged in the following subgroups: 1) Bureau of Animal Industry, 1893-1937; 2) Soil Conservation Service, 1938-1975; and 3) Weather Bureau, 1878-1950.

The material in Subgroup One, U.S. Bureau of Animal Industry, relates to the federal inspection of livestock and meat by the Bureau of Animal Industry office located at Omaha, Nebraska. Included in these records are references to daily routine inspections of packing plants, storage facilities and shipping areas. Various circular letters issued by the Washington D.C. office of the bureau relate to rules and regulations for meat inspections.

Under the terms of the U.S. Soil Conservation Act of 1935, the Department of Agriculture, thru the Soil Conservation Service was authorized to cooperate with and furnish aids to government agencies for erosion control and soil conservation work. The records in Subgroup Two deal with that cooperation as it relates to Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The common objective was to bring about the protection and improvement of agricultural land. Included in each file are organizational information, annual work plans and programs, agreements, contracts, and correspondence.

Subgroup Three, U.S. Weather Bureau, contains material that relate to the climate of Nebraska on one roll of microfilm. Included are climatological records, temperature records, and other various meteorological records kept by the Lincoln substation of the U.S. Weather Bureau, 1930-1950.

The records in Subgroup One were received from James Grygo, USDA, Omaha, Nebraska, ca. 1972. The collection in Subgroup Two was transferred from the USDA Soil Conservation Service, Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1982. The film, in Subgroup Three relating to the Lincoln Weather Station records, was transferred as a part of the Lincoln Public Works' collection in 1987.

DESCRIPTION

SUBGROUP ONE BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY, 1893-1937

SERIES ONE GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1893-1937

Box 1

f.1 Circular Letters, 1893-1937

V.1 Letter Press book, 1917-1918

Outgoing correspondence  
Omaha office

SUBGROUP TWO SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE, 1938-1975

SERIES ONE NEBRASKA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICTS 1938-1975

Note: Each folder contains contracts, work plans,  
agreements, correspondence, etc.

Box 1 Adams - 1946-1964

Antelope - 1941-1967

Banner - 1957-1967

Beaver-Sappa - 1956-1964

Blaine-Thomas - 1956-1963

Boone - 1941-1964

Box Butte - 1946-1964

Boyd - 1946-1967

Buffalo-Ravenna - 1941-1965

Burt - 1944-1967

Butler - 1959-1968

Cass - 1940-1967

Cedar - 1956-1964

Chaeo (Furnas Co) - 1941-1964

Chase - 1957-1965

Cherry - 1949-1964

Cheyenne - 1948-1965

Clay - 1947-1964

Colfax - 1956-1975

Cuming - 1956-1967

Custer - 1941-1964

Dakota - 1947-1965

Dawson - 1945-1966  
Deuel - 1940-1964  
Dixon - 1945-1964  
Dodge - 1946-1964  
Douglas - 1941-1964

SUBGROUP TWO SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

SERIES ONE (cont)

Box 2 Dundy - 1947-1964

Fillmore - 1946-1964  
Franklin - 1941-1966  
Frontier - 1944-1965  
Gage - 1943-1964  
Garden - 1948-1965  
Garfield-Loup - 1944-1964  
Gosper - 1945-1965  
Grant-Hooker - 1950-1964  
Greeley-Wheeler - 1940-1964  
Hall - 1945-1965  
Hamilton - 1947-1965  
Harlan - 1940-1965  
Hitchcock - 1944-1966  
Holt - 1944-1964  
Howard - 1941-1964  
Jefferson - 1947-1964  
Johnson - 1943-1964  
Keya Paha-Brown-Rock (K-B-R) - 1948-1964  
Kearney - 1944-1964  
Keith-Arthur - 1947-1964  
Kimball - 1950-1964  
Knox - 1947-1965  
Lancaster - 1941-1965  
Lincoln - 1949-1964  
Logan-McPherson - 1949-1964  
Madison - 1940-1964  
Merrick - 1946-1964

Box 3 Morrill - 1940-1964

Nance - 1941-1959  
Nemaha - 1941-1965  
Nuckholls - 1943-1965  
Otoe - 1941-1966  
Palisade (Hayes-Hitchcock Co) - 1941-1966  
Papio (Washington Co) - 1938-1964  
Pawnee - 1940-1964  
Perkins - 1950-1965  
Phelps - 1943-1965

Pierce Natural Resources District - 1946-1964  
Pine Ridge - 1942-1965 (dissolved 08/17/1964)  
\* See White River SWCD  
Platte - 1940-1966  
Polk - 1945-1967  
Red Willow - 1941-1964  
Richardson - 1940-1964  
Saline - 1946-1964



SUBGROUP TWO            SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

SERIES ONE (cont)

Box 3 (cont)

Sarpy - 1946-1967  
Saunders - 1946-1969  
Scotts Bluff - 1941-1965  
                  (First Commissioner SCD)  
Seward - 1944-1965

Box 4 Sheridan - 1947-1964

Sherman - 1943-1965  
Stanton - 1942-1964  
Sugarloaf (Harlan-Sioux-Dawes Co) - 1940-1965  
Thayer - 1939-1964  
Thurston - 1942-1964  
Valley - 1942-1964

Box 5 Wayne - 1940-1964

Webster - 1946-1969  
White River (Sioux-Dawes Co) - 1944-1965  
York - 1946-1964

SUBGROUP THREE            WEATHER BUREAU, 1878-1950

film

SERIES ONE            LINCOLN, NE STATION

Roll 1

Climatological Record, 1886-1930 (Lincoln)  
Elevation & Position of Instruments Report, 1906, 1897  
Solar Radiation in Ground (Table), 1915-1929  
Atmospheric Dust Particles, 1928-1930  
Elevation    & Position of Instruments Report, 1897-1906  
Heavy Frost (Table), 1894-1931  
Light Frost (Table), 1894-1931  
Climatological Record (Pressure), 1897-1931  
Record of Days 100 degrees or more, 1897-1930  
Thermometer Readings - Compare old & new shelters, 1905  
Climatological Records, 1878-1950 (Lincoln)

END OF INVENTORY  
SRW/CLS 11/05/90  
JEP/SM 10/20/82  
DDS/pmc 06/15/72