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January moisture below normal

By Jerry Guenther
Staff Reporter

Despite Wednesday's snow and rain, most of the state remains below normal levels of winter precipitation, a climate resources specialist for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources said.

Prior to Wednesday's snow and rain, Lincoln had received only .24 inches of precipitation in January, which is below normal, Ken Hubbard said.

During December, Hubbard said, Lincoln received .57 inches of precipitation -- .12 inches below normal.

Winter precipitation is important to the state, Hubbard said, because many Nebraska crops require at least some moisture in the soil at planting

time. Hubbard said if the soil moisture isn't close to being recharged by planting season, the chances of a soil moisture shortage during the growing season for crops are greater. Such a shortage can lead to crop stress and yield reductions.

But, Hubbard said, crops planted during late April and May still may have good yields with timely rains during June.

"Either we need to start with full soil moisture at the beginning and get some precipitation, or start below soil moisture and get quite a bit," Hubbard said. "The timing is all critical for different crops."

Although Hubbard said soil conditions are dry in Nebraska areas where winter wheat crops are grown, precipitation isn't critical to the crops

until April or May when green-up occurs.

Still, Hubbard said, snow is helpful to the winter wheat crop because it can protect soil from erosion and can act as a thermal insulator on extremely cold days for wheat that already has been planted.

Even though the state has experienced drier and warmer winters during the past couple of years, Hubbard said, he thinks it is difficult to attribute the temperatures to a surplus of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

He said high temperatures on winter days so far have been within the expected distribution of extremes for this climate.

"The way it is now, we really can't see from the record that (warmer temperatures) are the result of greenhouse warmings... volcanic activity or sun spots," Hubbard said.

State short on funds for raises

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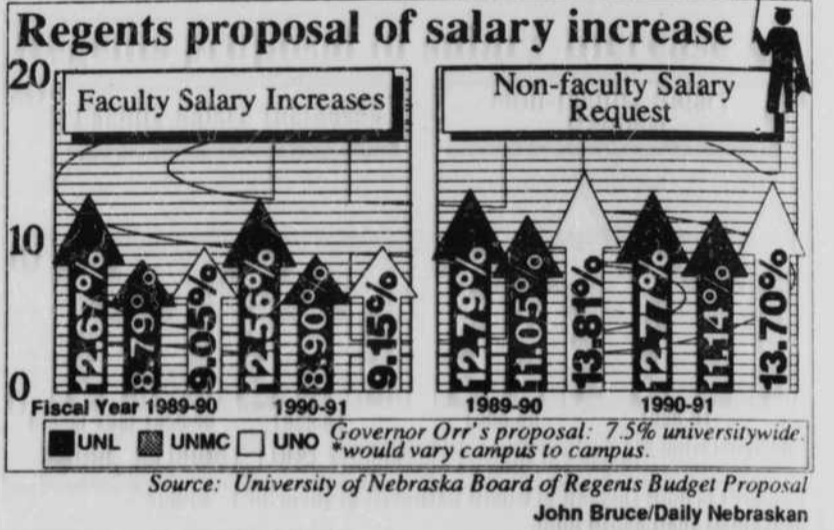
said the chances of getting the 11.2 percent are not very good. "But there's always a possibility," he said. "If the money is not there," Fricke said, "there is nothing we can do about it."

Regent Chairman Nancy Hoch of Nebraska City said she appreciates the support the governor has given the university.

"But the three-year plan has been a priority for the board," she said. "I'm sure we'll try to complete the effort."

Diffendal said he will continue trying to reason with people about the impact an 11.2 percent increase would have on faculty morale. It is important, he said, "to give them an indication that they're a valuable asset to the state."

Warner said efforts like faculty members made last year for salary increases will not make much of a difference this year. Last year the money for the large increase was available, he said. Since last year, he said, there has been a "tremendous



increase" in the cost of Medicaid and nursing home programs.

Because those increases are federally mandated, he said, the state has no option.

In addition, Warner said, when the Legislature passes this two-year state budget, it also needs to consider the next two-year budget.

The Legislature must consider whether the current levels of funding can be maintained for four years using current tax rates, Warner said.

Despite these predictions, Diffendal said he will remain committed to the regents' three-year plan.

"We want to be consistent," he said. "We think it's achievable."

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Members caught breaking rules will face Greek Judicial Board

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would not enter without permission. The officers could enter if they had reasonable cause a crime was occurring.

Signing the contract would not take away fraternity officers' constitutional rights to say no to the police. If they did say no, however, fraternity officers would be brought before the Greek Judicial Board, Anderson said.

She said individual house members or officers who are caught breaking any of the contract's rules will be subject to Greek Judicial Board punishments. This is the same process that exists now, she said. The contract does not, however, give UNL police and administrators an excuse to increase policing efforts.

Last semester, several houses were placed on probation for drinking violations. These "blatant" violations of drinking policies played a part in the decision to solve alcohol

problems, Griesen said.

"Things were pretty out of hand," he said. "People were going from party to party carrying beer."

These incidents, and others from inside and outside the university community resulted in the new contract, Griesen said.

UNL's legal liabilities in cases where someone was hurt in alcohol-related accidents in greek houses, complaints from alumni about enforcing drug and alcohol policies more closely, and complaints from residence hall students that enforcement of policies has been unequal were all part of the decision, he said.

But the primary reason was the desire to create a positive environment on campus, which, Griesen said, is "no place for alcohol and drugs."

"We're not out to hurt the houses, but to keep them strong," he said. "They would be hurt by the problems that come with alcohol and drugs."

Greek leaders to discuss contract wording

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Lane Kent, president Phi Delta Theta fraternity, said he will consult with house lawyers. "It won't be signed as written," he said.

Kent and officers of other houses said they were concerned over part of the contract that states: "We agree to grant permission to UNL Police officers to have access to the public areas of our chapter house."

Kent said that although house officers would still have the right to refuse entrance to police officers, they would be admitting the house officers were guilty of breaking the contract.

"It's the same thing as a Breathalyzer test," he said.

Tom Guoto, Sigma Nu fraternity social chairman, agreed with Kent's analogy. He said the contract was blackmail.

Guoto also said he felt UNL was acting like a dictatorship with the contract.

"We go to college to learn to grow up," he said. "They're acting as our parents. I realize it's for our own safety, but they should be limited in what they can do."

But both men said they approved of the rest

of the contract.

Kent said the contract puts greek houses in the same category as residence halls, making the housing situation more fair throughout campus.

Guoto said that because the overall contract was positive, officers in his house would sign it. But, he said, he didn't feel Sigma Nu would have to change any of its policies because of the contract.

"Our national (organization) already has a strict risk reduction policy," he said.

Leah Carstens, president of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, and Denise Sommerfeld, Kappa Delta president, said the contract would not affect their houses either because of the national organizations' rules.

Yost said house presidents probably will have their alumni members who are lawyers look over the contract, and will meet in two weeks to decide if the controversial language needs to be changed.

"It's the only glitch," he said.

Yost said the rest of the contract was very positive and would make house officers aware of their responsibilities and the rules they are supposed to follow.