

February 1 to 18 By OSCAR L. MOLDENHAUER

NEAR NORMAL TEMPERATURES and less than the usual of snowfall is the outlook for Montana and northern Wyoming in the next eighteen days. The first week of February is due for considerable dry and moderate weather. Thereafter we can expect more frequent changes, minor snowstorms and cold air invasions.

Some of the main moisture-producing storms this month are expected to concentrate on the Pacific coast. Others will cross the southern Plains from the southwest storm track, leaving Montana and Wyoming too far out of range for significant amounts of precipitation. The disturbances that do

FEBRUARY PRECIPITATION - TEMPERATURE MAP MONTANA Northeastern 0.42 N. P. 0.39 E. P. 0.30 N. A. T. 150 19.30 E. A. T. 160 N. A. T. 21.60 TE A. T. 220 0.50 rstone Drainage Basin LEGEND 0.52 N.P. 0.47 E.P. 0.35 N.A.T. 23.5 E.A.T. 240 N. P.—Normal precipitation. E.P. 0.45 N. A. T. 22.7° E.A. T. 23° E. P.—Expected precipitation. N. A. T.-Normal E. A. T.—Expected average temperature.

E. P. 1.10

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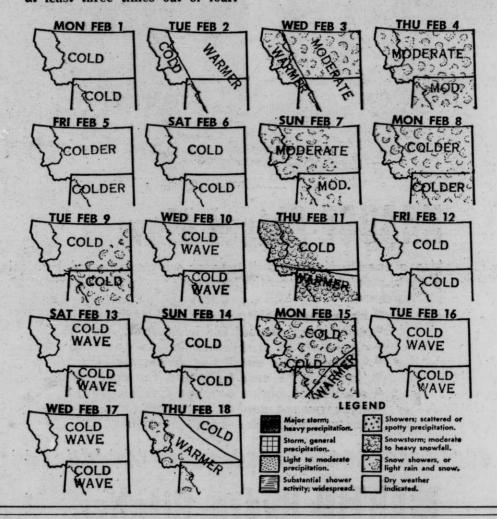
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cover this forecast region will cause numerous days of stormy weather but only small amounts of snow in the farming regions.

Several short cold waves are indicated, but they will not be as severe as some years. Moderately cold days are likely to be in the majority after the 7th as actual mild weather may be scarce. The most frequent and persistent cold periods should occur between February 9th and 28th. Winter is due to hang on for a while longer in all sections. Look for considerable improvement in the weather with the arrival of March.

Precipitation: Below normal. Temperatures: Average near normal.

These miniature weather maps are designed to give you a quick, easy-toread forecast of approximately when certain kinds of weather may occur, early or late. With these variations, the map forecast should prove correct but the actual occurrence may be occasionally as much as two or three days at least three times out of four.



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