

Where's the SNOW?

In 1949, Nebraska was hit by a devastating blizzard, considered one of the worst in the state's history, which began in November 1948 and continued through February 1949, causing massive snow drifts, blocked roads, stranded communities, and a desperate need to airlift hay to snowbound livestock, an operation famously known as "Operation Haylift."

The blizzard wasn't a single event, but a series of storms that dumped heavy snow over several months, leading to extremely high snow drifts, some reaching 25-35 feet tall.



The biggest concern was the threat to millions of cattle snow-covered pastures, facing starvation.



To feed the stranded animals, the U.S. Air Force launched "Operation Haylift," using cargo planes like the C-47 and C-82 to drop bales of hay directly onto snow-covered fields



The heavy snow brought down power lines, leaving many homes without electricity for extended periods.

Trains were stalled, and road travel was impossible for weeks, isolating towns and causing major disruptions to daily life.



Hope this flashback story will bring some snow to Nebraska...

