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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Fair weather prevailed during most of the week with temperatures well above normal at the beginning. There was a change to colder on Thursday with temperatures much below normal Friday and Saturday but near normal again by the close. There was little precipitation, with very light rain falling over most areas Monday night and Tuesday and light snow on Friday and Friday night. The snow was too light for any accumulation on the ground.

CROPS About 43% of the corn was picked up to last Saturday. Corn has not dried and the moisture content is still running high. Some farmers have delayed picking while others are about through. Some corn is being piled in ricks for drying prior to cribbing. Artificial drying is used as far as available. There are a few reports of stored corn spoiling due to high moisture content. Some of the soft corn is being sold at \$1.25 per one hundred pounds. Much of the soft corn is being fed and a few report that it takes two or three times as many bushels of the soft corn to get the same gain as a bushel of sound corn.

The condition of winter wheat remains highly favorable. Because of the cooler weather, it appears that winter wheat will not make as large a growth as it did last autumn. This is a favorable situation because it conserves the moisture.

Reports on yield and quality of grain sorghum are very disappointing. Much of the sorghum will be fed as forage and not threshed because of the poor yield and quality. Some of the soybeans carry a rather high moisture content.

The harvest of sugar beets is practically completed. Some of the sugar beets in central Nebraska have not yielded as well as last year. Current reports indicate that the damage to potatoes from blight is not as heavy as expected. Late commercial potatoes are moving to market. Over half of the movement of late potatoes so far has been by truck instead of rail. Rail shipments of the potato crop to November 16 totals 1,429 cars as compared with 2,013 cars a year ago.

LIVESTOCK Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle to Nebraska country points July to October inclusive were up 40% as compared with the same period a year ago. More than the usual number of the cattle shipped in are being placed on pastures. For the eight Corn Belt States shipments of stocker and feeder cattle July to October inclusive were up 17% and October shipments were the highest of record.

Shipments of sheep and lambs to Nebraska country points July to October inclusive were 36% above the shipments for the same period a year earlier. Shipments of sheep and lambs into the Corn Belt States, for which records are available, were 30% larger for the July to October period this year than in the same months last year.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 19, 1951

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .05	Burwell .04	Chadron 0
Lincoln .03	Lexington .09	Imperial .02
Norfolk .05	North Platte .03	Scottsbluff 0
Omaha .06	Valentine 0	Sidney .01
Sioux City .06		

