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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 1-28-52

WEATHER The week averaged slightly colder than normal, with a rather severe cold wave during the first half and moderate temperatures the latter half. Strong winds and gales accompanied the onset of the cold wave. Precipitation occurred mostly as rain and was light, except that the extreme northeastern corner received moderate rain.

CROPS Much of the soft corn has been fed. Opinion varies as to the keeping quality of corn in cribs. Farm stocks of corn are down one-third from a year ago. Stocks of corn in all positions are down about 30% from a year ago. About 22% of the counties report a shortage of corn and only 7% of the counties report a surplus.

There was very little change reported on winter wheat. One county reports that spots in the field are brown and might be damaged. There was also a little apprehension as to how the sudden change in temperatures might affect wheat. Farm stocks of wheat were down about one-third from a year ago while off-farm stocks are about 32% lower. Rye stocks are slightly higher.

About 11% of the counties report a short supply of hay and very little surplus is reported. More hay has been required because of the longer feeding season so far and with severe weather most of the time. The production of hay last year was heavy, but numbers of cattle are also at record levels.

Reports of shortage of farm labor are increasing. The supply of commercial fertilizer is short. Some application of fertilizer on wheat and liming of soil was done last week. Protein concentrates are scarce.

LIVESTOCK A little loss of livestock was reported from the blizzard that occurred in extreme northern Nebraska early last week. Some concern was expressed over the future of the fat cattle market. Marketing of hogs continues but some are still holding for a higher price. There is a lot of disappointment over the low price of eggs. There are a few reports of culling and selling chickens. Present plans are to increase the turkey crop.

Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle to country points were down 27% in December. For the last six months of the year shipments of stocker and feeder cattle to country points totaled 471,000 head, up 25%. For the eight Corn Belt States shipments were 21% lower in December but were up 8% for the last six months of 1951.

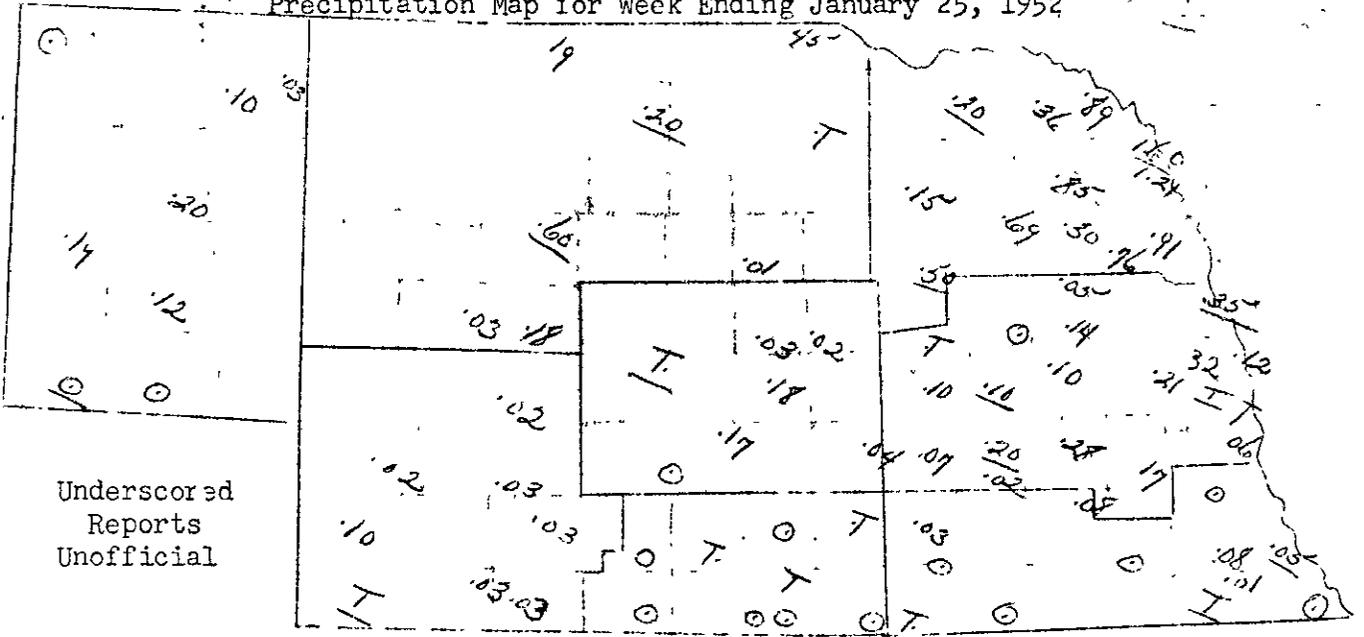
Shipments of stocker sheep and lambs to country points in December were down 69% but the total for the last six months of 1951 they totaled 892,000 head, up 15%. Shipments into the eight Corn Belt States in December were down 53% but the last six months of 1951 they were up 20%.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 28, 1952

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>		
Grand Island	.04	Burwell	.01	Chadron	0
Lincoln	.17	Lexington	0	Imperial	.01
Norfolk	.10	North Platte	.02	Scottsbluff	.11
Omaha	.12	Valentine	.19	Sidney	.02
Sioux City	.37				

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Precipitation Map for Week Ending January 25, 1952



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		Jan. 22nd		23rd		24th		25th		26th		27th		28th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	34	-7	3	-14	5	2	37	13	50	15	47	19	47	30
	Scottsbluff	30	-6	8	-4	13	-5	47	33	47	22	49	23	47	17
	Sidney	32	-4	10	0	18	8	45	34	47	27	53	24	45	29
N-C	Burwell	33	-2	2	-7	4	1	27	19	38	18	36	20	45	14
	Valentine	30	-7	-3	-15	5	-4	29	15	34	8	32	9	40	9
NE	Norfolk	31	0	6	-6	4	0	19	15	33	18	26	11	38	9
	Sioux City	29	5	15	-10	1	-5	18	13	29	18	26	5	26	3
CEN.	Grand Island	38	1	--	-3	6	-3	26	20	39	24	36	18	46	15
	Lexington	42	0	10	-4	10	1	29	20	51	24	44	21	52	18
E-C	Lincoln	40	5	10	0	7	5	22	20	36	27	33	15	36	14
	Omaha	36	5	14	-4	5	1	24	18	36	27	31	14	30	9
SW	Imperial	39	-1	12	-1	20	6	38	20	50	32	48	28	49	26
	North Platte	37	-2	8	-5	11	1	29	20	47	26	32	27	49	25

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