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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 10-20-52

WEATHER The week was considerably cooler than usual, with no extremely cold or warm weather. There was no rain over most of the eastern portion of the State, light rains over most of the central portion on one day, and moderate snow over the Panhandle, which occurred with temperatures so mild that it was too wet and sticky to drift. Sunshine was plentiful, and humidity low most of the time.

CROPS Farmers are making good progress harvesting corn. A considerable number of farmers have finished the job. Some husking difficulty is encountered because of the extremely dry condition. Some very high yields are reported and reports indicate higher yields than expected in central and western Nebraska despite the reduction in yields from dry weather last summer.

Except for the Panhandle and local areas in southwestern Nebraska which received fair to moderate amounts of moisture last week, the wheat situation is becoming serious due to the continued drought. Stands are very spotted, and even with sufficient rain immediately, there is not ample time for wheat to be sufficiently well rooted to withstand the winter. Subsoil moisture tests are being made this week.

Potato, sorghum and soybean harvests are nearing completion. The sugar beet harvest is making good progress and every effort is being made to complete the harvest before the second growth of leaves advances.

The condition of pasture and range is unusually low. Range is dry, brittle and unpalatable. The hay supply is reported ample except for a few extreme western and some southwestern counties. Half of the counties report pasture and range as short.

The estimate of alfalfa seed is 12,700,000 lb. of clean seed against a short crop of 2,200,000 lb. last year, and 7,810,000 lb. the 1941-50 average. The State ranks fourth in alfalfa seed production this year. The total U. S. crop plus carry-over is 172 million lb. against 134 million lb. last year and 88 million lb. the 10-year average. Sweet clover seed production totaled 2,100,000 lb. clean seed against 2,000,000 lb. last year and 4,470,000 lb. the 1941-50 average. The national crop plus carry-over is 59 million lb. against 79 million lb. last year and 48 million lb. the 1941-50 average.

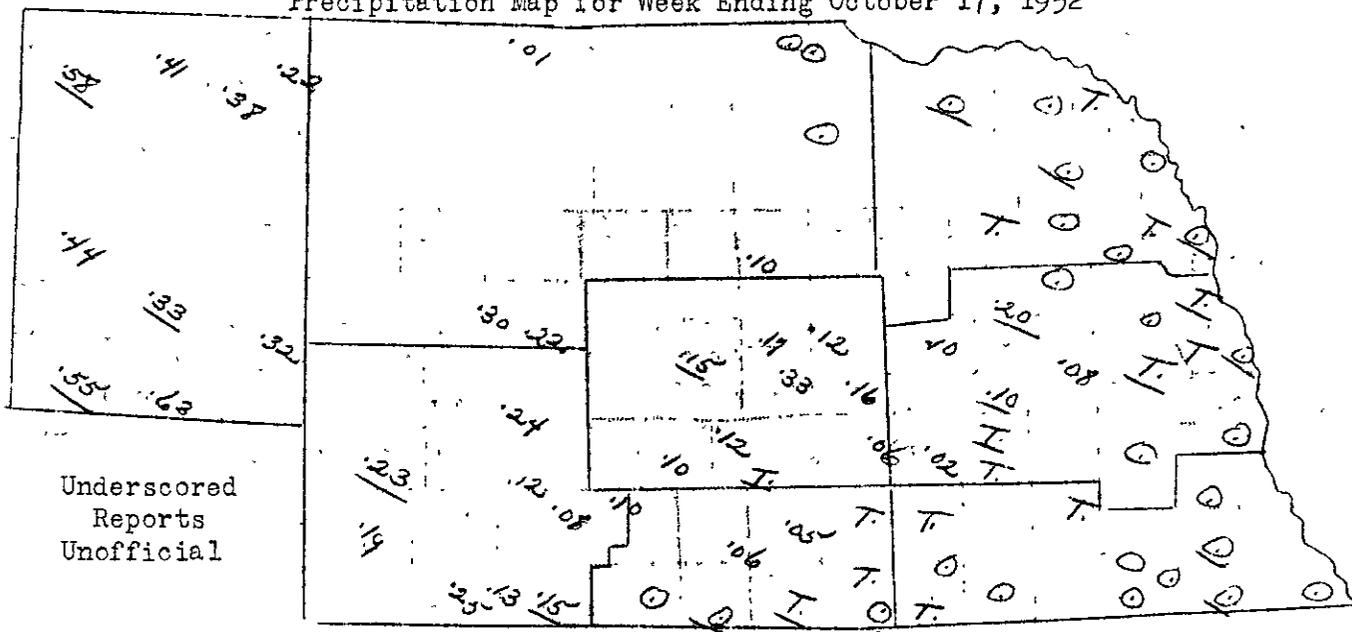
LIVESTOCK Nebraska had 320,000 cattle on feed Oct. 1, against 307,000 head on July 1, and 260,000 head Oct. 1 a year ago. The lowered inshipments to country points were offset by the increased number of cattle on feed last spring that were placed on grass for cheaper gain before placing on grain feed again. The three corn-belt states -- Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois -- had 1,258,000 cattle on feed Oct. 1 against 1,490,000 July 1 and 1,106,000 head on feed on Oct. 1, 1951.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCT. 20, 1952

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Grand Island	.06	Burwell	.10	Chadron	.41
	1200	North Platte	.24	Imperial	.19
		Valentine	.01	Scottsbluff	.44
				Sidney	.63

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Precipitation Map for Week Ending October 17, 1952



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

		OCTOBER													
		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th		20th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	58	33	45	26	56	34	66	37	61	31	72	26	70	44
	Scottsbluff	62	32	40	22	56	36	67	39	63	30	72	32	70	40
	Sidney	59	31	38	22	55	32	66	33	57	26	68	29	66	38
N-C	Burwell	64	39	49	23	58	27	64	30	60	30	76	34	68	23
	Valentine	57	40	47	29	53	35	57	36	59	33	73	34	65	32
NE	Norfolk	62	37	51	26	--	--	55	25	51	34	74	36	67	37
	Sioux City	64	38	52	22	55	28	54	24	51	22	75	35	67	24
CEN.	Grand Island	62	40	51	25	60	38	66	33	53	35	74	--	68	27
	Lexington	63	34	46	22	62	31	74	35	57	32	75	33	69	30
E-C	Lincoln	64	47	52	31	63	43	70	32	50	33	73	39	68	32
	Omaha	63	44	54	29	61	39	67	30	50	30	74	37	69	30
SW	Imperial	64	35	45	24	59	32	70	35	58	26	74	30	71	32
	North Platte	59	37	47	20	59	33	72	40	57	30	74	36	69	30

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