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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER November was colder than normal over the western and north-central portions of the State, but temperatures averaged near normal elsewhere. Precipitation was heavy over the Panhandle and the southwestern counties bordering on Colorado, over the extreme southeastern portion of the State, and over portions of the northeastern Sandhills northward to the South Dakota border, but it was generally light elsewhere. There was no precipitation of consequence over the south-central portion of the State.

The week was considerably colder than normal, with mild weather during the first two days, followed by cold weather until warming at the close. Light snow fell over the western portion of the State during the middle to latter part of the week, and over the east on Saturday. Winds were mostly only moderate, and there was too little snow to drift badly.

CROPS Winter wheat lost a few points in condition last week due to insufficient moisture and some damage from high winds. The crop doesn't have sufficient moisture, especially in the south-central, east-central, and southeastern counties, except some bordering the Missouri River.

The wheat crop is somewhat spotted, especially wheat that did not sprout until late. One county in the Panhandle reports a favorable condition while another reports the worst condition in 10 years. The Panhandle, north-central, and southwestern counties received above normal moisture during November. Precipitation was below normal in south central and eastern districts. The present outlook is poor but if there is sufficient snow the wheat could come out better than the present condition indicates. That has happened in the past and it could happen again.

Farmers are still picking some corn, especially in the western districts. There is still considerable gleaning of fallen ears. Drouth and winds caused more than the usual falling of corn to the ground.

Rail shipments of potatoes totaled 557 cars to the close of last week as compared with 621 cars to the same date last year. There is still demand for off-farm work. Considerable hay has been shipped or trucked South. Some shortage of feed is apparent, especially if winter weather is severe.

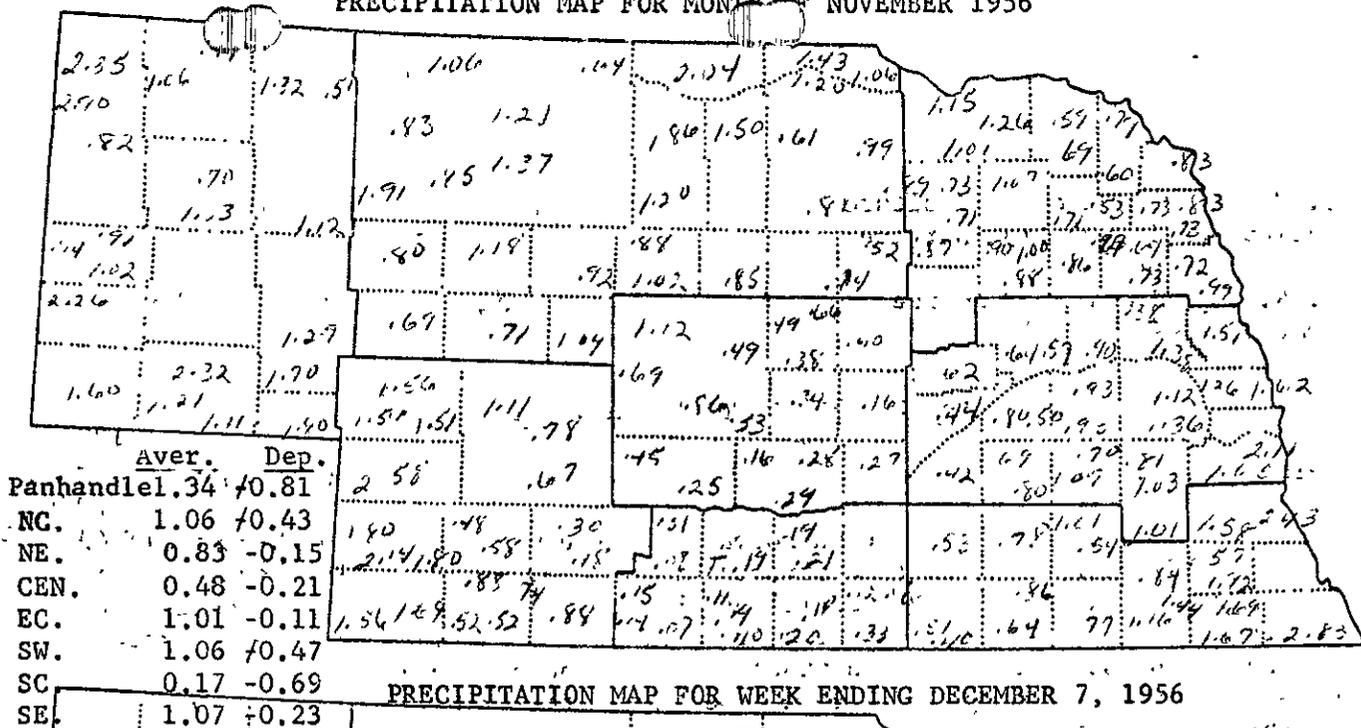
LIVESTOCK Pasture feed has generally been very short in all areas except for the Sandhills. There was some loss of lambs due to low temperatures last week. More cattle are being fed for market than expected in view of the short grain and feed crops.

Returns for last week indicate that grain is short in 59% of the counties, but generally ample in the remaining counties. Hay and forage is reported short in some 70% of the counties. About 89% of the counties are reporting surface moisture short and practically all counties are short of subsoil moisture. There has been more than the usual irrigation this fall in an effort to restore subsoil moisture. Reports indicate that more counties desire to come in on the emergency drouth feed program.

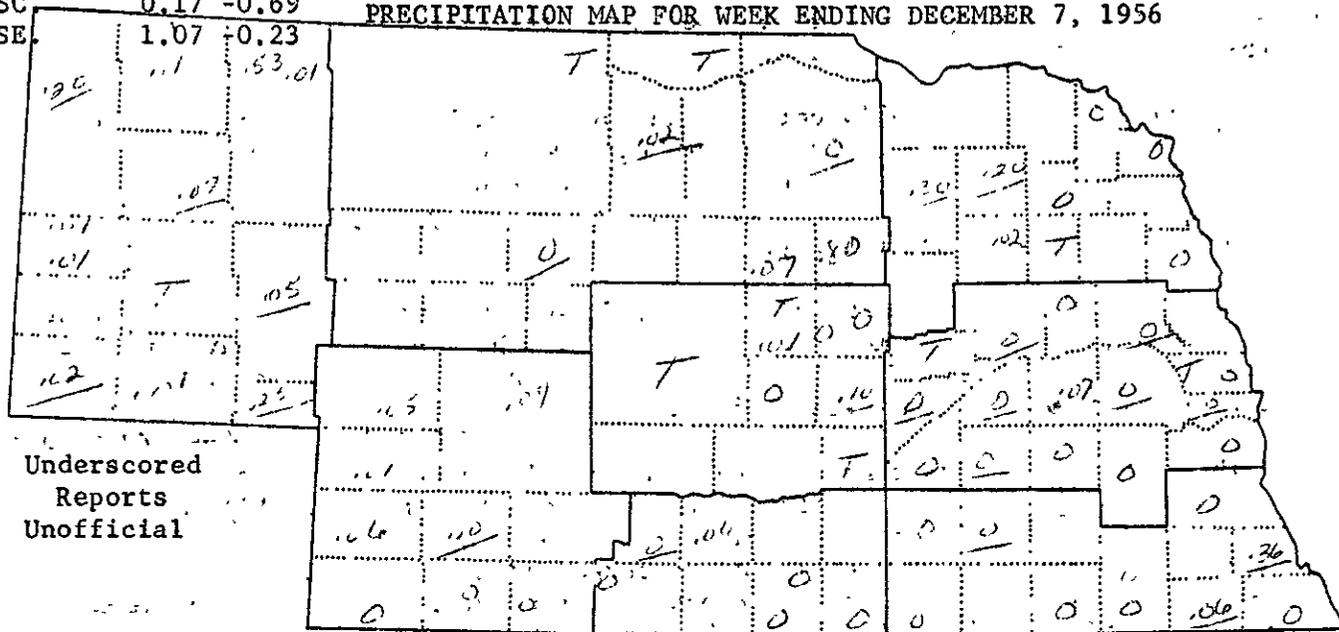
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 10, 1956

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .04	Burwell .07	Chadron .11
Lincoln .06	North Platte .08	Imperial .11
Norfolk .12	Valentine Trace	Scottsbluff .01
Omaha .03		Sidney .06
Sioux City .07		

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1956



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 7, 1956



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		December 4th		5th		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	61	22	40	14	20	-1	14	-1	20	8	24	--	45	22
	Scottsbluff	65	25	64	18	20	7	21	12	31	18	24	--	46	33
	Sidney	59	23	64	19	21	-7	16	10	29	18	22	--	46	23
NC	Burwell	66	26	60	16	22	16	12	3	18	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	69	21	31	13	17	3	10	7	20	13	32	12	49	26
NE	Norfolk	63	28	53	22	26	11	15	-6	17	12	17	-6	40	22
	Sioux City	57	34	50	23	31	12	18	6	16	14	20	0	39	18
CEN.	Grand Island	65	29	51	21	27	11	18	8	20	12	19	6	38	29
	Lincoln	66	39	58	27	31	14	21	13	25	14	21	8	40	28
SW	Omaha	60	39	53	26	40	13	20	10	20	10	17	2	35	22
	Imperial	61	18	63	21	29	9	20	10	28	15	27	--	46	17
	North Platte	63	22	63	20	24	9	17	5	25	15	25	-2	40	15

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