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WEATHER The week was cold, but temperatures moderated some during the latter part. Temperatures averaged about 4° below normal over the southeastern portion of the State to about 10° below in the north-central portion. Moderate snow, which did not drift, fell over most of the southeastern district Wednesday night, and also extended northeastward over Otoe County. Elsewhere there was no precipitation of consequence. There was considerable cloudiness, high humidity, and little wind.

CROPS There was no appreciable change in condition of winter wheat the past week. No further damage was expected from the continued cold weather, and wind erosion was light and spotty. The mid-week snowfall in some southeastern counties furnished a temporary protective cover for wheat but did little to alleviate the critically dry situation.

Many farmers are still attempting to locate good seed oats, barley and grain sorghum. Light movement of hay is also reported in some sections at high prices. There appears to be much interest in the acreage reserve program for corn this year.

Farm sales are continuing at an increased rate as time draws near for tenants to change farms. Also the continued dry weather points to a high risk for favorable cash returns from small dry land farms and many operators are attempting to acquire additional land or close out their holdings.

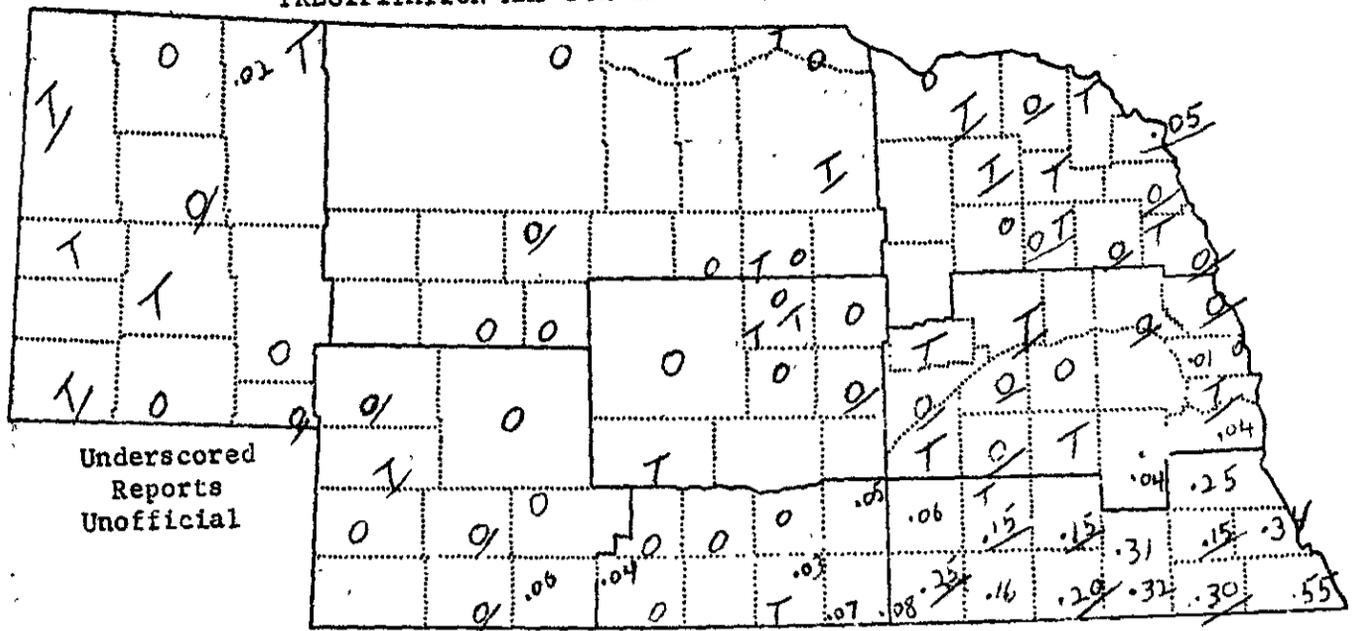
LIVESTOCK The heavy feeding required in recent weeks because of cold temperatures and locally snow covered pastures and ranges has caused rapid dwindling of meager hay and forage supplies. This situation has caused much concern among farmers, but as yet activity to replenish hay stocks is light due to high prices. Range and pasture feed is short in about 90 percent of the counties, and grain and hay supplies are inadequate in two-thirds of the State. The Emergency Feed Program is expected to help ease the tight feed situation in several areas.

Red meat production in Nebraska totaled 3,013,389,000 pounds live weight in 1956, an increase of 1 percent over the 1955 production. Nebraska ranks fifth highest in the nation in this category, being surpassed by Iowa, Illinois, California and Minnesota.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 4, 1957

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

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1957



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)

		January		31st		February		2nd		3rd		4th			
		25th	30th	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min		
NW.	Chadron	21	-16	14	-9	25	-2	33	4	13	-1	25	-3	33	1
	Scottsbluff	25	-5	30	-3	37	11	42	10	48	14	50	12	44	8
	Sidney	26	0	20	1	29	9	45	16	44	14	51	23	48	9
NC	Burwell	23	-2	18	-2	40	0	43	10	27	8	20	7	37	4
	Valentine	18	-13	18	-3	31	-4	35	5	16	3	17	-4	35	-1
NE	Norfolk	24	-3	11	1	31	5	38	6	24	8	33	5	32	5
	Sioux City	25	-3	12	-5	34	10	29	17	23	12	24	3	28	7
CEN	Grand Island	26	2	19	7	30	15	43	13	35	14	35	19	35	12
EC	Lincoln	25	5	18	6	33	22	33	17	38	17	33	16	35	19
	Omaha	21	0	9	1	34	17	26	8	29	13	28	12	27	13
SW	Imperial	25	-1	23	-5	34	3	45	18	41	7	55	16	50	12
	North Platte	24	-3	19	-2	35	3	40	13	37	15	39	17	41	10

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