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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 12-13-57

WEATHER Unseasonably warm weather prevailed, except for a cold snap Tuesday and Wednesday. There was no precipitation of consequence. Strong winds and gales blew over the state Tuesday. Humidity was rather low, and there was almost full sunshine during the week.

CROPS Harvest of corn and grain sorghum progressed rapidly during the past week and is nearing completion in some areas. Winds of high velocity on the 10th caused additional lodging of sorghum and severe dropping of ears from stalks. Many ingenious devices are being used by farmers to salvage grain from flattened fields of sorghum, but at best, losses of grain are heavy. More than the usual number of farmers are gleaning corn from fields.

Moisture content of field harvested grain continues to run slightly higher than that required for safe cribbing or binning. Dryers are operating "round the clock" to lower the moisture content of the grain. Commercial storage is rather scarce in some localities and farm storage is becoming tight.

Winter wheat continues in good condition despite the high winds which occurred last week. Soil erosion has been held to a minimum by the heavy plant growth of winter wheat and the heavy stubble of corn and sorghum.

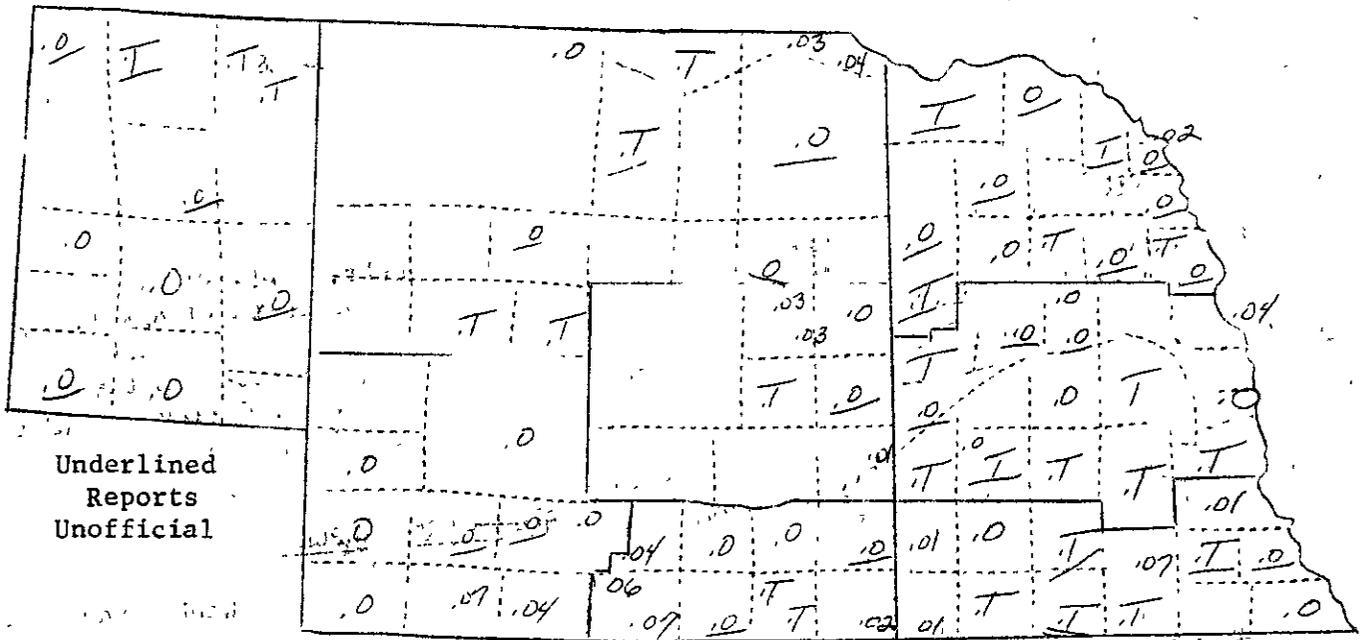
Movement of potatoes in the Panhandle has been rather slow during the fall months.

LIVESTOCK Livestock continue in good condition. More cattle are obtaining adequate feed from the cut-over meadows and pastures and only a limited amount of hay feeding has been necessary to-date. There is a sharp demand for livestock, particularly in the areas where losses of sorghum and corn in fields have been heavy. Livestock can salvage part of the downed grain and minimize field losses.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 16, 1957

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	0
Lincoln	0	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	0	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	.01
Omaha	0			Sidney	0
Sioux City	0				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 16, 1957



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

		December													
		10th		11th		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	66	30	37	3	44	18	54	15	55	13	63	27	54	29
	Scottsbluff	65	31	40	8	50	23	57	23	55	21	61	25	56	34
	Sidney	68	30	43	5	52	23	60	18	57	21	64	32	49	33
NC	Burwell	66	30	37	1	--	13	--	17	--	--	--	24	--	--
	Valentine	66	34	37	0	40	19	57	17	53	12	62	23	54	33
NE	Norfolk	66	31	47	3	27	12	56	31	57	18	49	31	54	28
	Sioux City	63	35	47	6	25	10	44	28	60	22	47	32	54	33
Cen	Grand Island	70	38	39	3	35	17	53	23	61	20	53	26	54	27
EC	Lincoln	66	41	49	9	29	18	43	33	60	29	51	32	57	34
	Omaha	59	35	47	4	23	11	36	31	57	30	48	33	54	34
SW	Imperial	70	30	40	5	46	16	61	19	60	21	61	28	54	26
	North Platte	68	38	42	4	41	15	57	17	58	22	58	21	50	31

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