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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal, with cool weather until the last two days when a marked change to warm weather occurred. Light snow, which soon melted after falling, fell at many stations, but there was too little moisture to be significant.

CROPS Winter wheat improved considerably. A month ago, prior to the rains, wheat in the western two-thirds of the State showed small growth and had not formed its permanent root system. Now, since the rains, practically all of the wheat has developed permanent roots, except for some of the very latest wheat, mostly in the central, south central and southwestern counties. Wheat in the Panhandle made rather marked improvement since the rains that fell October 28. About the poorest wheat was noted in south central Nebraska, but it had started to improve since the rain of November 5, the previous rains being very light in the area.

Some of the wheat is being pastured, regardless of the poor top growth. Eastern Nebraska wheat has made sufficient growth to furnish good pasture. While more rain is needed badly in central and southwestern Nebraska, rain of an inch or so throughout the entire wheat belt is needed and would help the wheat materially to survive the winter. The generally mild weather since the rains has induced considerable top growth as compared to a month ago when top growth was small in the western two-thirds of the State.

Corn harvest was 76% completed up until last Saturday, as compared with 54% on the same date a year ago. Much of the corn is being placed in temporary farm storage after the cribs were filled and some is being placed on the ground. Much of the corn will be sealed for loans. In fact, in some areas, cash corn at present prices is hardly ample to meet the local demand of cattle feeders and the price has strengthened somewhat. Farmers seem unwilling to sell corn at much below the loan price. Mechanical corn pickers have been doing a much better job since the moisture of the past three weeks.

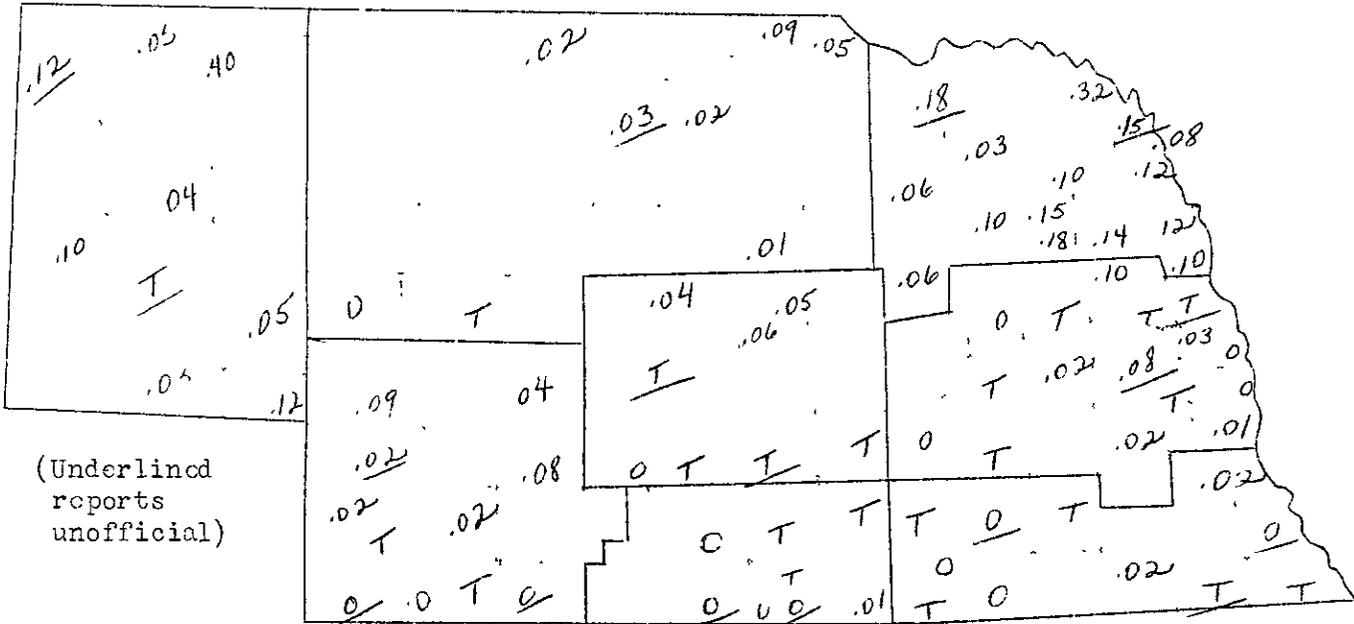
The sugar beet harvest is nearly completed. The sugar content and yield of beets is somewhat disappointing. Some of the beans are still in the stack. The freeze damage to a small percentage of unpicked potatoes caused quite a problem in separating all frozen potatoes from those that were undamaged. The cost of the work in handling such potatoes has made them unprofitable.

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The grain sorghum harvest is practically completed. Range is generally ample, but additional moisture to soften up the range would be helpful. Lack of wheat pasture is causing some uneasiness since the hay supply might not be ample in case of a severe winter. The forage supply is heavy and may offset to a considerable extent the short hay crop. Some counties report a considerable number of cattle shipped in for feeding during the past week. There is a good demand for breeding hogs.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 15, 1948

Eastern Division	Central Division	Western Division
Grand Island 0	Burwell .01	Chadron 0
Lincoln .02	North Platte .04	Hayes Center .02
Norfolk .10	Valentine .02	Scottsbluff .07
Omaha 0		Sidney .03
Sioux City .08		

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 12, 1948



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hrs. ending 6:30 p.m.)

		Nov. 9th		10th		11th		12th		13th		14th		15th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	32	28	36	31	42	21	40	25	37	29	58	24	66	46
	Scottsbluff	32	22	36	28	41	25	35	18	45	28	60	22	67	35
	Sidney	30	17	35	24	40	26	35	18	46	25	60	21	65	27
N-C	Burwell	40	19	37	--	48	21	38	18	39	17	--	28	--	--
	Valentine	35	21	30	24	42	28	44	26	31	19	58	28	62	41
NE	Norfolk	40	23	39	21	46	30	36	23	38	18	50	32	56	38
	Sioux City, Ia.	42	25	41	23	45	25	38	31	41	16	56	35	54	36
Gen.	Grand Island	41	19	42	19	51	26	35	22	43	22	57	29	61	39
E-C	Lincoln	43	29	42	26	51	30	38	29	46	24	54	33	56	44
	Omaha	45	32	43	28	47	30	40	31	49	21	48	35	57	40
SW	North Platte	38	17	38	20	46	24	40	22	41	21	65	25	66	30
	Hayes Center	40	19	38	23	56	28	35	20	47	24	67	29	70	35

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