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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 12-18-50

WEATHER Average temperatures ranged from slightly below normal in the extreme northeast to considerably above, over the western half of the State, with a moderately cold period during the middle of the week, and again over the eastern portion of the State over the week-end. There was a little light snow over portions of the Panhandle, but no measurable precipitation occurred elsewhere. Several days were rather windy over the western portion of the State.

CROPS About 94% of the corn had been harvested up to last Saturday as compared with 90% the previous week and with favorable husking weather, the corn harvest should be practically completed this week. Percentages harvested by districts are as follows: Northwest 85, North Central 84, Northeast 98, Central 91, East Central 97, Southwest 92, South Central 92, and Southeast 94.

There is still considerable comment about the high moisture content of corn and reduced feeding value, particularly corn that was frosted before it was matured. The demand for corn is good and considerable is being marketed. Some feeders are paying the support price or higher for corn.

The final estimate of the corn crop is 250,675,000 bushels, up about 9 million bushels from a month ago. This is due to a slightly larger acreage. The yield of 37.0 bushels is up one-half bushel from a month ago. The final estimate of wheat, 84,128,000 bushels is up about one-half million bushels and oats, at 66,100,000 bushels is down about one and one-half million bushels.

Winter wheat is still in a high condition but the top soil is dry and more moisture would be beneficial. The first official estimate of the winter wheat crop will be released Wednesday.

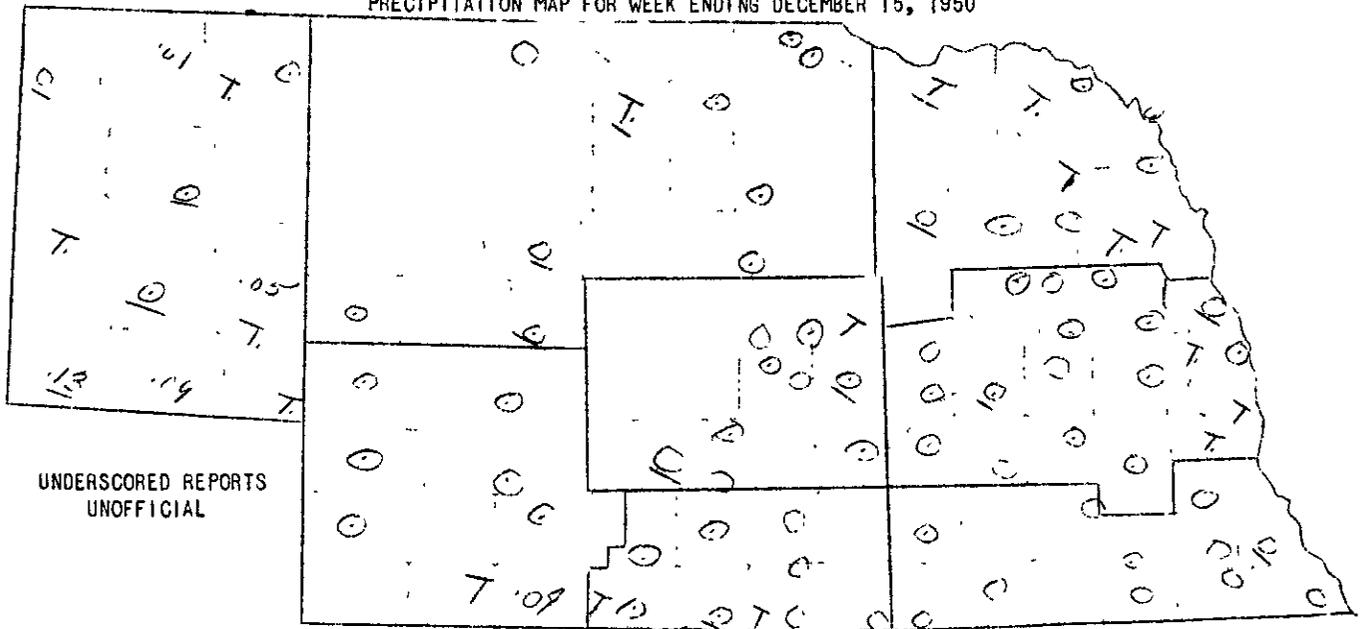
Pasture and range are still furnishing considerable feed. Despite the large hay crop, the price is high. Red Willow county reports alfalfa selling as high as \$25.00 per ton. Potatoes are moving in larger volume from western Nebraska. A considerable number of farm sales of personal property is reported.

LIVESTOCK Weather, so far, has generally been very favorable for feeding livestock. While information so far indicates more cattle on feed, scattered comments indicate that the high price of feeder cattle and fear of price control has affected the numbers of cattle in feed lots. Reports indicate an increase in the fall pig crop. The December pig survey will be released next Thursday.

Weather Bureau Telegraphic Report of Precipitation for Week Ending December 18, 1950

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island 0	Burwell 0	Chadron .01
Lincoln 0	North Platte 0	Imperial 0
Norfolk 0	Valentine 0	Scottsbluff 0
Omaha 0		Sidney .09
Sioux City 0		

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 15, 1950



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 6:30 A.M.)

		DECEMBER		12TH		13TH		14TH		15TH		16TH		17TH		18TH	
		MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN
NW	CHADRON	49	29	48	26	46	16	40	12	47	18	50	24	52	24	51	30
	SCOTTSBLUFF	58	26	53	26	49	17	42	23	54	24	52	25	51	25	54	29
	SIDNEY	55	27	53	30	45	17	45	24	53	30	--	25	54	29		
N-C	BURWELL	48	24	--	--	48	22	47	10	36	16	42	10	--	--		
	VALENTINE	48	30	35	22	48	20	42	6	--	18	43	11	37	20		
NE	NORFOLK	41	20	29	24	38	21	40	8	25	16	26	14	21	17		
	SIOUX CITY	35	19	31	25	32	12	39	9	20	13	19	6	18	1		
CEN.	GRAND ISLAND	51	25	37	23	50	19	50	13	32	16	39	15	22	11		
E-C	LINCOLN	48	23	33	30	48	24	50	14	27	18	33	15	21	15		
	OMAHA	41	23	35	30	43	21	47	12	22	15	28	10	19	8		
SW	NORTH PLATTE	53	31	44	33	50	22	48	21	40	22	45	20	45	24		

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