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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 12-25-50

WEATHER Mild temperatures prevailed for the season with weekly averages ranging from 6° above normal on the eastern border to 14° above normal in the west portion of the State, followed by a cold wave on the night of the 25th-26th. No measurable precipitation was recorded during the 7 day period and none of consequence, since the mostly light snowfall of December 1-3. However, the winds have not been of storm strength.

CROPS Corn picking was practically completed during the week except for a few scattered fields. Farmers are still having difficulty in marketing corn, where elevators are already full and box cars in short supply. Livestock feeders have been active in buying odd lots of corn unsafe for cribbing due to high moisture content.

The condition of the winter wheat crop has continued good in view of the dry topsoil over most of the State. Fortunately, there were no high winds during the week to further deplete the moisture supply and no damage was reported from soil blowing. Farmers planted 4,368,000 acres of winter wheat this fall, an increase of 8% over last year. Most counties would welcome a blanket of snow on the wheat crop.

Grain and feed supplies are generally ample, particularly in the central and eastern areas. Some hay and grain have been trucked into parts of the western and southwestern districts to meet local feeding needs.

Potato marketing continued in an orderly manner despite the large crop. Rail shipments for Nebraska totaled 2,954 cars through December 22, compared with 2,683 a year ago at this time. The portion being shipped via truck is larger than ever.

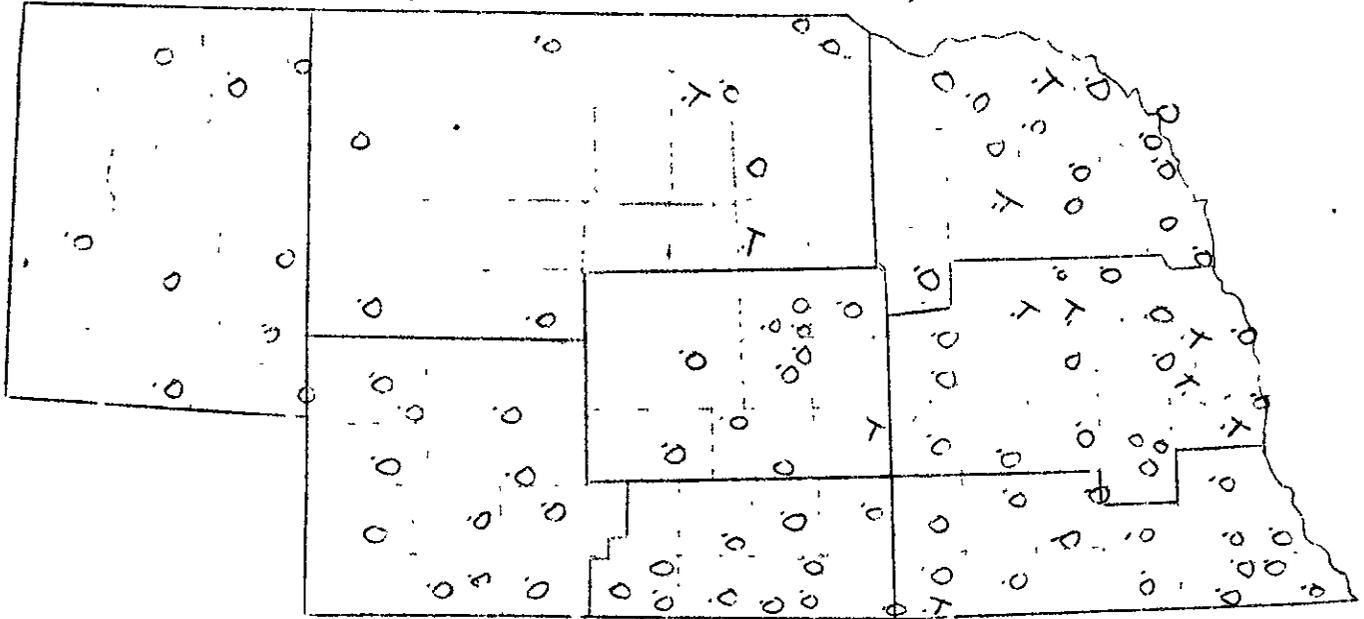
There is some concern over next year's supply of farm labor. Some counties report a growing scarcity of nitrogen fertilizers available for 1951.

LIVESTOCK The weather was highly favorable for livestock cleaning up cornfields. Cattle in feed lots were gaining well and had recovered the shrink due to the cold spell early in the month. Ranges and second-growth meadows were furnishing good feed for this time of year but are dry. Sheridan, Hamilton and Nemaha counties report an increasing interest in sheep raising. The fall pig crop was estimated at 1,262,000 head, an increase of 31% over last fall, and was the first crop of over a million fall pigs in Nebraska since 1945.

Weather Bureau Telegraphic Report of Precipitation for Week Ending December 25, 1950

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

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 22, 1950



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

		DECEMBER													
		19TH		20TH		21ST		22ND		23RD		24TH		25TH	
		MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN
NW	CHADRON	46	19	45	32	54	25	56	22	56	25	61	23	56	37
	SCOTTSBLUFF	50	23	44	25	56	23	59	19	59	23	60	26	62	35
	SIDNEY	48	24	40	25	53	27	54	20	61	21	59	28	61	31
N-C	BURWELL	51	19	34	15	43	20	55	20	63	23	58	—	43	24
	VALENTINE	52	16	25	19	49	29	56	25	60	28	61	24	43	28
NE	NORFOLK	39	19	22	8	34	22	49	20	59	30	55	21	35	26
	SIOUX CITY	31	16	29	1	31	17	50	15	54	26	68	26	35	22
CEN.	GRAND ISLAND	44	24	29	15	39	23	54	24	59	23	54	26	45	25
E-C	LINCOLN	33	23	31	11	32	23	50	28	59	31	39	29	58	30
	OMAHA	29	22	31	7	28	19	45	18	57	24	55	26	36	28
SW	NORTH PLATTE	55	28	33	24	54	25	57	22	61	22	58	24	52	26

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