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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 12-13-54

WEATHER Temperatures averaged slightly above normal over the Panhandle and near normal elsewhere over the State, with many mild days but rather cold nights. There was much bright sunshine. Wind movement was generally light, except for fresh northerly winds over the central and eastern portions of the State over the weekend.

CROPS Some improvement in the condition of wheat was reported from the Panhandle, resulting from snow which fell around November 30. Wheat also improved in eastern Nebraska from the precipitation received December 4. This covered the eastern wheat belt as far west as Kearney and Franklin counties. Precipitation occurring the middle of last week was very light.

Most of the central and southwestern portion of Nebraska received very little moisture. These areas need moisture badly. Some of the late planted fields are not showing up so well and other fields are spotted, but the bulk of the wheat is still very good. Rain or snow is needed badly in this area and the entire State needs moisture before winter.

The unusually mild fall enabled farmers to catch up with all their work with the minimum amount of hired help. More than the usual amount of fall plowing has been done and also application of fertilizer. A few farmers have been disking their corn stalk fields. Some farm auctions were held.

LIVESTOCK The mild fall weather has been highly favorable for utilizing pasture and range feed. The recent moisture has improved the quality of range feed. Because of the favorable weather for pasture, hay and feed supplies have been saved. In some localities, the price of hay is reported higher. Cattle have picked up most of the fallen corn in the stalk fields.

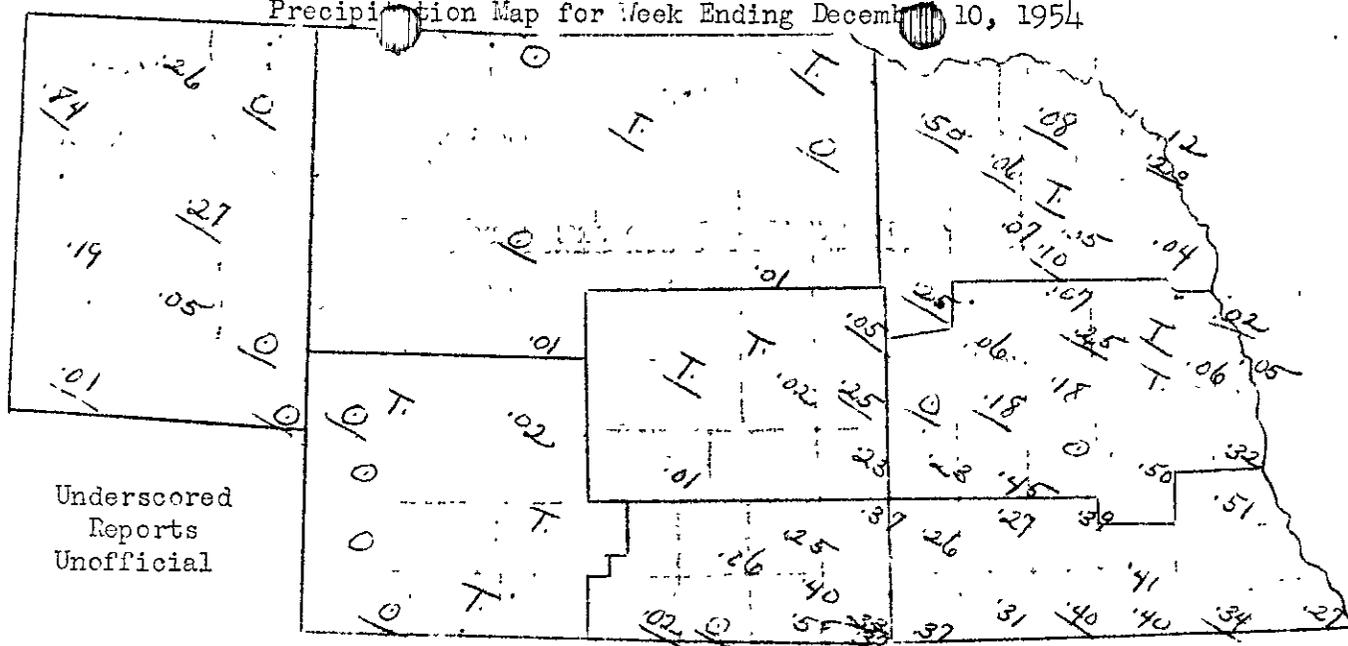
There were several reports of more sheep being shipped in for feeding. The general health condition of livestock has been very good. One northeastern county reported some shipping fever and erysipelas and cholera. Farmers that fed hogs to heavy weights are disappointed in the prices received.

Preliminary reports of shipments of stocker and feeder cattle to Nebraska country points during November indicate a 28% increase and a 34% increase for the period July to November inclusive over the same period a year earlier. Shipments of sheep into feeder districts during November are up 30% from November a year ago, and for the period July to November inclusive, the same as a year ago.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 13, 1954

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>		
Grand Island	.03	1300	Burwell	.01	Chadron	.01
Lincoln	.08		Lexington	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	.07	12-14-54	North Platte	.02	Scottsbluff	.01
Omaha	.03		Valentine	0	Sidney	0
Sioux City	.12					

Precipitation Map for Week Ending December 10, 1954



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (High for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and low for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		December													
		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th		13th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	43	24	58	30	35	18	43	17	43	23	38	12	47	26
	Scottsbluff	51	22	47	29	37	14	49	18	52	23	39	13	46	21
	Sidney	54	19	48	27	37	14	46	20	53	25	38	6	46	15
N-C	Burwell	38	22	39	17	37	18	44	16	46	18	36	8	43	10
	Valentine	42	24	36	24	35	21	41	22	45	26	32	12	48	28
NE	Norfolk	34	25	40	19	34	20	44	16	43	21	36	20	32	10
	Sioux City	31	20	38	20	33	21	29	14	35	27	35	23	27	11
CEN.	Grand Island	35	24	38	18	36	22	45	23	43	22	37	21	30	14
	Lexington	41	20	39	15	45	18	45	13	46	18	41	10	47	11
E-C	Lincoln	37	28	41	24	36	24	42	24	44	29	36	23	30	16
	Omaha	36	25	37	21	33	20	43	11	44	34	36	24	27	11
SW	Imperial	47	13	35	17	43	16	48	15	47	24	43	12	49	14
	North Platte	39	17	27	15	43	15	45	15	45	17	40	5	46	10

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