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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Mild weather prevailed until the week end, when a marked change to the colder overspread the State. Monday morning was the coldest so far this season over the southeastern portion of the State, but was only moderately cold in the west. Light snow occurred over the eastern portion of the State Saturday night, but otherwise there was no precipitation. Some days were rather windy.

CROPS Winter wheat will receive some protection from the snow that fell in the eastern half of the state. The snow was very light and carried very little moisture but should be ample to protect the crop from the low temperatures. Reports available so far indicate that the snow was too light to offer much protection to wheat in southwestern Nebraska.

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Reports from some of the eastern counties indicate considerable apprehension as to the condition of winter wheat. There is some fear of damage in eastern counties which received less moisture than western counties. A number of counties reported that wheat had started to grow in western Nebraska due to the high temperatures prior to the present cold wave.

Farm auctions continue. Prices are generally low except for milk cows. There seems to be increasing interest in dairying and poultry. Farmers are still seeking off-farm work. One county in southwestern Nebraska reports that three farmers are now selling out because the prices they receive for farm commodities are far out of line with the prices they pay for goods they buy. Protein supplement from safflower is now available in Cheyenne county. Jack rabbits are damaging the wheat crop in Garden county.

The zero temperatures were quite severe on cattle. The high temperatures of the previous three weeks had been very favorable and less feed was required to maintain cattle. There has been some further liquidation of cattle, due partly to anticipated local shortages of feed.

LIVESTOCK There is a decrease of 26% in the number of sheep on feed. This is due not only to short feed crops, but to the narrow spread between prices received for fattened sheep and lambs and prices paid for feeders. Cattle on feed also show a marked decrease in numbers. Many counties report that farmers are not refilling their feed lots because of the unfavorable price relationships.

If farmers carry out present intentions, the turkey crop will be about the same this year as last year. The crop for the United States as a whole shows an increase of 6%.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 16, 1956

Eastern Division

Grand Island	0
Lincoln	.03
Norfolk	.04
Omaha	.01
Sioux City	.10

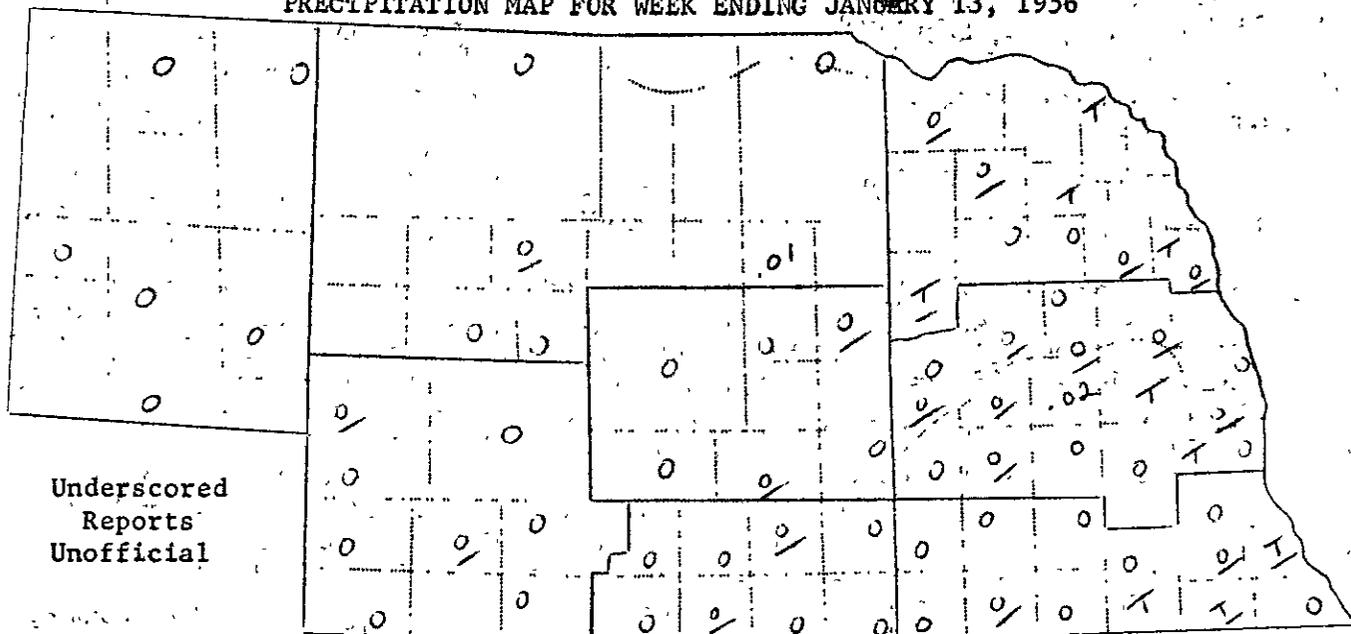
Central Division

Burwell	.01
North Platte	0
Valentine	0

Western Division

Chadron	0
Imperial	0
Scottsbluff	.04
Sidney	.05

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 13, 1956



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

		Jan 10th		11th		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	52	23	50	20	50	21	45	21	63	32	42	6	19	3
	Scottsbluff	53	19	55	20	54	21	50	25	47	33	39	19	24	10
	Sidney	51	16	63	18	57	17	52	19	60	29	44	23	26	10
NC	Burwell	--	--	--	--	38	15	42	19	40	27	40	5	9	-7
	Valentine	49	16	50	14	41	21	44	28	44	29	38	4	9	-8
NE	Norfolk	34	13	20	16	22	16	34	18	40	35	40	9	14	-7
	Sioux City	28	12	23	15	42	18	35	23	38	32	43	10	16	-7
CEN	Grand Island	47	14	36	14	33	14	42	19	37	31	44	9	14	-7
EC	Lincoln	42	17	26	19	30	18	37	25	45	37	48	12	18	-3
	Omaha	35	18	21	16	26	15	36	19	41	33	49	13	15	-5
SW	Imperial	51	16	55	18	49	15	50	19	42	23	48	17	23	9
	North Platte	48	15	51	16	46	18	45	20	40	19	42	12	18	4

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