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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 11/16/59

WEATHER Warm weather prevailed during the first two days of the week, but a change to much colder overspread the State Wednesday through Friday, and cold weather continued through the end of the week, except for a brief warming Sunday. On Saturday morning temperatures were below zero except over the southeastern portion of the State, ranging downward to 22 degrees below at Valentine. Zero temperatures also overspread the western and north central portions of the State Sunday night.

CROPS Snow, wet weather and low temperatures hampered corn harvest in various parts of the State last week. Snow ranging up to over 10 inches in the northeast stopped field operations. Wet weather caused delays in several eastern and southeast counties, and low temperatures contributed to a general slow-down in corn picking throughout the State.

By the end of last week, about two-thirds of the corn crop was picked. Harvest is fairly well advanced in the Central and Southwest Districts. The northeast is about 70 percent finished, but not many fields were picked last week. Some southeast counties made fair headway, but others were far behind their usual progress to mid-November. The Southeast District was only about half finished with corn harvest.

High winds have broken corn stalks, caused excessive lodging, and knocked many ears to the ground, thus making harvest more difficult. Gleaning or salvaging downed corn is a major task in many central sections which were hardest hit by damaging winds.

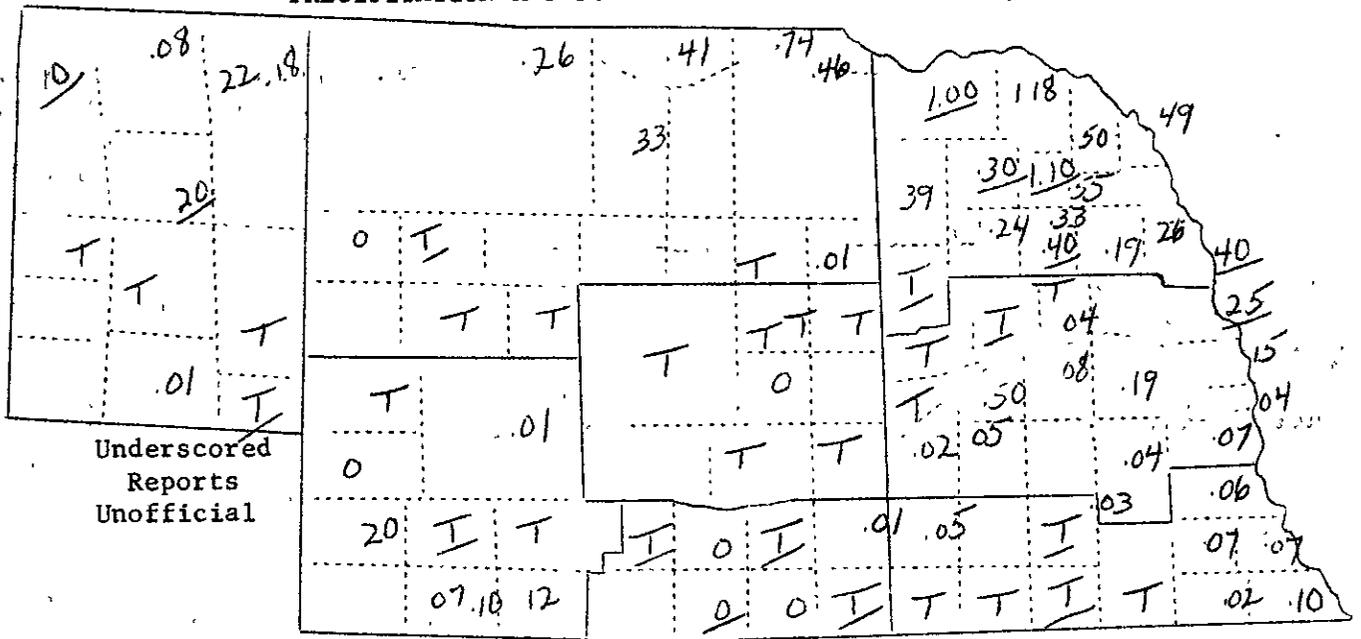
Milo harvest has reached the final stages. Only 10 percent of the crop remains to be combined. Soybean harvest is virtually finished. Some sugar beets are yet to be dug in the North Platte Valley and frozen ground is posing a problem.

Wheat is reported in good condition, although snow cover would be desirable to protect late plantings and the wheat sown on light soils that has been whipped by wind.

LIVESTOCK Cold weather was rough on livestock, particularly in the north where heavy snow fell, and in the east where freezing rain made field and feed lot conditions disagreeable. Many ranchers have moved cattle to winter quarters and started winter feeding rations. Feeding requirements were stepped up over most of the State. Hay, forage, and grain supplies are ample to abundant. Winter range is short in some north-western counties and the pasture feed supply is seasonally short in several eastern counties.

	<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	T	Chadron	.08	
Lincoln	.04	North Platte	.01	Imperial	.15	
Norfolk	.24	Valentine	.26	Scottsbluff	T	
Omaha	.15			Sidney	.01	
Sioux City	.49					

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 16, 1959



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

		November													
		10th		11th		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	62	34	45	20	36	14	24	1	4	-18	33	3	35	-5
	Scottsbluff	63	33	49	27	40	21	34	2	7	-3	37	15	54	-2
	Sidney	66	32	52	27	47	29	34	2	7	-8	37	17	60	-3
NC	Burwell	66	28	55	22	--	20	--	8	--	-8	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	63	35	49	19	33	14	16	5	7	-22	27	16	47	-5
NE	Norfolk	63	34	54	28	35	28	30	14	15	-11	21	18	36	3
	Sioux City	57	34	51	24	37	28	31	16	18	-8	17	15	31	6
Cen	Grand Island	66	34	61	26	39	33	35	14	17	-2	26	17	40	4
EC	Lincoln	65	45	63	33	42	33	36	18	21	4	24	10	40	10
	Omaha	61	41	59	30	37	31	31	17	21	-2	19	16	33	9
SW	Imperial	67	32	57	27	45	29	34	8	15	-1	43	16	54	2
	North Platte	64	24	57	27	39	32	36	8	13	-5	31	17	43	0

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