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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Monday, November 13th was cool; Tuesday morning was one of the coldest of the season. Mild temperatures were the rule over the State Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. Snow that fell over the State Wednesday and Wednesday night was preceded by heavy rain in the southeast. (Precipitation totals for Wednesday and Wednesday night are shown on the map.) The remainder of the week was cool, additional snows of 1 to 4 inches fell in the southern half of the State Saturday. At 6 a.m. Monday, November 20th, snow depths of 1 to 8 inches were reported south of a line from Scottsbluff to Dixon Counties. Temperature averages were as much as 12 degrees lower than normal.

CROPS Harvest of corn and milo was halted abruptly by rain and snow about the middle of last week. Earlier, progress of harvest was at a rapid pace. Farmers added another 20 percent to the harvested volume bringing the total corn picked to nearly 80 percent by the time the storms came. Only 5 percent of the milo crop remained to be combined. Harvest is in the wind-up stage, but heavy wet snow caused unharvested sorghum to lodge badly in some sections. Harvest operations will be held up from one to several days. Heavy snow, with little melting so far, is likely to cause considerable delay in finishing the harvest, especially in the southeast. A few local areas in the south and east have not reached the half-way mark in corn picking. Moisture content of corn and milo was reported unchanged from a week earlier. At that time corn averaged 20 percent moisture.

Moisture was welcome for winter grain crops, brightening prospects in areas where surface moisture had been short.

Gleaning of harvested corn and milo fields by livestock was halted temporarily by snow cover and soggy fields.

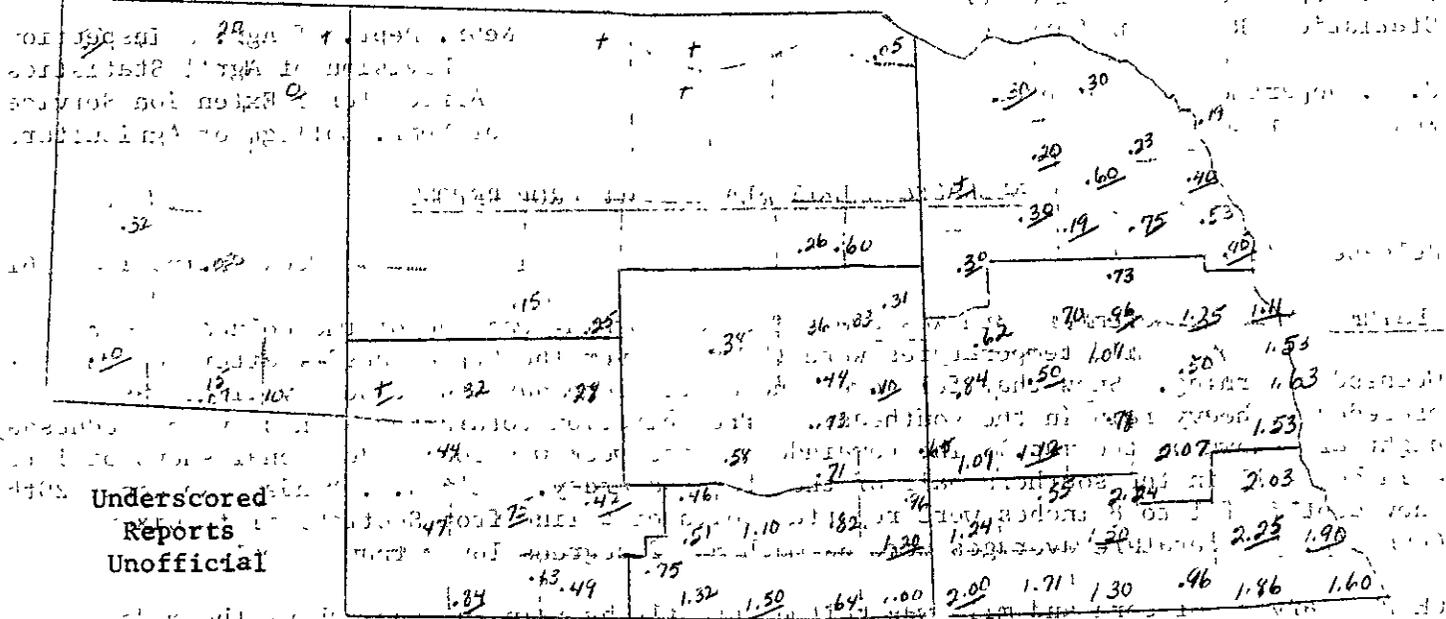
LIVESTOCK In general, livestock withstood the storm last week without much difficulty. Snow cover limited grazing and required some livestock to be moved into feedlots. Supplemental feeding was increased to offset the reduction in field forage.

Shipments of feeder cattle and calves into Nebraska during October were a record high for the month. The 226,000 head received was 30 percent above a year ago. Since July 1, this year's receipts of feeder cattle and calves have exceeded last year by 30 percent also. Lambs shipped into the State during October failed to reach last year's level. The 167,000 arrivals were 21 percent less than in October 1960 and the smallest on record for October.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 20, 1961

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.63	Burwell	.26	Chadron	.20
Lincoln	2.12	North Platte	.28	Imperial	.50
Norfolk	---	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	.32
Omaha	1.53			Sidney	.08
Sioux City	.19				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 17, 1961



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

	Station	November 14th		November 15th		November 16th		November 17th		November 18th		November 19th		November 20th	
		Max	Min												
NW	Chadron	42	21	58	28	34	20	32	14	32	25	34	15	42	13
	Scottsbluff	42	24	56	18	31	22	28	22	30	21	34	7	28	5
	Sidney	39	10	54	18	32	16	27	23	27	20	27	5	42	8
NC	Burwell	43	13	55	27	34	22	36	10	36	24	36	25	31	--
	Valentine	43	17	59	22	32	23	34	9	41	19	32	22	46	13
NE	Norfolk	41	14	59	22	40	26	36	16	37	18	32	20	30	24
	Sioux City	44	21	51	31	45	33	38	21	38	16	30	17	31	29
CEN	Grand Island	44	14	52	32	42	25	33	13	33	26	39	16	29	21
EC	Lincoln	41	23	49	36	41	30	33	22	34	23	32	24	32	30
	Omaha	41	22	47	33	40	30	34	18	35	17	29	20	31	29
SW	Imperial	41	10	54	35	39	23	32	27	29	24	28	17	33	13
	North Platte	41	11	55	29	36	23	32	26	30	24	29	24	30	7

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