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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Monday through Thursday was relatively mild across the entire State. Temperatures dropped on Friday. Saturday and Sunday were the coldest days of the season. On Sunday the average temperature at Lincoln was 23 degrees below normal; at Scottsbluff it was 25 degrees below normal.

The week began with sunny skies; the colder air was accompanied by scattered snows. Snowfall totals Friday through Sunday afternoon were up to 2 inches in the south central and generally less than 1/2 inch elsewhere. In the final 12 hours of the period (6 p.m. Sunday to 6 a.m. Monday), heavy snows fell in the southern half of the State.

CROPS Corn and milo harvest is nearing completion in all parts of the State except the southeast and south central counties. At the close of the week only 7 percent of the corn remained in the fields with only about 3 percent of the milo left to be combined. Recent snow will make it difficult to harvest crops remaining in the fields. Field losses of corn are occurring every day as ears drop to the ground and weakened stalks are blown over by high winds. Milo fields that remain to be harvested are down and pick-up attachments for combines will be needed to salvage the grain.

In some of the western and northeastern counties, there were some tillage operations with dry bean fields being roughened to prevent soil blowing and in the eastern areas, stalks were being cut where fields have been gleaned by livestock. Only a limited amount of fall plowing has been accomplished to date.

Winter grains are going into the dormant stage in good condition. Most areas have an adequate supply of surface soil moisture and there is subsoil moisture for starting the crop in the spring. The recent snow cover will give winter protection from low temperatures to the crops.

Farmers were busy with the usual farm chores but feeding activities occupied most of their time. There was some movement of grains from farms to elevators.

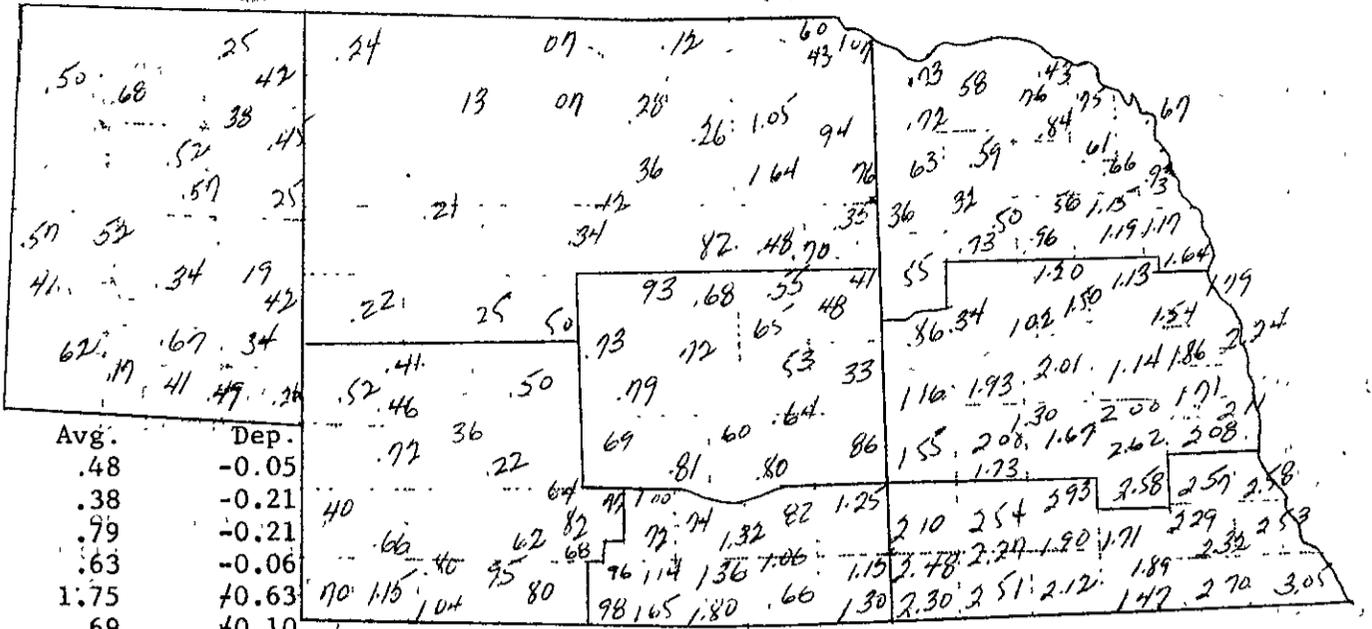
Range and pasture feed supplied livestock with good feed until the recent snow covered most of this type of feed. The heavy snow in the eastern part of the State will cause livestock to be moved from corn and milo fields and be given supplemental feed rations.

LIVESTOCK Most livestock are in good condition. There has been some trouble with shipping fever in the western area. Feedlot cattle made excellent progress but low temperatures along with heavy snow will slow the rate of gain.

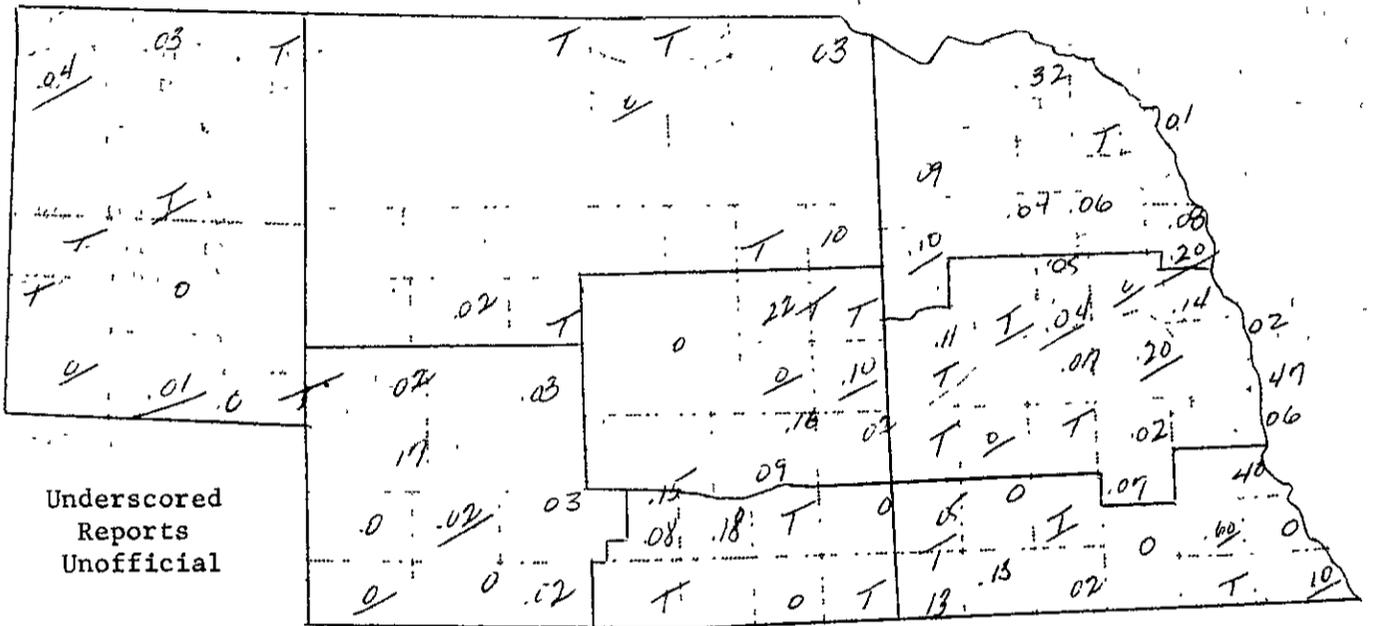
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 11, 1961

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.15	Burwell	T	Chadron	.05
Lincoln	.30	North Platte	.19	Imperial	.09
Norfolk	.25	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	.05
Omaha	.23			Sidney	.06
Sioux City	.25				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH NOVEMBER, 1961



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 8, 1961



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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)

		December 5th		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	39	21	51	26	37	11	39	21	26	4	9	-8	5	-3
	Scottsbluff	42	28	52	22	35	13	40	21	28	6	13	-3	8	1
	Sidney	43	23	53	21	35	17	37	15	32	7	19	-4	8	--
NC	Burwell	40	16	59	26	46	12	41	18	32	3	10	-4	9	--
	Valentine	38	16	55	29	38	9	41	19	31	3	6	-3	10	3
NE	Norfolk	52	17	55	31	42	18	38	25	35	29	30	-2	7	4
	Sioux City	47	17	50	34	43	17	35	24	37	28	30	0	6	5
CEN	Grand Island	45	20	56	31	44	17	42	23	33	22	30	1	9	3
EC	Lincoln	42	25	54	35	46	23	42	30	35	28	30	2	11	5
	Omaha	51	20	51	31	43	20	37	24	36	27	29	3	8	4
SW	Imperial	44	22	58	30	41	21	41	22	33	12	22	-2	10	3
	North Platte	44	18	58	25	42	14	40	20	32	10	23	-1	10	5

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