

1400 *run* Jan. 9, 1962

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Statistical Reporting Service
and
U. S. Department of Commerce
Weather Bureau

Nebr. Dept. of Agr. & Inspection
Division of Agr'l. Statistics
Agricultural Extension Service
of Nebr. College of Agriculture

NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

Release 1/9/62

Week Ending 1/8/62

WEATHER Temperature averages ranged from slightly above normal in the southeast to 10 degrees above normal in the northwest. Thursday and Friday were cold over the State; the remainder of the week was mild.

The extreme southeast had up to 6 inches of snow Friday, other portions of the east had less than 2 inches. Intermittent light snow fell over most of the State Saturday and Sunday.

CROPS Snow melted rapidly in the early part of the week, permitting some field work to get underway again. The snow cover was gone in most western sections, and high winds caused soil blowing and erosion. Corn picking and milo harvest was resumed in some places with slow to fair progress made. Some castor bean fields were harvested but some sections still have a large part of this crop to be combined. In parts of the extreme southeast, snow is still too deep to run the corn pickers. Soft ground under the snow prohibited machine operations. Where snow had a heavy, solid frozen crust, corn pickers and picker-shelliers were operating.

Wheat in the eastern districts is in good condition, having snow cover protection from low temperatures. In some cases, ice formation on crusted snow in low spots endangers plant survival. In the west, soil blowing was experienced in quite a few areas, and some wheat is suffering from exposure, especially in areas where surface moisture is deficient.

The grain feed supply remains adequate, but heavy inroads have been made on the hay supply. Some northwestern sections have experienced a tight hay supply situation since the winter started. In the northeast, more areas are reporting short hay supplies and rising hay prices. Continued heavy snow cover has virtually stopped field grazing in many eastern counties. The State's hay crop was below average in 1961.

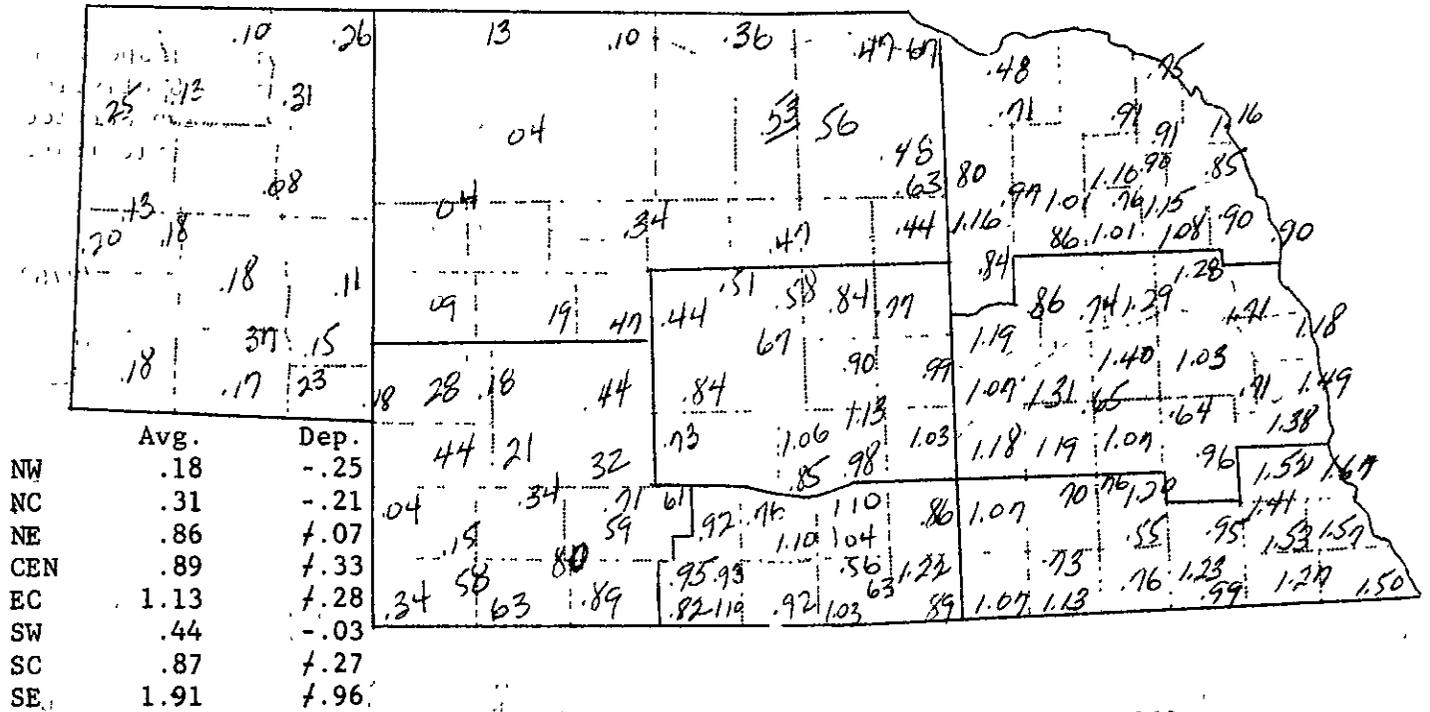
Some central and western counties had open grazing until new snow arrived Sunday.

LIVESTOCK Cattle maintained their condition although low temperatures brought discomfort. Feedlot gains were difficult to hold at previous levels, but they remain above average for the State as a whole. Producers were devoting considerable attention to livestock.

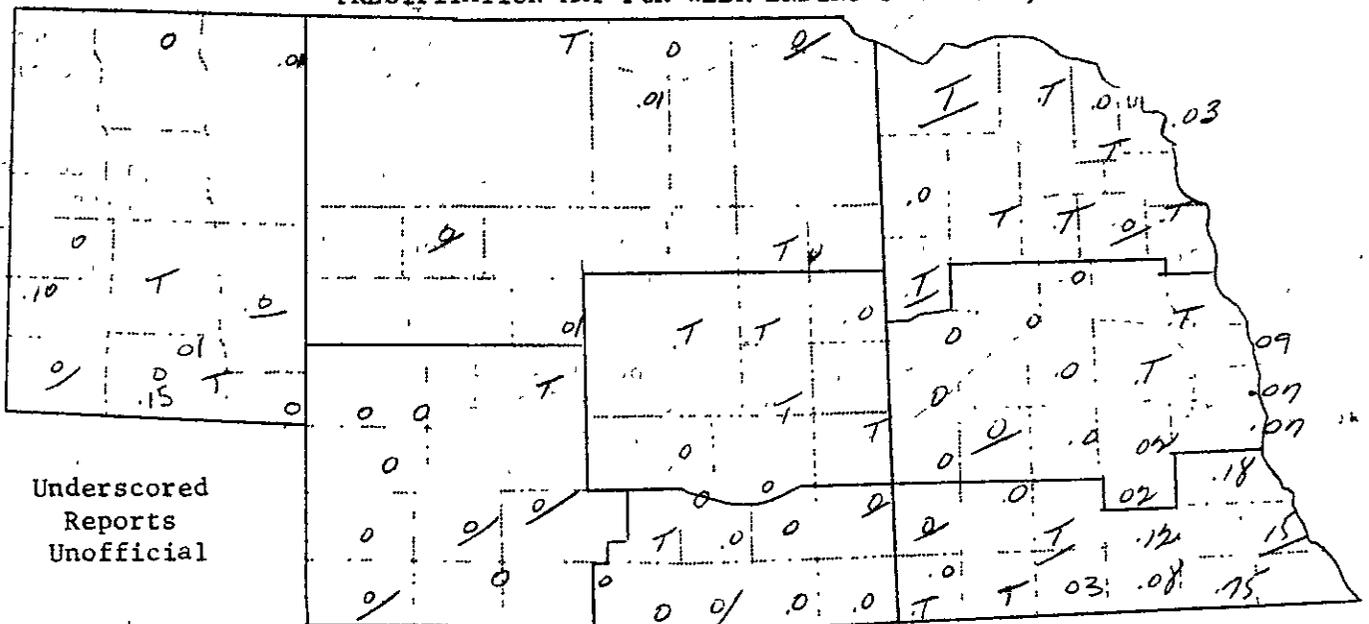
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 8, 1962

| <u>East</u> | | <u>Central</u> | | <u>West</u> | |
|--------------|-----|----------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| Grand Island | .05 | Burwell | 0 | Chadron | T |
| Lincoln | .11 | North Platte | T | Imperial | .01 |
| Norfolk | .07 | Valentine | .01 | Scottsbluff | .17 |
| Omaha | .17 | | | Sidney | .06 |
| Sioux City | .18 | | | | |

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1961



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 5, 1962



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)

| | | January 2nd | | 3rd | | 4th | | 5th | | 6th | | 7th | | 8th | |
|-----|--------------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min |
| NW | Chadron | 50 | 26 | 53 | 23 | 58 | 27 | 42 | 15 | 36 | 23 | 42 | 22 | 34 | 16 |
| | Scottsbluff | 52 | 21 | 57 | 22 | 59 | 26 | 42 | 19 | 35 | 20 | 41 | 22 | 32 | 24 |
| | Sidney | 51 | 22 | 59 | 27 | 63 | 28 | 40 | 20 | 33 | 12 | 42 | 22 | 31 | 23 |
| NC | Burwell | 46 | 25 | 54 | 28 | 61 | 24 | 44 | 7 | 23 | 2 | 43 | 24 | 34 | -- |
| | Valentine | 50 | 26 | 61 | 27 | 61 | 27 | 44 | 9 | 28 | 7 | 44 | 28 | 32 | 9 |
| NE | Norfolk | 40 | 27 | 44 | 27 | 49 | 22 | 39 | 7 | 13 | 1 | 36 | 20 | 31 | 2 |
| | Sioux City | 35 | 19 | 43 | 17 | 45 | 25 | 38 | 11 | 13 | 6 | 27 | 18 | 29 | 4 |
| CEN | Grand Island | 41 | 27 | 41 | 27 | 43 | 23 | 43 | 12 | 19 | -2 | 39 | 27 | 34 | 13 |
| EC | Lincoln | 40 | 33 | 44 | 31 | 46 | 27 | 40 | 14 | 19 | 9 | 36 | 22 | 34 | 12 |
| | Omaha | 37 | 27 | 39 | 26 | 47 | 28 | 39 | 12 | 16 | 6 | 31 | 17 | 31 | 4 |
| SW | Imperial | 53 | 23 | 60 | 30 | 65 | 24 | 45 | 18 | 35 | 10 | 43 | 28 | 38 | 25 |
| | North Platte | 51 | 20 | 57 | 20 | 60 | 20 | 46 | 14 | 33 | 8 | 47 | 31 | 38 | 23 |

U. S. Department of Agriculture
203 P. O. Building, Box 1911
Lincoln 1, Nebraska

POSTAGE AND FEES PAID
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE