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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 12/24/62

WEATHER Temperatures for the week ranged from two to three degrees above normal in the southern half, and four to five degrees above normal in the northern half of the State. It was mild at the beginning of the week and turned colder on the weekend. Precipitation, as snow, covered all but the Panhandle on the 20th and 21st. Amounts averaged 1 to 3 inches as snowfall, locally, five inches was reported at North Loup in the central section, and seven inches at Fullerton in the east central. The Panhandle had a trace during the same period.

CROPS Winter weather limited farm work during the past week. Some field work was accomplished the first two days but snow and low temperatures brought this work to a halt. Farmers were busy with the feeding and care of livestock and preparation for the holidays.

Winter wheat continued in good condition and snow cover offered some protection from low temperatures. Precipitation over the State, although light, will add some moisture to the dry surface soil. High spots in fields will be subject to wind erosion and perhaps winterkill. Hay feeding of livestock was general throughout the range area and in the eastern part of the State where pasture feed was covered by snow.

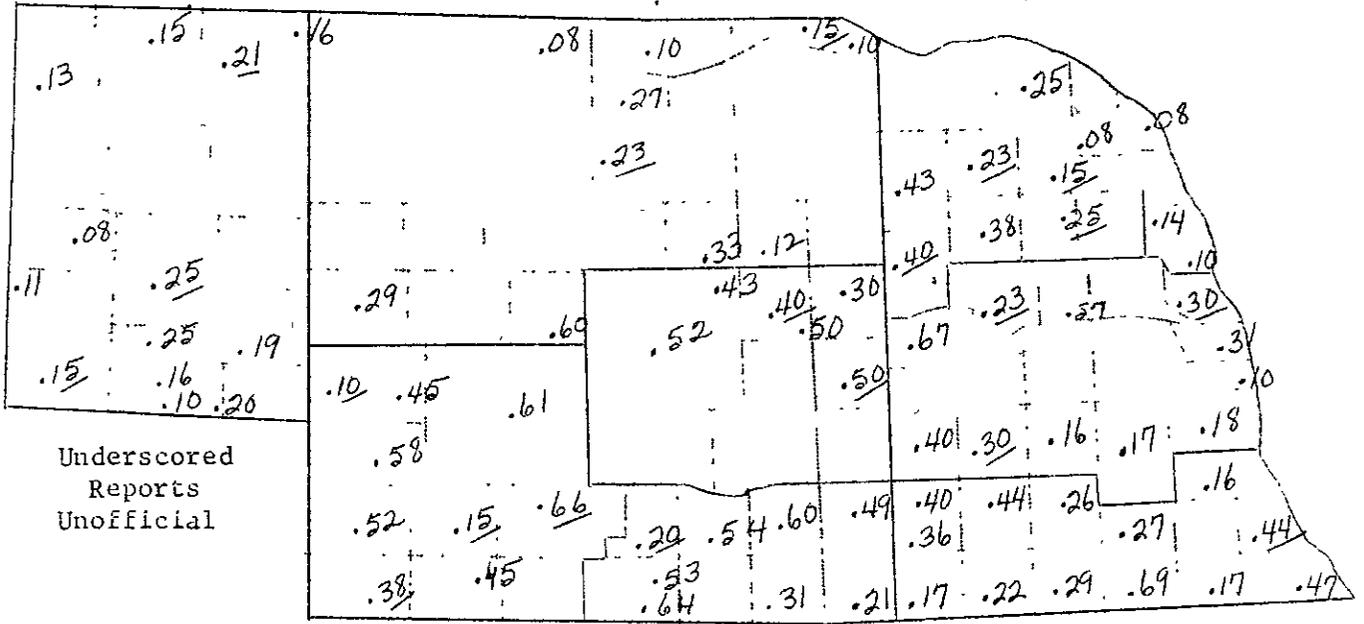
LIVESTOCK Feeder cattle were being moved from stalk fields to feedlots. The sudden drop in temperatures has caused some shrinkage in cattle but low temperatures early in the season conditioned animals for winter weather.

Marketings were slow during the past week as the holiday season approached. Farmers were giving considerable care to sows that were farrowing.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 24, 1962

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.37	Burwell	.13	Chadron	.15
Lincoln	.17	North Platte	.61	Imperial	.52
Norfolk	.38	Valentine	.08	Scottsbluff	.08
Omaha	.31			Sidney	.10
Sioux City	.08				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 21, 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)

		December													
		18th		19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	65	23	54	19	36	33	40	15	37	31	37	-6	14	9
	Scottsbluff	65	22	47	25	38	33	38	18	43	30	44	7	26	10
	Sidney	65	24	52	27	36	31	35	20	43	27	42	4	24	9
NC	Burwell	63	20	55	34	44	21	31	22	39	23	25	-4	16	8
	Valentine	62	23	57	32	39	23	33	21	41	32	37	-7	20	6
NE	Norfolk	58	20	54	38	45	21	28	25	35	28	39	5	17	10
	Sioux City	56	22	54	32	44	26	33	24	35	29	40	5	18	6
CEN	Grand Island	56	23	54	38	44	23	31	22	30	24	35	0	12	7
EC	Lincoln	56	30	57	39	48	29	30	26	33	26	40	5	20	12
	Omaha	56	33	55	38	45	28	30	24	30	30	38	3	15	5
SW	Imperial	70	23	51	29	45	29	32	29	45	31	39	5	26	13
	North Platte	65	21	49	37	45	27	32	19	34	27	37	2	16	10

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