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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Nebraska had a dry week with seasonal temperatures. Several days of strong winds were experienced.

CROPS Corn harvest made some additional progress and is now 95 percent complete. Some eastern areas and low lands remain muddy, and harvesting can be accomplished only when the ground is frozen. High winds at mid-week caused additional field loss by blowing down weakened stalks and ears. Moisture content of the grain averages about 16 percent, but some individuals report moisture content in excess of 20 percent which is too wet for safe storage. Weather was favorable for livestock gleaning stalk fields. Fall plowing and discing remain limited by soil conditions and time required for full utilization of livestock grazing.

Wheat conditions are mostly good to excellent. Top soils are still dry over parts of the Panhandle and southwest. Some blowing dust from light soils in these areas was observed. Well developed root systems on the wheat prevented serious soil erosion in wheat fields.

Range and pasture feed condition continues below average in the northeast and southwest. Winter range grasses in dry areas are becoming brittle and danger of range fires is increasing.

There is a good demand for feed grains in the northeast where supplies are limited and feeder cattle are moving in.

LIVESTOCK Livestock condition was generally good. Some respiratory problems were noted where cattle are grazing on very dry soils. Open weather has permitted utilization of range feed by cattle, thus conserving hay supplies.

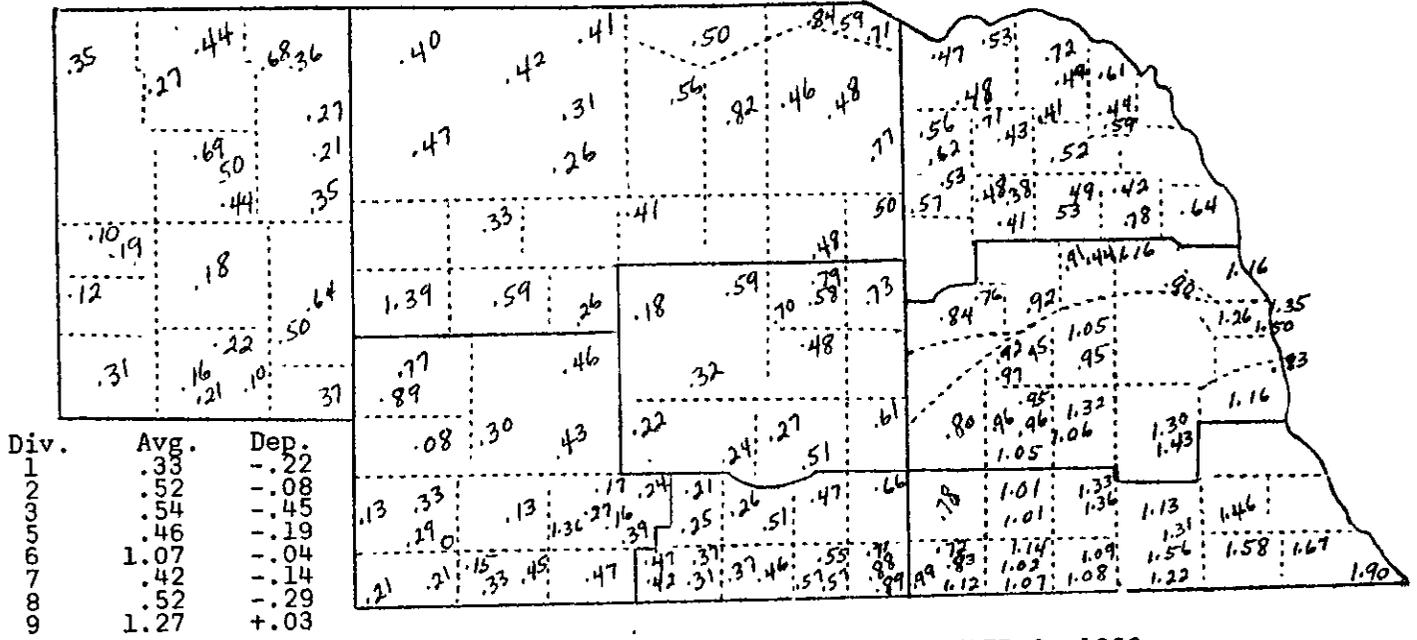
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 8, 1968

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	T	Chadron	0
Lincoln	0	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	0	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	T
Omaha	0			Sidney	0
Sioux City	0				

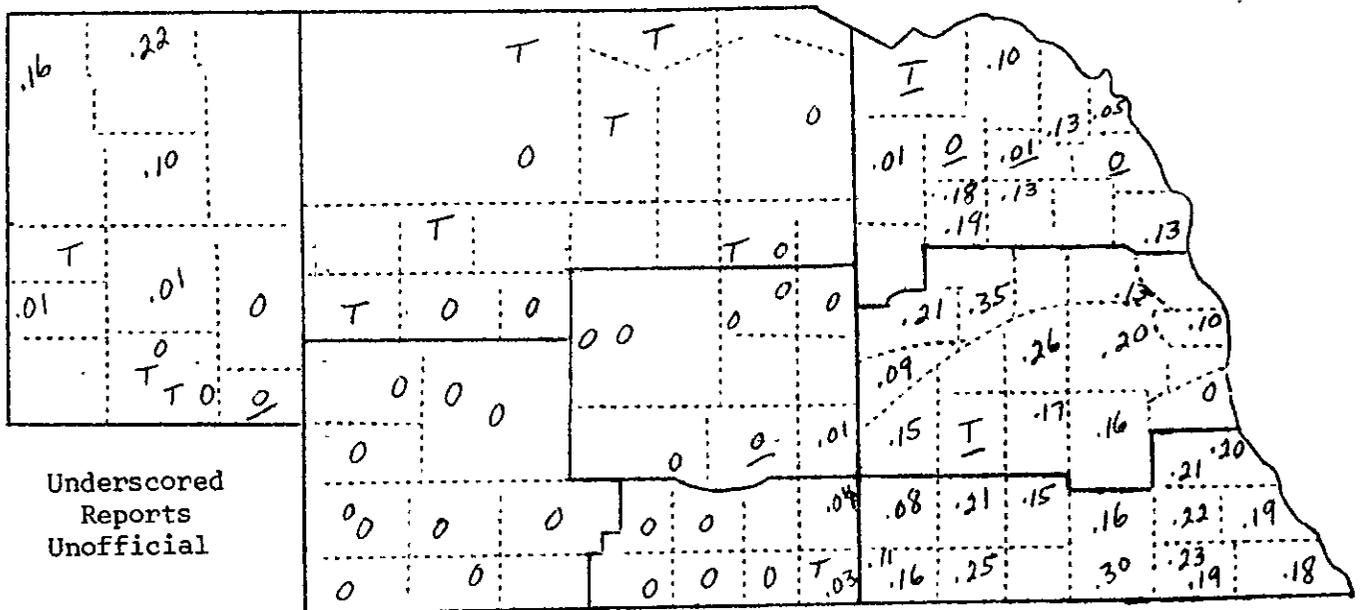
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1968



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 6, 1968



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													
		2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th							
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	36	9	45	26	48	21	42	31	34	4	37	20	58	30
	Scottsbluff	37	10	40	38	52	23	45	19	33	8	37	15	52	23
	Sidney	36	9	42	22	57	14	43	17	36	4	34	14	59	20
NC	Burwell	37	16	44	21	59	20	41	13	41	11	31	13	35	--
	Valentine	32	15	42	28	52	17	34	14	37	11	30	16	41	22
NE	Norfolk	38	23	42	25	59	23	33	19	34	15	22	8	36	23
	Sioux City	38	30	39	23	57	25	35	20	33	14	25	7	32	22
CEN	Grand Island	37	21	45	24	63	23	41	16	40	20	30	13	37	23
EC	Lincoln	43	28	42	30	58	25	39	26	40	21	28	15	37	27
	Omaha	41	31	39	25	56	21	34	23	39	17	27	11	33	25
SW	Imperial	40	17	47	21	62	18	43	17	41	11	36	9	39	12
	North Platte	39	16	46	20	60	18	40	13	42	9	32	17	36	13