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WEATHER Average weekly temperatures ranged from 10 degrees above normal in the extreme east to two degrees above normal in the Panhandle. Dry and especially pleasant weather prevailed December 25-27; 61 degree highs were reported at Dalton, Lodgepole, and Pawnee City on the 27th.

An intense winter storm was predominate from December 28-31; the storm reached its peak intensity late on the 29th and early on the 30th. Snow accumulated to depths near one foot near Grand Island and generally five inches or more in the west and north. In the northeast, winds gusting to 70 miles per hour caused blizzard conditions.

Seasonably cold temperatures remained in the storm's wake; Valentine reported -2 degrees the morning of January 1st.

CROPS Harvest made good progress last week. Mild weather prevailed through Thursday allowing many farmers to finish harvest of muddy fields and wet grain. Rain and snow on Friday once again stopped harvest.

Corn harvest advanced to 95% complete compared with 90% last week. Poor harvest conditions prevailed as fields were muddy and grain was wet. Harvesting while fields were frozen was necessary in many areas. Unharvested corn is in good condition with more than 26 million bushels remaining to be harvested.

Sorghum harvest is 92% completed, 2% more than last week. Harvesting was slow, but most areas report some progress. The quality of grain in some areas has deteriorated, but most grain is of good quality. Moisture content of harvested grain averaged 21%, the same as last week. About 11 million bushels remain in the field.

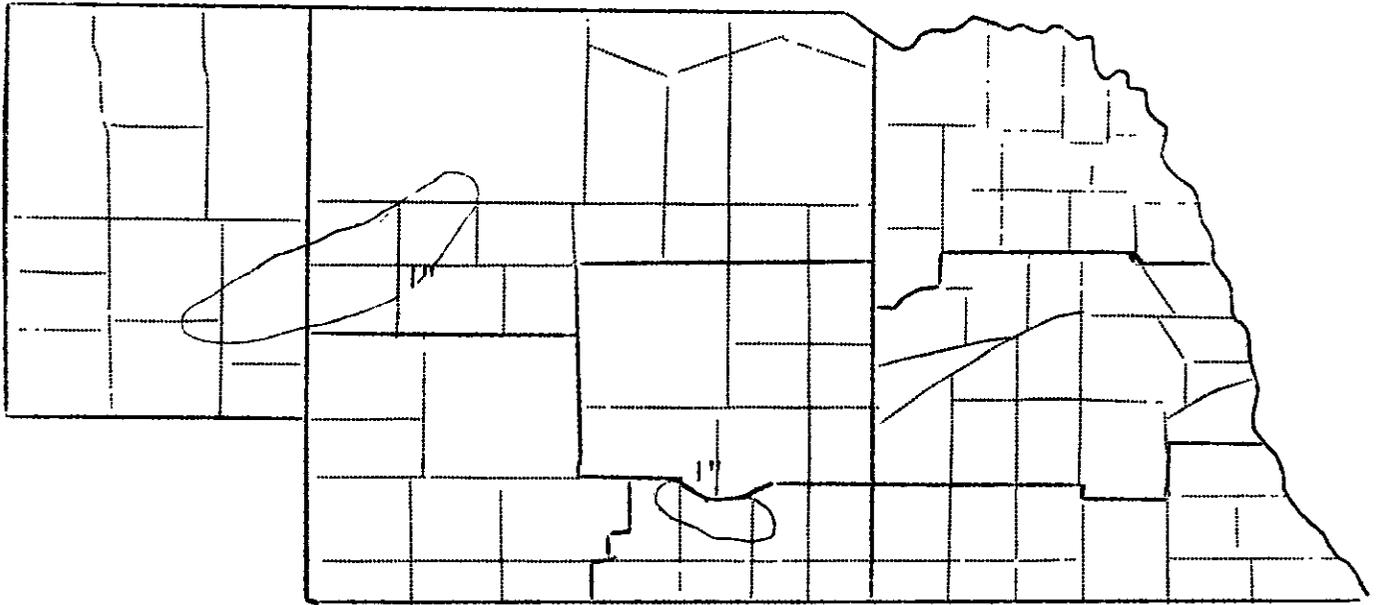
Soybean harvest is 98% complete. Last week was the first time that soybeans were harvested in quantity since December 11. Fields remain in poor condition but were dried out enough for harvesting equipment to make slow progress. Approximately one-half million bushels of soybeans remain to be harvested. A small acreage of sugar beets were dug in western Nebraska during the past week. Winter wheat is in good condition.

LIVESTOCK Livestock are in good condition although under stress from the muddy conditions. The milder weather allowed better utilization of winter pastures and stalk fields.

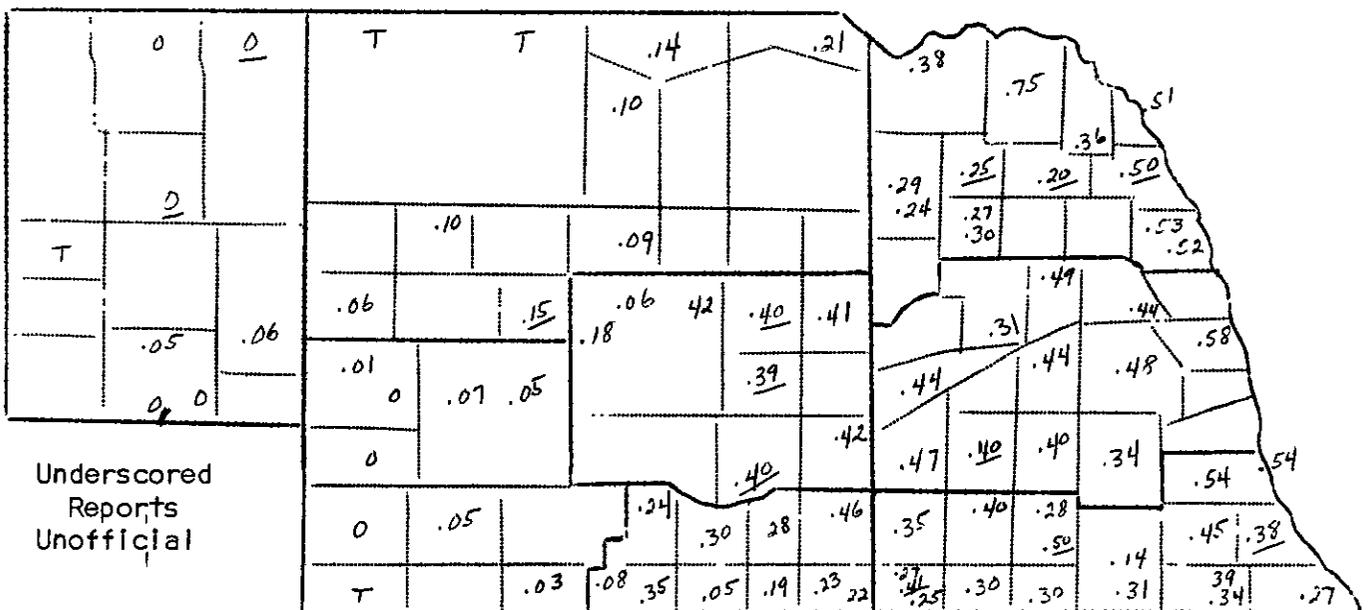
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING 12/31/72

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	1.58	Burwell	--	Chadron	.16
Lincoln	.98	North Platte	.22	Imperial	--
Norfolk	1.28	Valentine	.21	Scottsbluff	.51
Omaha	1.08			Sidney	--
Sioux City	1.48				

TOTAL SNOWFALL FOR WEEK ENDING 7:00 a.m. CST DECEMBER 29, 1972



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 29, 1972



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Daytime highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
Nighttime lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CST)

		December 25th		26th		27th		28th		29th		30th		31st	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	42	21	56	37	55	27	49	30	33	12	21	19	31	15
	Scottsbluff	43	25	52	38	50	23	38	30	33	14	24	14	32	8
	Sidney	40	--	54	37	60	24	41	27	31	11	23	15	30	10
NC	Burwell	42	16	54	26	59	26	43	31	37	13	28	15	23	-1
	Valentine	41	16	52	29	57	25	46	32	35	10	17	14	28	-2
NE	Norfolk	39	22	44	31	52	29	41	37	40	27	32	12	21	3
	Sioux City	38	22	39	25	51	26	43	38	46	35	36	14	22	8
CEN	Grand Island	44	40	44	32	54	28	41	37	39	19	31	17	24	10
EC	Lincoln	44	24	47	27	59	27	45	37	57	26	37	16	26	10
	Omaha	40	23	39	28	54	31	41	39	52	32	37	14	23	8
SW	Imperial	42	25	50	32	58	31	38	31	33	15	25	19	34	13
	North Platte	45	15	48	25	55	22	39	33	35	13	21	1	29	-1

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