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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures were rather high during the first two days of the week, and rather low during the latter part, and averaged near normal. Precipitation was light over the northwestern third of the State, moderate to locally heavy in the central third, and generally heavy in the southeastern third, where ice from freezing rains caused considerable damage to trees and wires.

CROPS Very little corn was husked for the past week because of snow, rain and ice. Returns indicate that 77% of the corn had been harvested by December 6 as compared with 71% a week earlier and 64% by the same date a year ago. Most of the past month was unfavorable for harvesting because of wet fields. Precipitation was heavy for November, generally in the form of a number of light rains and snows. Very little corn is moving to market. There appears to be a tendency to hold corn. Even feeders are experiencing difficulty in buying enough corn locally for feeding.

Snow and rain, most of which formed ice as it fell, during the past week south of the Platte River has provided ample surface moisture. This, on top of the abnormally heavy November precipitation, has put the surface soil in excellent condition as far as moisture supply is concerned. The dry area in southcentral Nebraska had far above normal precipitation in November, and precipitation for the week ending December 6 was far above the December normal for the month. Southwestern Nebraska did not fare as well in the moisture since November 1 as southcentral and southeastern Nebraska, but this area was in much better shape than the latter areas earlier in the season. Precipitation in the Panhandle was far above normal last month, and while precipitation was lighter in the Panhandle and southwestern Nebraska for the first week of December than in central and eastern portions, wheat in that territory, as well as the balance of the wheat area in the State is now going into the winter under good to excellent surface soil moisture conditions. Because of little, if any, runoff of moisture since November 1 and very little evaporation, the subsoil moisture supply should be much better than it was when the tests were made in October. This will give the late seeded wheat a better chance to survive the winter. While the outlook for wheat is much better than it was a month ago, it is none too good in the southcentral counties where the wheat got such a late start and very little growth before reaching the dormant stage.

LIVESTOCK Range which was open by the close of November in northwestern and north-central Nebraska was again covered by snow occurring the first week in December. Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle to country points to the first of December are falling considerably below the shipments to December 1 a year ago. Cattle feeders are still hesitating. There is considerable comment that cattle feeders are having difficulty in getting enough corn to carry on feeding operations, as there seems to be a tendency to hold the corn. Reports indicated a much heavier marketing of light-weight hogs than usual, largely because of the unfavorable hog-corn ratio. There was some increase in shipments of lambs to feeders in October and a marked increase in November, which brought the number on feed to December 1 considerably above the number to December 1 last year.

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WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 8, 1947

Eastern Division	Central Division	Western Division
Grand Island .77	Burwell .66	Chadron .14
Lincoln 1.64	North Platte .42	Hayes Center .81
Norfolk .82	Valentine .23	Scottsbluff .29
Omaha .91		Sidney .21
Sioux City 1.25		

