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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Fair weather with moderate temperatures, rather high in the days, but with mostly cold nights, prevailed during the first half of the week. Saturday night and Sunday morning a storm brought light to moderate sleet or snow to most of the State, followed by a change to the colder.

November was wet, with average temperatures near normal. There were no extreme temperatures. The storm of the 18-19th brought very heavy snow to much of the north-eastern portion of the State, which high winds and gales drifted badly, the greatest amount being 24 inches of snow at Hartington. The south-central portion also had a very severe snow storm, but most of the moisture came as rain in the southeast and extreme east-central portions of the State.

CROPS About 69% of the corn was picked up to last Saturday as compared with 56% a week earlier. The heavy snow in some parts of the State is still delaying the work. There are some comments that pheasants and rabbits are getting some of the unpicked corn. Movement of corn to market has been checked because of impassable roads in areas where snow drifted badly. Percentages of corn picked up to last Saturday are as follows: Northwest, 91%; North, 85%; Northeast, 89%; Central, 84%; Eastern, 91%; Southwest, 86%; South, 90%; Southeast, 90%.

Winter wheat in northwestern Nebraska is dormant and the balance of the wheat is rapidly becoming dormant. Fortunately, favorable temperatures during November enabled wheat to make good growth after moisture arrived. While top growth is below normal for this date because of September and October drouth, the crop really made better growth than expected during November. Growth in the eastern fourth of the State is nearly normal for this date. The outlook up to October 1 in the western three-fourths of the State was very poor, but development during November has put the wheat in fairly good shape with fairly good root development, and with the present moisture supply has a much better chance to survive the winter. Some of the stands are still poor, but a large percentage of the crop has sufficient stand if it survives the winter.

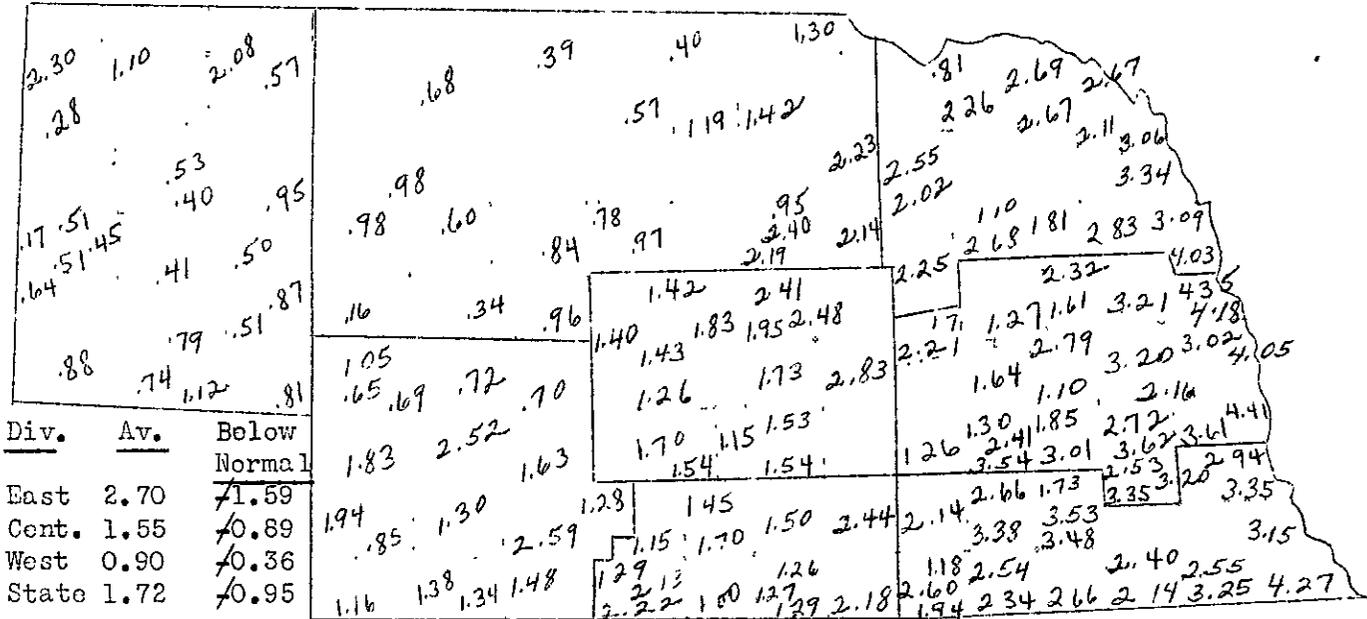
While some of the moisture from the snow on wheat fields was lost because of the high winds, November precipitation was still far above normal. This was most fortunate especially in the western two-thirds of the State because wheat did not make its usual autumn growth because of the drouth. The soil which was so loose is now packed more firmly around the plants which excludes the damaging effects of low temperatures.

LIVESTOCK Reports continue to indicate considerable loss of livestock for individuals here and there resulting from the November blizzard. There were some losses of pigs, turkeys, and some sheep. Fortunately, temperatures did not get very low, otherwise with the high winds, the losses might have been very serious. The hay supply is not too large, and there is some apprehension as to whether it will be sufficient unless the western ranges remain open and the winter is not too severe. (Issued by the Weather Bureau and the State and Federal Depts. of Agriculture.)

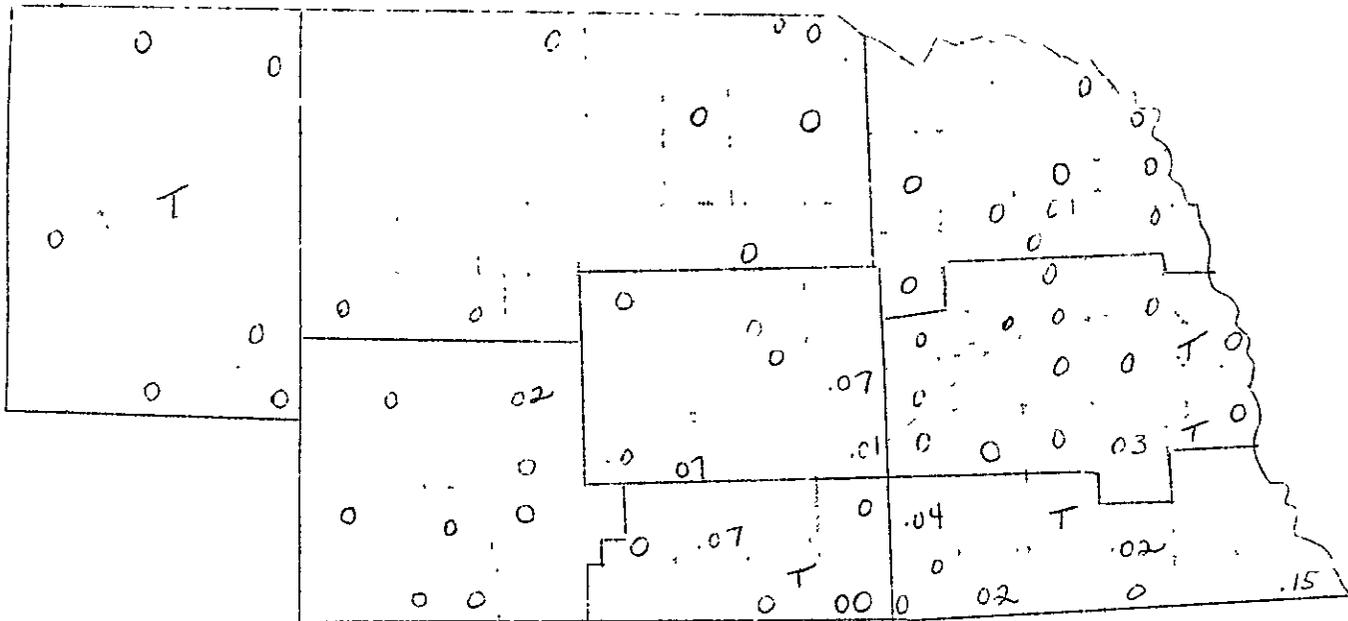
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 6, 1948.

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .14	Burwell .07	Chadron .02
Lincoln .22	North Platte 0	Hayes Center .01
Norfolk .15	Valentine 0	Scottsbluff .04
Omaha .18		Sidney .01
Sioux City .25		

PRECIPITATION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1948



PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 3, 1948



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hrs. ending 6:30 a.m.)

		Nov. 30th		Dec. 1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	38	17	41	28	42	20	53	34	61	23	46	16	32	7
	Scottsbluff	43	17	46	21	42	22	56	25	67	18	56	--	36	17
	Sidney	46	9	43	16	42	13	58	25	63	20	59	20	36	22
N-C	Burwell	47	16	34	19	41	16	50	29	62	21	55	18	--	10
	Valentine	44	15	42	28	43	21	57	38	70	25	56	--	30	--
NE	Norfolk	43	19	31	23	39	18	44	29	48	27	47	26	30	18
	Sioux City	44	21	34	20	44	20	48	29	56	31	54	30	33	19
Cent.	Grand Island	37	19	27	22	41	21	45	27	52	26	52	23	34	13
E-C	Lincoln	49	26	35	29	49	26	48	34	57	40	61	38	49	22
	Omaha	47	28	38	26	48	25	53	32	58	36	63	32	51	24
SW	Hayes Center	45	20	37	21	40	20	48	32	56	30	53	21	34	19
	North Platte	50	18	37	20	43	17	50	25	62	18	59	22	36	15