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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged slightly above normal, but with several rather hard freezing nights. There was practically no precipitation, most days were sunny, humidity was low, and several days were windy.

CROPS About 81% of the corn had been picked by November 19. Corn harvest is nearing completion in the northeastern portion of the State. There is considerable corn to pick in western and southern portions. Continued dry weather is increasing the difficulty of harvest with mechanical pickers. Estimates of corn harvested by districts up to Saturday are as follows: Northwest 55%, North Central 75%, Northeast 88%, Central 74%, East Central 88%, Southwest 59%, South Central 82%, Southeast 77%, and State 81%.

The condition of wheat is generally reported very good but the crop needs rain throughout the State. The dry windy weather of the past week was unfavorable, and some tip burn and brown spots are developing. Leaf rust is reported in some southwestern counties.

The harvest of grain sorghum is about completed. The condition of pasture is lower because of insufficient moisture. The last heavy general rain occurred October 10. There has been no rain of consequence since October 10 except for light rain in extreme eastern Nebraska October 18, and some light to moderate rain in southwest Nebraska November 11. Lack of rain has slowed the growth of wheat for pasture. Potatoes are still moving out slowly. Western range is plentiful but a little rain to soften the range would be desirable.

About 42% of the counties report a surplus of feed grains, 54% report an ample amount and 4% report short. Hay and forage is reported ample in 79% of the counties with a surplus in the balance of the counties. About 83% of the counties report ample range and pasture, 11% report short pasture and 6% a surplus. Rainfall is reported short in 72% of the counties and ample in 28%. Surface moisture is reported short in 64% of the counties and ample in the balance. Subsoil moisture is reported ample in 83% of the counties and short in 17%. A good general rain is needed badly for wheat before winter sets in.

LIVESTOCK Weather has been highly favorable for pasturing corn stalk fields and wheat. It has enabled cattle to pick up much of the corn that was on the ground. Growth of wheat was slowed because of dry weather, and wheat pasture is not as plentiful as indicated earlier. The situation has been highly favorable for cattle in feed lots and for the fall pig crop.

Weather Bureau Telegraphic Report of Precipitation for Week Ending November 21, 1949

	<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
1450	Grand Island 0	Burwell 0	Chadron 0
	Lincoln 0	North Platte 0	Hayes Center 0
	Norfolk 0	Valentine 0	Scottsbluff .05
11-22-49	Omaha 0		Sidney .03
	Sioux City 0		

