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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The week was dry, sunny, and warm, except for a few rather cold nights particularly over the Panhandle. Humidity was low, and a few days were windy.

November was much drier than normal, and the warmest of record. The month was the driest since 1914 over the Eastern Division. There was the most sunshine of record at Lincoln. Humidity was low, and several days were rather windy.

CROPS Only 5% of the corn remained unharvested up to last Saturday. Most of this is in western and southern counties. There was more salvaging of fallen corn by hand and by livestock than anticipated earlier. Weather has been ideal for drying corn, and it appears the quality will be very good. Movement of the old corn in storage continues.

The condition of winter wheat has been dropping each of the past two weeks due to the continued drouth. Except for a small percent of the wheat, the crop has developed a good root system which has exhausted the moisture from the top 6 or 9 inches of the soil. Growth of wheat has been checked and considerable tip burning and browning of the wheat is reported. Most of the crop made sufficient growth to cover the ground, and, so far, there has been very little damage from blowing. A few reports indicate that the crop will be more susceptible to winter injury if moisture is not received. A good general rain or snow amounting to an inch of water is needed badly throughout the wheat belt before the crop goes into the dormant stage.

The harvest of grain sorghum has been completed under ideal conditions for harvest, and the grain has dried sufficiently for storage. Practically all of the crop matured before frost. Most of the sorghum forage was harvested before being damaged by frost. The movement of potatoes is still slow because of the low price. Sugar beets turned out well in both yield and sugar content. A large percentage of the dry edible beans have been placed under Government loan.

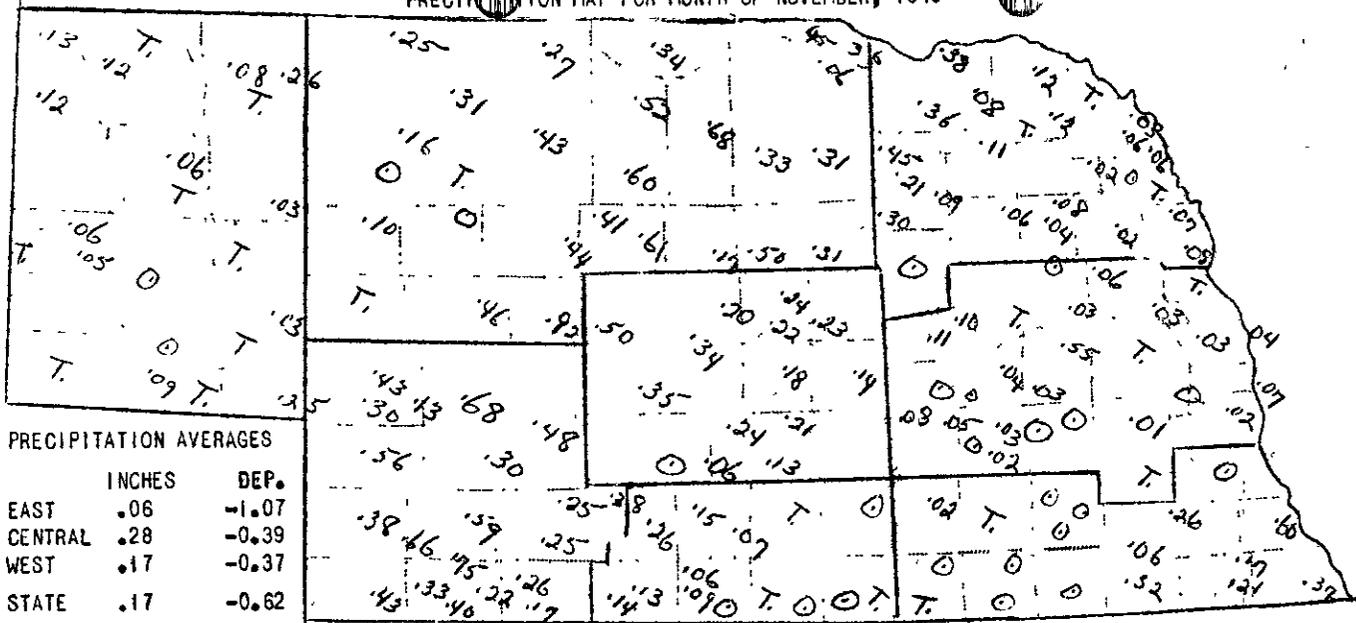
LIVESTOCK The season, so far, has been unusually favorable for livestock, except that range needs some moisture to make it more palatable. Growth of pastures was checked because of the continued dry weather. Grass, like wheat, needs more moisture to protect the roots during the winter. Reports from some counties indicate that more cattle have been placed in feed lots. The season has been exceptionally favorable for the fall pig crop and for poultry. Egg production has been above normal for the autumn season

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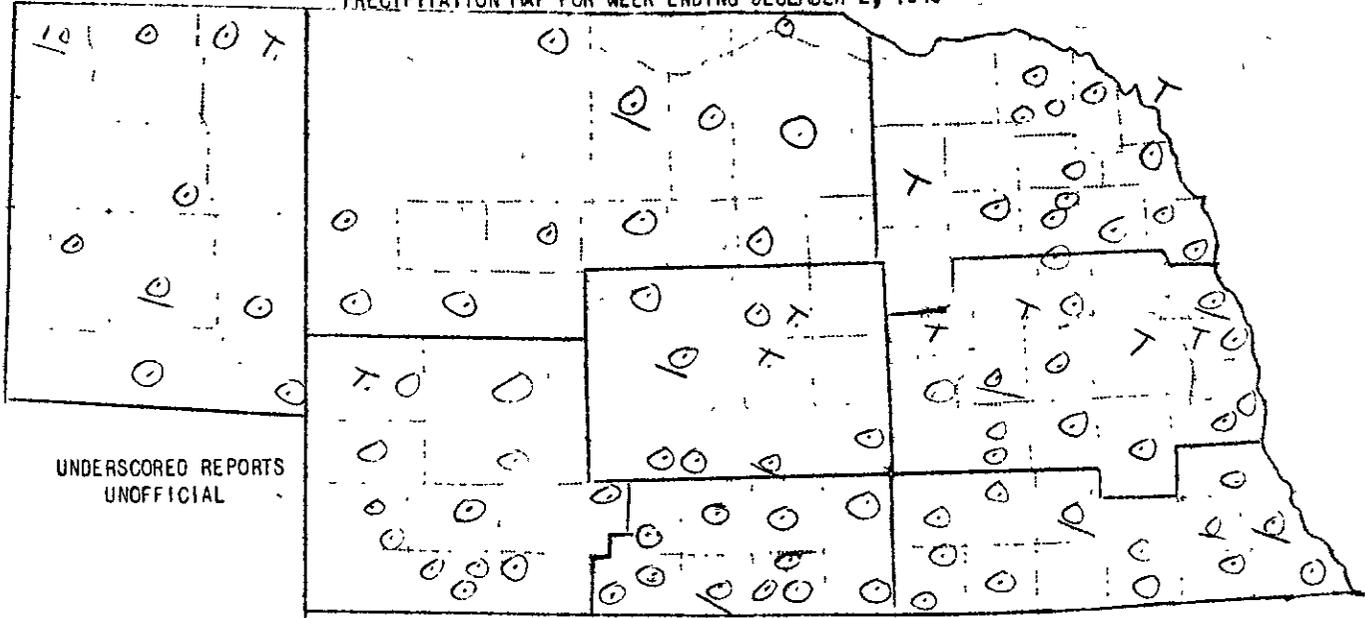
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 2, 1949



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 6:30 A.M., CST)

		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		3RD	4TH	5TH							
		29TH	30TH	1ST	2ND										
		MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN						
NW	CHADRON	46	32	50	18	58	25	51	26	59	35	48	8	46	9
	SCOTTSBLUFF	59	22	49	16	67	22	57	27	66	34	50	9	51	18
	SIDNEY	51	14	52	10	59	21	50	14	67	36	49	4	49	8
N-C	BURWELL	59	33	55	23	55	31	49	25	65	35	47	17	50	13
	VALENTINE	58	32	51	23	58	30	46	31	63	40	50	18	47	13
NE	NORFOLK	61	32	56	26	56	33	52	26	50	36	50	25	47	15
	SIOUX CITY	60	33	56	31	57	33	46	23	50	31	50	29	47	14
CEN.	GRAND ISLAND	64	33	58	25	58	35	51	31	59	35	51	20	48	16
	LINCOLN	65	38	59	32	58	40	50	31	56	42	54	26	48	20
E-C	OMAHA	61	37	57	36	57	41	49	30	52	40	53	29	49	20
	HAYES CENTER	61	30	55	27	61	33	49	27	67	34	49	16	49	22
SW	NORTH PLATTE	58	31	55	20	61	34	48	28	65	28	48	18	48	17

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 5, 1949

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NONE NONE NONE

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