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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The week was cold, cloudy, and windy. Moderate to heavy snow fell Friday night and Saturday over the central, western, and northeastern portions of the State, and mostly light rain in the southeast. Temperatures were unseasonably low during the first two and last two days, and near normal otherwise.

CROPS Winter wheat received moisture in varying amounts last week end. Definite information on the amounts was not received as the reports were mailed before the rain and snow arrived last week end. Moisture in the western two-thirds of the State was mostly in the form of snow varying from moderate to heavy. The northern portion of the eastern third of the State received moderate to heavy amounts, but precipitation was lighter in the southeastern part of the State.

Wheat in the Panhandle received more moisture following nearly normal precipitation in November. Most of the balance of the State had received very little moisture since September, until the last week end precipitation. More moisture is needed badly to pack the surface soil in southeastern Nebraska.

A few of the southwestern counties have from 10 to 20 per cent of their corn unharvested. Southwestern Nebraska is usually the last part of the State to finish corn picking. Some corn is being shipped into the State, but with transportation costs added the price makes it unprofitable for feeding livestock.

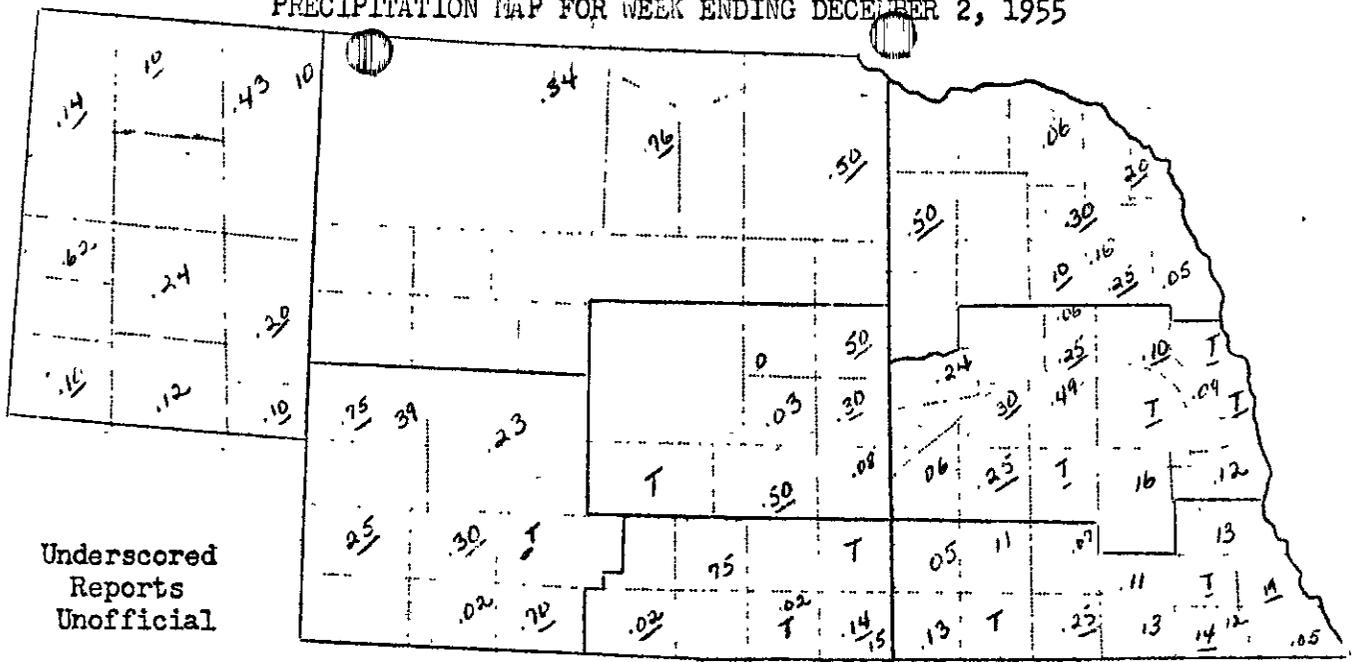
There appears to be more farm auctions of personal property than usual. There are still many farmers seeking off-farm work. In one southwestern Nebraska area only three farmers were placed out of a total of 25 applying for work. Autumn weather conditions have been quite favorable for the usual farm work. Curtailed feeding operations have reduced the need for farm labor. Some farmers have been forced to sell out because of the price squeeze. Farm debt is increasing. Farmers cannot afford to pay the price of imported feed at the present market prices of livestock.

LIVESTOCK The drop in temperatures and heavy winds during the last week end was rather severe on livestock in northern Nebraska. Feed requirements were increased considerably. Except for the past two weeks weather conditions were favorable for conservation of feed. With few exceptions, replacement of feeder cattle has been slow. Prices of hogs are still low and unprofitable. Farmers having fat hogs hesitate to sell, but can't afford to feed corn at present prices. There have been a few reports of farmers slaughtering livestock for local sale in town.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 5, 1955

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Grand Island	.41	Burwell	--	Chadron	.26
Lincoln	.16	North Platte	.59	Imperial	--
Norfolk	.76	Valentine	.39	Scottsbluff	1.06
Omaha	.20			Sidney	.09
Sioux City	.63				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 2, 1955



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		Nov. 29th		Nov. 30th		Dec. 1st		Dec. 2nd		Dec. 3rd		Dec. 4th		Dec. 5th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	18	6	19	4	38	14	43	17	29	4	11	8	20	2
	Scottsbluff	22	14	26	16	37	16	49	23	31	6	17	-8	24	-15
	Sidney	23	15	25	12	33	13	50	25	29	6	16	-1	24	-2
NC	Burwell	--	--	--	--	28	17	34	11	--	--	--	--	17	0
	Valentine	15	-3	18	-4	26	14	44	16	27	6	12	8	15	4
NE	Norfolk	16	6	17	-8	23	18	32	16	31	27	31	11	16	1
	Sioux City	13	5	16	-2	21	16	32	31	34	30	--	--	17	7
CEN	Grand Island	21	4	22	1	26	21	32	29	--	--	31	8	20	0
EC	Lincoln	22	7	24	4	28	23	34	33	36	33	40	14	25	11
	Omaha	17	5	18	-2	23	17	32	23	34	31	36	12	22	5
SW	Imperial	24	15	25	11	34	13	45	17	36	11	15	-2	24	-2
	North Platte	19	11	19	6	30	19	36	25	32	11	18	4	20	-8

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