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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged slightly below normal, with a rather sharp cold period at the end of the week. Snowfall ranged from none in the southern portion of the Panhandle to moderate to heavy in the southeast. There was little wind and no drifting. Drizzle with above freezing temperatures Friday and Friday night crusted the snow well so drifting from the ground is unlikely. There was much cloudiness.

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CROPS Winter wheat in the eastern two-thirds of the state received more snow for the week ending January 27. There was very little blowing and higher temperatures melted the snow, and as a result, most of the moisture will go into the top soil.

Wheat in the western third of the state did not receive much more snow last week and more moisture is needed in the southwestern portion. Some of the late wheat in that area is subject to blowing.

Rail shipments of potatoes have been increasing and total cars shipped through January 26 totaled 1,155 cars as compared with 986 cars to the same date a year earlier. There are still a number of farm auction sales. There has been a little inquiry for all-year-round farm hands. The moisture received so far, together with the higher price of hogs has given some encouragement to farmers. The unfortunate thing is that most of the hogs were sold prior to the advance in price.

LIVESTOCK Grain supplies are ample in nearly two-thirds of the counties. Farm stocks of corn January 1 totaled nearly 79 million bushels or about half of the stocks a year earlier.

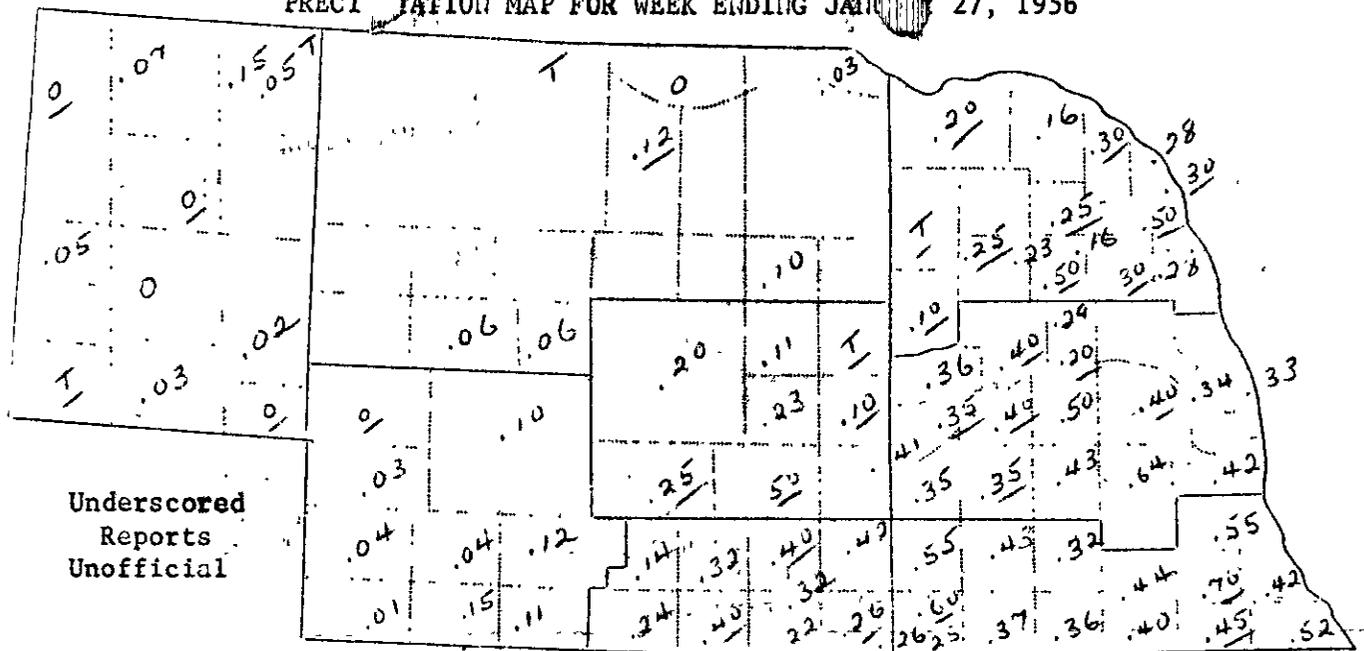
Hay stocks are reported ample in about 60% of the counties. The demand for hay is good in some of the counties while a few counties are reporting hay surplus.

Nebraska turkey raisers are holding about the same number of light breed turkey hens as a year ago but have 9% more hens of the heavy breed. Nationally, the number of heavy breed hens is up 10% from a year ago while the number of light breed is down 8%.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 30, 1956

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .25	Burwell .10	Chadron .07
Lincoln .33	North Platte .10	Imperial 0
Norfolk .20	Valentine .02	Scottsbluff 0
Omaha .33		Sidney .02
Sioux City .28		

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 27, 1956



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)

		Jan. 24th		25th		26th		27th		28th		29th		30th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	37	27	38	10	33	15	31	9	45	21	29	7	16	0
	Scottsbluff	35	22	35	9	34	20	34	23	46	30	32	15	23	-6
	Sidney	33	27	35	8	35	21	41	--	55	28	35	14	19	-3
NC	Burwell	19	15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	--	--	--
	Valentine	22	20	28	0	26	9	28	9	36	10	22	-6	14	3
NE	Norfolk	15	15	22	7	24	4	32	2	34	21	33	-3	12	-1
	Sioux City	18	16	24	15	23	9	30	9	35	26	35	7	14	-1
CEN	Grand Island	17	15	25	3	31	15	34	7	33	22	34	5	17	4
EC	Lincoln	18	16	25	17	29	16	36	18	37	32	37	8	22	6
	Omaha	16	15	23	22	23	11	30	26	35	33	35	10	15	-1
SW	Imperial	26	20	36	10	38	21	40	--	48	26	42	19	22	-3
	North Platte	20	18	33	0	--	--	46	16	35	18	34	15	21	8

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