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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Unseasonably warm weather prevailed during the week, with a few rather cool nights. The first of the week was cloudy, with a little light rain or drizzle except in the southern Panhandle and the southwest. Clear weather, with almost full sunshine and low humidity prevailed during the remainder of the week.

CROPS Another week of mostly fair weather brought corn and sorghum harvest nearer to completion. The late harvest was finally drawing to a close as only 8 percent of the corn and around 10 percent of the sorghum grain remained for harvest. Most sections have about finished harvest, but some central and eastern counties were still struggling to complete combining and pickup lodged sorghum or glean corn fields where ear dropping has been severe. Harvest of sorghums is slow in areas where lodging is severe, and farmers need special devices for successful combine operations.

A considerable part of the sorghum crop has been dried artificially. The high moisture content of corn in crib storage is causing concern with reports of molding and spoilage becoming more prevalent.

Open and drying weather has been favorable for gleaning corn and sorghum fields and salvaging the fallen grain by using livestock to clean up the fields. Ear drop has been unusually large due to corn borers, heavy winds, and a late harvest season.

Winter wheat and rye prospects continue excellent. Most sections of the state have ample moisture for current needs and winter grain crops are in a strong, vigorous condition for entering the winter dormant season.

LIVESTOCK Demand for stocker and feeder livestock to utilize fallen grain continues exceptionally brisk. The supply is limited as producing areas have abundant cured grass on ranges and hay reserves. Plans are to increase spring farrowings substantially from the low level of the last few years.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 23, 1957

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	.06
Lincoln	.04	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	0	Valentine	.03	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.09			Sidney	0
Sioux City	0				

