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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 12/28/59

WEATHER Temperatures averaged considerably above normal, with unseasonably warm weather Friday and Saturday. There was no precipitation of consequence until the week-end, when rain changing to snow fell over the southern and eastern portions of the State. Amounts ranged from light in the southwest to heavy in the extreme east. There was much cloudiness, particularly over the eastern portion of the State. The latter half of the week was very windy.

CROPS Winter grains held their condition during another dry week. However, moisture early this week relieved the dry surface soil situation in much of the eastern part of the State. The storm left a beneficial snow cover for fall planted crops which had made below normal growth before entering the winter. While dry weather prevailed for several weeks, winds have been light and temperatures rather mild. Thus, condition of winter grain crops has shown only a modest decline. Western districts received little or no moisture from the recent storm. In these districts, late seedings and those on light soils are vulnerable to loss from blowing and exposure.

Corn harvest is finished except for a few scattered fields. Gleaning operations continued in the central counties. Many farmers were turning attention to other jobs. A large amount of plowing, discing, and stalk cutting has been done during December. Farmers were catching up on a multitude of outdoor repair jobs, fencing and building tasks, and numerous other chores.

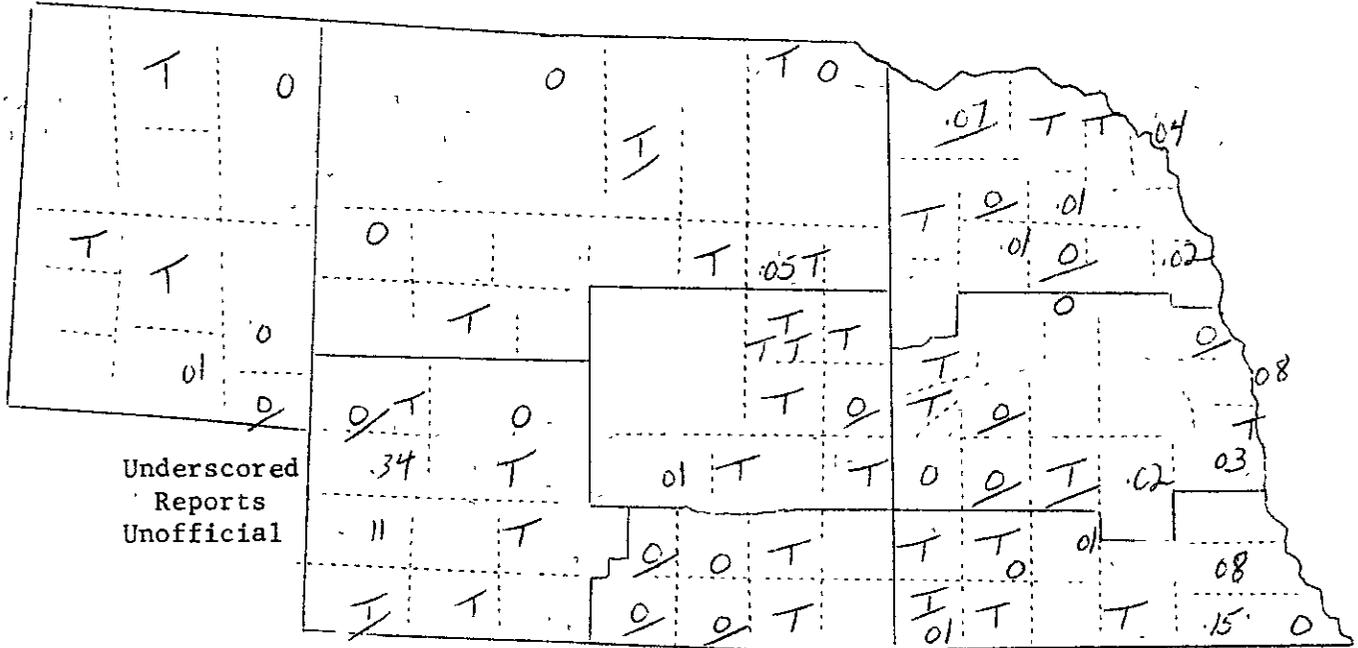
LIVESTOCK It was another ideal week for livestock, at least until the snow storm struck the eastern districts. Open grazing prevailed with abundant roughage and feed available in most parts of the State. Since harvest, corn and milo fields have held many cattle. The heavy snowfall will restrict field foraging in the eastern districts and supplemental feed requirements will increase.

Livestock have been making good gains so far this winter. Hog producers plan a sizeable cut-back in winter and spring farrowings. Fall litter sizes were well above the average.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 28, 1959

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.42	Burwell	.05	Chadron	0
Lincoln	.80	North Platte	.21	Imperial	.11
Norfolk	.38	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	1.20			Sidney	.01
Sioux City	1.22				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 28, 1959



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

		December													
		22nd		23rd		24th		25th		26th		27th		28th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	50	13	34	--	33	8	57	29	54	28	40	29	32	27
	Scottsbluff	40	17	38	--	46	13	56	22	47	--	39	28	35	25
	Sidney	45	22	35	--	50	17	52	22	54	27	39	24	33	25
NC	Burwell	38	23	30	7	32	13	33	32	59	37	42	25	--	--
	Valentine	51	24	27	6	33	6	47	27	50	36	47	27	29	23
NE	Norfolk	35	30	34	25	34	17	35	26	52	49	55	31	34	24
	Sioux City	34	31	34	25	33	27	36	34	53	49	56	30	37	32
Cen	Grand Island	40	32	37	21	32	19	34	31	56	50	59	30	35	27
EC	Lincoln	41	30	40	30	34	29	38	34	52	52	64	33	40	27
	Omaha	34	29	34	28	34	28	35	33	53	49	60	32	38	28
SW	Imperial	48	26	37	--	47	12	37	26	61	34	--	30	34	28
	North Platte	39	24	32	--	38	12	35	28	58	41	50	30	32	26

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