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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged a little below normal, with mild weather the first three days of the week, and cold thereafter. Moderate to heavy snow fell over the southern and eastern portions of the State, preceded by rain and freezing rain in the southeast, on Thursday. A second storm brought heavy snow to the southern portion of the State over the week-end, but only light snow fell in the north. This snow was light and fluffy, and was piled into large drifts by the strong northerly winds.

CROPS Additional moisture in the form of rain, sleet and snow further improved the moisture situation in the State. Areas in the southwest district which had missed the earlier storms were blanketed by snowfall ranging up to 10 inches. Many central counties in sections where previous snowfall had drifted badly received some rain, sleet and wet snow. While winds again caused considerable drifting, blocked roads and piled snow in big drifts around farmsteads and buildings and in the draws, much of it remained in the fields to help winter grain crops and add to the moisture supply in pastures and cropland. Some counties in the eastern part report that wheat fields with short growth failed to hold the drifting snow. However, many wheat fields have a cover of ice and mixed snow and ice.

Except for caring for livestock, outdoor work mostly involved clearing farm roads and digging out of drifts. Many farm homes were isolated.

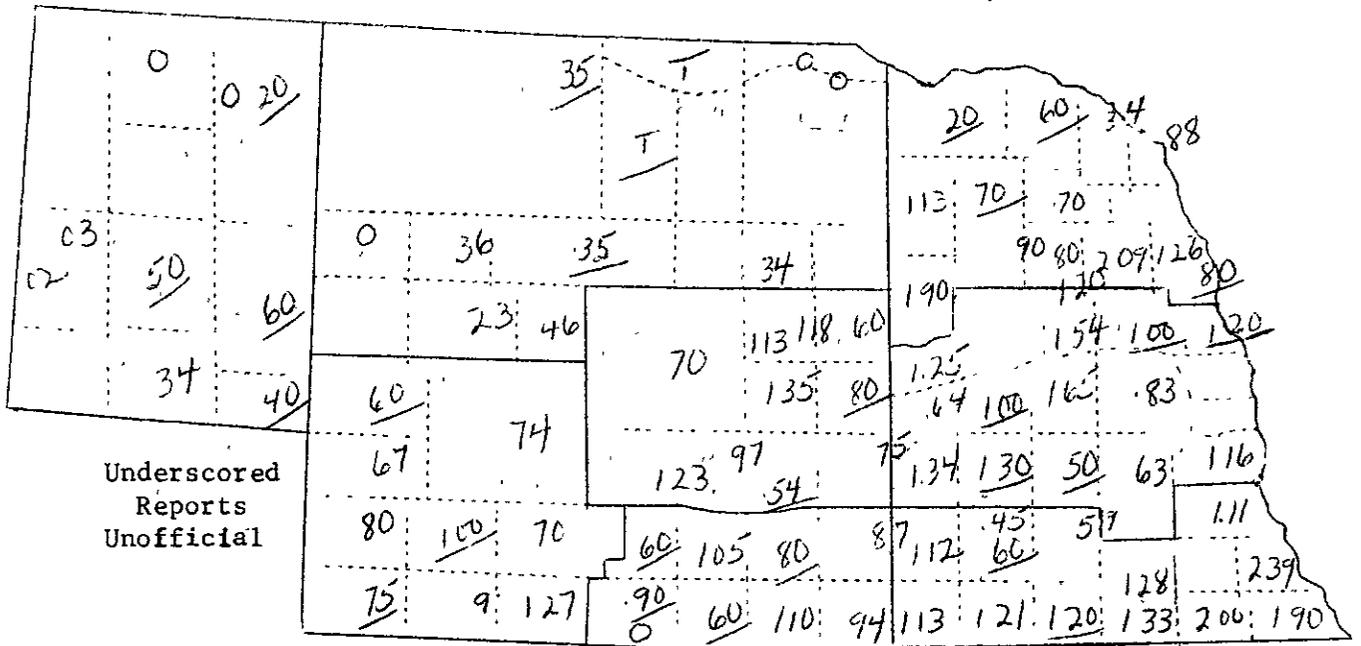
LIVESTOCK The snowstorm virtually stopped field grazing and foraging in most areas. Cattle in corn fields were being moved into feed lots or closer to hay and roughage supplies. Supplement feeding of grain, hay and concentrate was increased with many stockmen hauling feed to their stock to maintain their condition. The storm was rough on livestock, although no severe losses were reported. Some shrinkage is expected in areas where heavy snow is hampering feeding operations.

Cattle feeding operations are on a slightly higher level than last winter but lamb feeding is a little lower. Hog producers have cut back on winter farrowings.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 18, 1960

	<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>
Grand Island	1.15	Burwell	.24	Chadron	.25
Lincoln	1.10	North Platte	.74	Imperial	.98
Norfolk	.95	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	.15
Omaha	1.25			Sidney	.53
Sioux City	.90				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 18, 1960



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)

		January 12th		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	46	30	53	32	35	17	24	14	45	20	33	16	23	4
	Scottsbluff	36	28	53	24	35	22	27	13	34	21	26	19	23	8
	Sidney	46	27	53	23	44	18	26	4	31	7	24	17	20	1
NC	Burwell	34	29	38	16	35	10	20	6	20	-6	20	2	--	--
	Valentine	48	30	47	23	35	13	15	4	33	10	--	--	18	5
NE	Norfolk	33	31	34	27	32	27	29	6	13	-13	16	6	14	9
	Sioux City	34	32	36	32	33	30	33	9	19	-13	10	6	24	15
Cen	Grand Island	33	31	40	25	32	26	28	7	19	-12	18	12	16	8
EC	Lincoln	36	34	39	30	33	30	32	14	22	2	21	18	19	16
	Omaha	35	34	34	31	33	30	32	14	21	0	20	11	22	16
SW	Imperial	31	29	50	24	44	21	29	8	26	-5	27	20	21	6
	North Platte	30	26	47	22	41	20	28	1	28	-7	27	20	23	5

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