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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Precipitation occurred over most of the State on Friday night and Saturday. Most of it fell as snow but some light freezing drizzle was reported. Most of the State reported only traces but as much as 4 inches of snow fell in the southwest and southern Panhandle and two to three inches were reported elsewhere along the southern border.

Temperature averages ranged from near normal in the southeast to as much as 10 degrees above normal in the northwest with only minor daily changes. There was considerable cloudiness and fog in eastern sections of the State.

December 1962 was a month of extreme temperatures. Two periods of very cold and two periods of mild temperatures were noted. Temperature averages were a little below normal in the southeast and nearly 3 degrees above normal in the northwest. Precipitation was moderate. There were several foggy days.

CROPS Winter wheat continued in good condition last week and benefited from the warmer weather. Higher temperatures melted much of the snow and topsoil moisture reserves were replenished. Reserves are now adequate in all areas except the upper Panhandle where shortages still prevail. The outlook for the crop was further brightened by additional snow received over the weekend in the southern Panhandle and southern tier of counties along the Kansas border. The additional moisture has made the soil less porous and provides some protection against low temperatures.

Mild weather and lack of heavy snow have left most pastures and ranges open for grazing. Quality of the feed has been improved by the recent moisture which cleaned and softened the grass. Stalk fields continue to provide good forage for livestock. Supplies of grain and roughage are more than sufficient to meet normal needs during the remaining winter months.

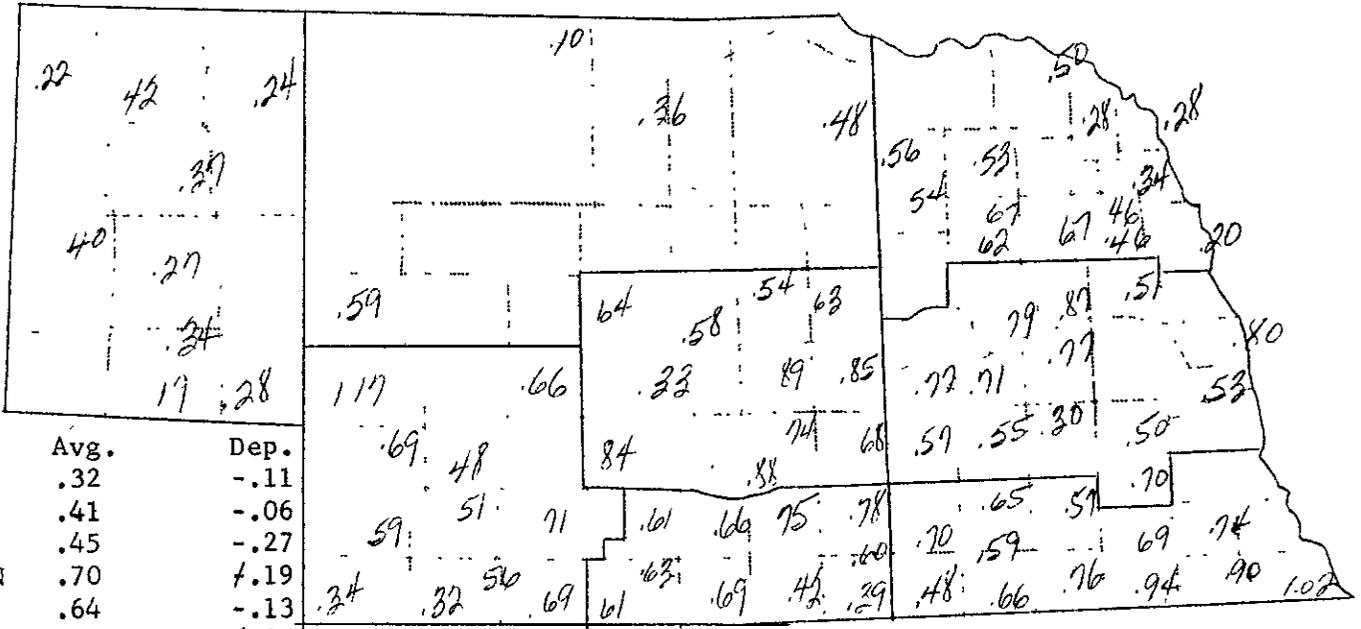
Farm work during the week consisted mostly of chores and caring for livestock. Some farmers were busy preparing their income tax returns.

LIVESTOCK Range cattle remained in good condition and shrinkage was seasonally light. Feeding of hay and concentrates continued on a limited scale and was confined mostly to the range country. Feedlot cattle and lambs are showing good gains. Losses have been minimized by the mild, open weather.

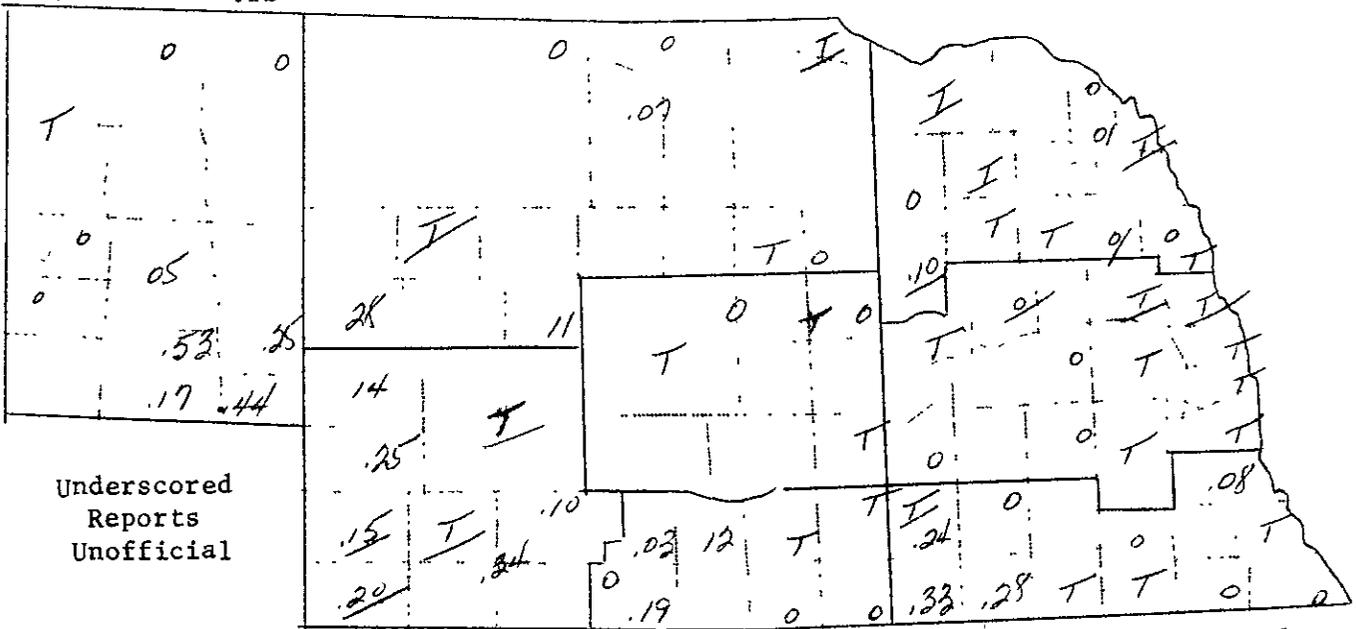
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 7, 1963

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	T	Burwell	T	Chadron	0
Lincoln	T	North Platte	T	Imperial	.10
Norfolk	T	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	--
Omaha	.01			Sidney	.34
Sioux City	.03				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1962



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 4, 1963



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		January 1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	42	14	40	18	44	17	52	27	37	11	39	24	43	24
	Scottsbluff	50	16	48	22	53	22	52	26	36	14	41	19	43	17
	Sidney	55	23	50	16	55	20	51	27	33	7	34	20	39	23
NC	Burwell	32	8	49	14	54	17	51	28	37	20	40	13	47	--
	Valentine	49	15	53	16	54	17	55	25	34	13	48	15	45	18
NE	Norfolk	28	25	28	12	37	18	48	23	33	26	30	12	45	29
	Sioux City	26	23	28	23	35	20	38	24	30	28	31	17	39	26
CEN	Grand Island	25	18	26	15	41	20	43	28	32	28	31	15	42	26
EC	Lincoln	31	30	31	24	35	23	47	27	33	30	33	21	46	30
	Omaha	28	26	29	24	30	25	31	25	30	29	30	20	36	28
SW	Imperial	56	23	45	12	55	18	49	28	34	19	35	16	41	24
	North Platte	43	11	39	10	48	18	43	26	30	17	37	16	44	27

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