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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 12/26/58

WEATHER Temperatures remained considerably above normal until the close of the week, when a moderate change to seasonably cold weather overspread the State. There was much sunshine, low humidity, and moderate wind velocities. A little light snow fell in the extreme west early in the week and in the northeast over the weekend.

CROPS Mild, open weather continued to favor pasturing and gleaning operations by livestock. The lack of severe cold and winds was an aid to wheat and other fall seeded crops in areas where these crops are suffering from a shortage of surface moisture. In the western districts, these crops continued to hold their good condition. Some wheat in the west still had a little snow cover last week and where snow melted, the moisture soaked into the surface soil, maintaining a favorable outlook for carrying fall plantings through the winter season.

Sections of central and eastern Nebraska, particularly in counties along the Platte River and northward to the South Dakota line, are experiencing an extended dry spell. Some places have had only a trace of moisture in the last four or five months. Winter grains, vetch and other seedings are hard hit in some of these dry areas. Stands are poor, uneven and thin. Some winter killing has occurred already and prospects for survival of other stands in low condition are dim without relief through adequate moisture and snow cover, especially during low winter temperatures.

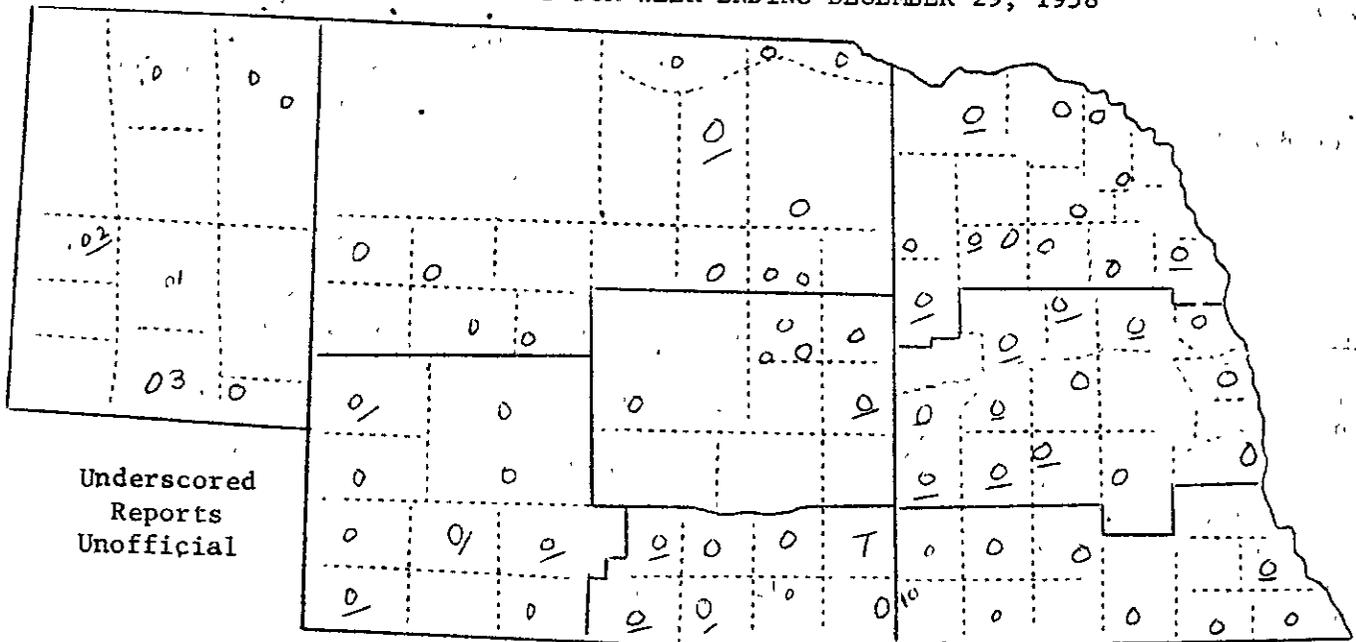
The week was favorable for outdoor work giving farmers a good opportunity to catch up on machinery repairs, fencing, hauling feed and hay, and a multitude of other jobs and chores.

LIVESTOCK Livestock continue to make good gains during the current winter season. Open weather permitted full access to available feeds in pastures, meadows, and in stalk and stubble fields. Cattle in feed lots were making satisfactory gains although some lots were getting too dusty. The winter pig crop is expected to be well above a year earlier.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 29, 1958

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	0
Lincoln	0	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	.05	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	.02
Omaha	0			Sidney	.02
Sioux City	.03				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 29, 1958



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													
		23d		24th		25th		26th		27th		28th		29th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	--	28	45	20	47	21	49	26	48	19	57	35	43	23
	Scottsbluff	--	30	38	21	33	17	41	21	43	16	43	29	40	21
	Sidney	--	29	36	16	41	20	39	20	42	14	45	30	39	21
NC	Burwell	52	28	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	50	20	44	13	49	15	48	24	50	4	60	28	40	3
NE	Norfolk	51	31	43	14	49	19	47	20	48	16	55	29	41	12
	Sioux City	46	30	41	14	43	21	49	25	47	19	55	31	42	15
Gen	Grand Island	53	29	45	19	51	26	46	21	51	22	55	30	42	13
EC	Lincoln	55	35	45	23	52	30	50	30	43	28	52	30	42	18
	Omaha	50	32	40	17	48	26	50	31	46	24	51	31	40	15
SW	Imperial	--	29	41	21	44	24	49	23	44	22	54	27	41	22
	North Platte	52	25	43	16	49	19	51	19	52	17	54	20	44	14

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