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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperature averages ranged from 3 to 5 degrees above normal in the western half of the State to 6 to 8 degrees above in the east. Rapid temperature changes were noted with most days being mild over nearly all of Nebraska.

There was practically no precipitation during the week. Precipitation totals since the beginning of October range from 1/4 inch below normal in the northwest to 1 inch below in the northeast; and from slightly above normal in the southwest to about 1/2 inch above in the southeast.

CROPS Corn and milo harvest moved into the final stages after another week of good harvesting weather. About 90 percent of the corn crop is picked. Last week's picking rate was about 2 percent per day--a lower rate than the previous week but much above average progress at this stage of harvest. Milo harvest is virtually finished with over 95 percent of the crop combined. Field losses of corn and milo during harvest have been relatively light and record yields have been obtained this year. Moisture content of corn dropped another point to 17 percent. Milo held at 13 percent, the same as last week.

Condition of the winter wheat crop declined last week as a surface soil moisture shortage was developing over a larger area and more fields were off-color due to dry weather and some rust infestation. Winter grains have made good growth this fall but surface soil moisture is being depleted. These crops need moisture before entering the winter.

Pastures and ranges have a good supply of cured grass except in areas hit by dry weather or heavily pastured. Winter grain fields have good growth for pasturage in most sections. Corn and milo fields have abundant roughage, but less fallen grain than in most recent years.

LIVESTOCK Cattle and calves have been moving into harvested corn and milo fields in increasing numbers and feed lots are being filled. Weather conditions have been ideal for livestock, although dust is a problem, according to some reports. Shipments of cattle and calves into Nebraska during October were 173,000 head, 13 percent above October 1959. Sheep and lambs shipped in numbered 212,000 head compared with 195,000 head a year earlier. Since July, cattle inshipments are 3 percent below the number a year earlier, but sheep and lambs unloaded in the State were up 41 percent.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 21, 1960

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

