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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The week was mild and dry, with little wind and abundant sunshine.

CROPS Weather conditions during the past week were favorable for farm work and about 91% of the corn was husked by December 27th. Fields generally were muddy and most of the corn was picked by hand. Very little corn was shelled, as regular farm work was broken by the Christmas holiday. Movement of corn to market was slow, but is expected to pick up after the first of the year. Feeders are having some difficulty in obtaining corn.

The melting snow and ice was of material benefit to the winter wheat crop. The moisture penetrated the soil and also served to pack the loose top soil so that air could not reach the roots. This situation is particularly true in the southcentral and southeastern parts of the State where much of the wheat was seeded in dry top soil that was very loose and cloddy. Reports indicate that late seeded wheat in this area shows better stands than the early planted wheat. In the northwestern and southwestern parts of Nebraska, winter wheat is in excellent condition. Much volunteer wheat is supplying good feed for livestock and some of the fall seeded wheat is being pastured.

The favorable weather enabled farmers to harvest practically all of the sugar beets that remained in the ground. Generally, there is a balance between the supply and demand for labor at this time, although some counties report a shortage of good, regular farm workers.

LIVESTOCK Snow remained on ranges and pastures in only a few scattered areas and cattle were obtaining most of their feed from open ranges and corn stalk fields. The mild weather and open ranges reduced the heavy hay feeding requirements and ranchers were conserving hay supplies. Generally, hay stocks are at a comparatively high level this year because of the large production obtained from wild and alfalfa hay the past season.

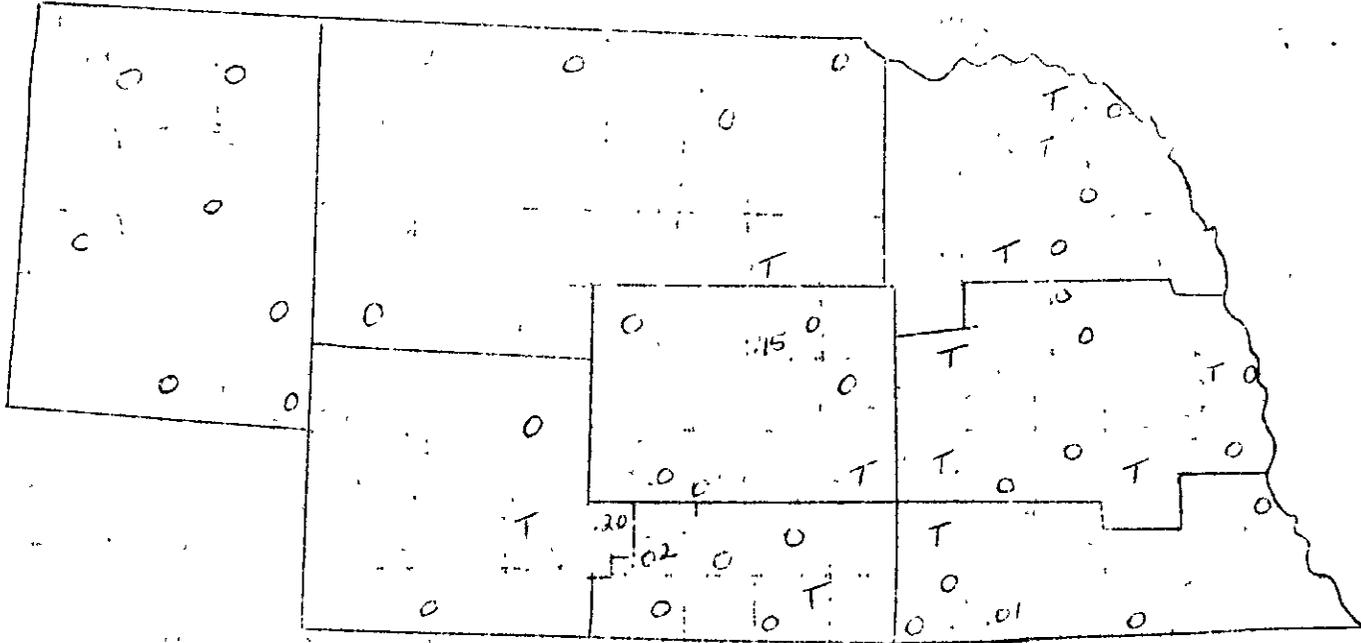
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It appears there will be less cattle fed during the winter than there were a year earlier, as feeders are somewhat hesitant to purchase cattle with the price of corn at such a high level. Short-feds are generally the rule this year, as feeders are unwilling to gamble on a long feeding program. Movement of lambs into the western part of the State has been heavier than last year, many lambs being pastured on winter wheat. Weather conditions have been favorable for lambs and they have made nice gains during the last three weeks.

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WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 29, 1947

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1947



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hours ending 6:30 a.m.)

		Dec. 23rd		24th		25th		26th		27th		28th		29th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	44	27	46	24	47	26	55	--	48	33	60	23	52	36
	Scottsbluff	44	19	46	31	50	26	55	22	55	31	63	21	56	30
	Sidney	45	22	46	29	45	24	55	23	55	31	65	21	65	24
F-C	Burwell	34	--	34	23	45	--	43	26	52	25	65	22	37	22
	Valentine	38	17	47	27	45	38	50	27	51	29	56	26	38	29
NE	Forfolk	31	18	28	13	41	28	39	25	42	28	44	20	33	21
	Sioux City	33	14	25	13	38	20	38	18	41	25	42	16	31	22
Gen.	Grand Island	34	25	37	24	42	30	43	29	49	30	55	25	38	23
E-C	Lincoln	33	24	34	19	41	31	43	31	47	33	48	25	38	25
	Omaha	35	21	33	18	43	29	41	26	46	30	47	23	40	26
ST	Fayes Center	41	24	42	30	42	32	47	36	54	34	61	26	32	22
	North Platte	43	21	45	28	46	30	47	26	55	33	55	23	32	24

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