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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 1/12/48

WEATHER The week was fair and unseasonably mild, with temperatures averaging from 12 to 14 degrees above normal, until a sharp change to colder which was occurring over the State at the close of the week. There was little wind until the last day, and abundant sunshine.

CROPS All but 5% of the corn crop has been husked as a result of more favorable weather conditions of the past week. Percentages of the corn husked by Districts up to January 10th are as follows: Northwest and Northcentral, 90%; Northeast, 96%; Central, East Central and Southwest, 94%; South Central, 91%; Southeast, 98%.

The January 1 report of grain stocks on farms in millions of bushels now, a year ago and the 10-year average, are as follows: Corn, 100; 174; 120; Wheat 32; 35; 22; Oats, 39; 47; 31. Stocks of barley was slightly below the stocks on hand a year ago. The 1947 corn crop was 88 million bushels below the 1946 corn crop and with the consumption of corn by livestock not much below that of a year ago, present stocks are on a low level. More of the wheat crop was sold prior to January 1 than some expected. Railroad shipping facilities for wheat were better than they were the last half of 1946. Because of the shortage of corn, more of the oats were fed.

January 1 stocks of grain of the United States in millions of bushels now, a year ago, and the 10-year average are as follows: Corn, 1,518; 2,137; 1,812; Wheat, 428; 366; 311; Oats, 744; 892; 734; Barley, 134; 129; 189; Rye, 8; 6; 21; Soybeans, 51 against 37 a year ago.

With the favorable weather of the past week, the sugar beet harvest was finally completed. Farm sales have started and in one central Nebraska county, a fat cow brought \$350. In the same territory, eggs had dropped to 37 cents a dozen. Farmers are buying seed for some of the spring small grain crops. There has been no change in the outlook for winter wheat, generally weather and soil moisture has been favorable.

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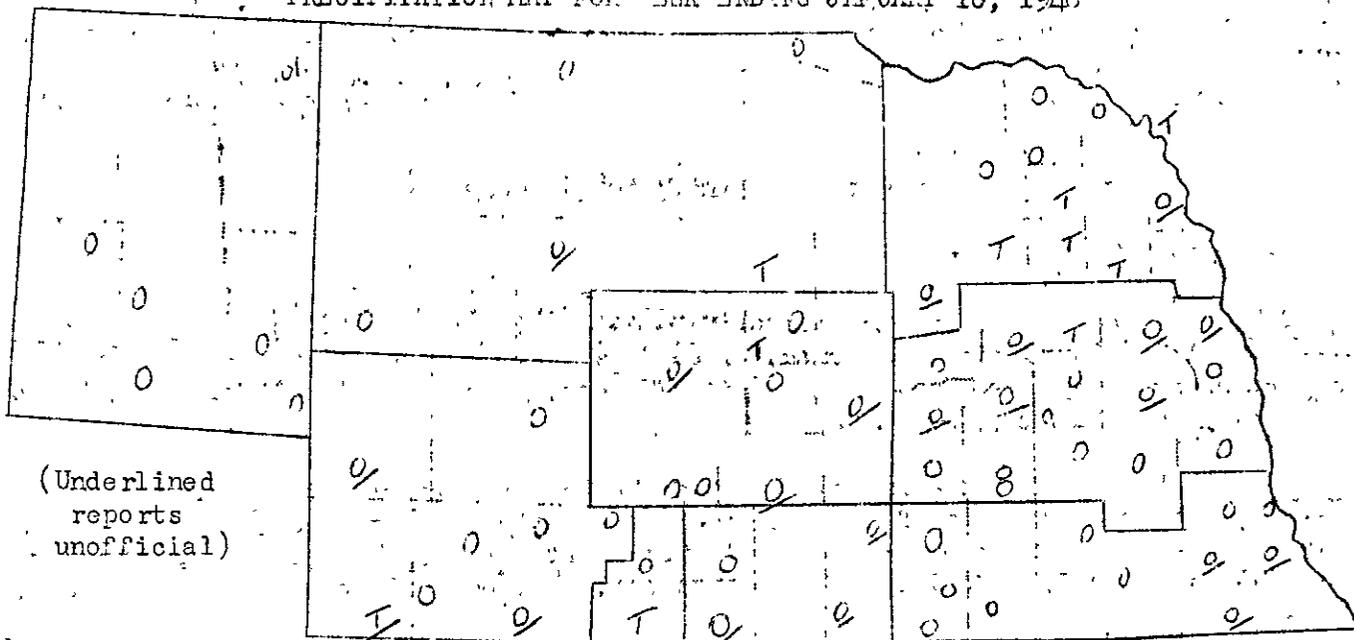
Supplies of grain were reported short in 32% of the counties, ample in 65%, with a surplus in only 2 counties. Concentrates were reported short in 27% of the counties and ample in 73%. Hay and forage reported short in 10% of the counties, ample in 80% with a surplus in 2 counties. Range and pasture was reported short in 43% of the counties, ample in 53% with a surplus in 4 counties. Corn supply was reported short in 41% of the counties, ample in 51% and a surplus in only 8%.

LIVESTOCK Despite the larger consumption of hay during the past two months than for the same period in 1946, January 1 stocks of hay were estimated at 3,275,000 tons against 2,724,000 tons a year ago. Reports continue to indicate cattle feeding operations on a lower level than during the past season. All winter range was open during the past week as the snow disappeared. Feed lots were quite muddy. Some losses of livestock from disease were reported, probably not more than normal.

No Weather Bureau telegraphic report of precipitation received for week ending January 12, 1947.

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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 10, 1948



(Underlined reports unofficial)

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

		Jan. 6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	38	15	51	30	59	34	50	28	43	17	49	38	43	16
	Scottsbluff	40	21	57	38	62	36	48	25	42	21	53	33	45	19
	Sidney	40	14	59	30	64	32	50	23	46	19	52	28	--	17
N-C	Burwell	41	--	46	30	59	--	50	25	49	21	45	--	49	19
	Valentine	43	21	55	32	56	36	43	22	45	18	48	37	43	16
NE	Norfolk	40	18	43	29	50	30	47	28	39	23	38	32	48	23
	Sioux City	37	14	46	28	47	29	41	30	36	29	33	31	47	26
Gen.	Grand Island	45	19	43	33	55	35	53	29	50	23	44	34	54	28
E-C	Lincoln	44	22	43	35	51	37	54	30	39	28	38	36	51	31
	Omaha	40	20	45	32	52	34	51	31	38	25	33	32	49	32
SW	Hayes Center	45	25	56	35	59	36	43	33	46	31	53	28	50	25
	North Platte	43	20	53	29	60	29	49	29	50	24	51	26	48	21

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