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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Cold weather prevailed most of the week, with temperatures near or slightly below zero on four nights. Light snow fell over the southern portion of the Panhandle, and in the southeast and east-central portions of the State, but there was no measurable precipitation elsewhere. Winds were strong on Thursday, and raised considerable dust over much of the central and western portions of the State.

CROPS A little more corn was husked last week, but for the State as a whole, only a very small percentage remains unhusked. In some counties, farmers are shelling and marketing corn, but in others there is not enough corn being sold to meet the local demand from feeders. Livestock feeding operations, while on a somewhat smaller scale, have taken about the usual quantity so that with the short crop last year the surplus is not large.

There is a little apprehension as to the condition of wheat in a few of the counties, but generally the outlook is unchanged. There seems to be much more than the usual interest and demand for spring small grain for seed. One south-central Nebraska county reports spring wheat being trucked in for seed. However, the demand in this territory seems to be more for oats and barley for seed. Apparently farmers in the southern counties are not too confident as to the outcome of their late sown winter wheat.

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Farm auctions are reported as quite numerous and well attended in most of the counties. Cattle and farm machinery are selling at very high prices. There is a good demand from tenants for farm land. Some displaced farm tenants are having difficulty in getting other farms and have been forced to quit farming. There is considerable work in repairing farm buildings and farm machinery at the present time. Farm labor seems to be plentiful since the demand is short at this time of the year.

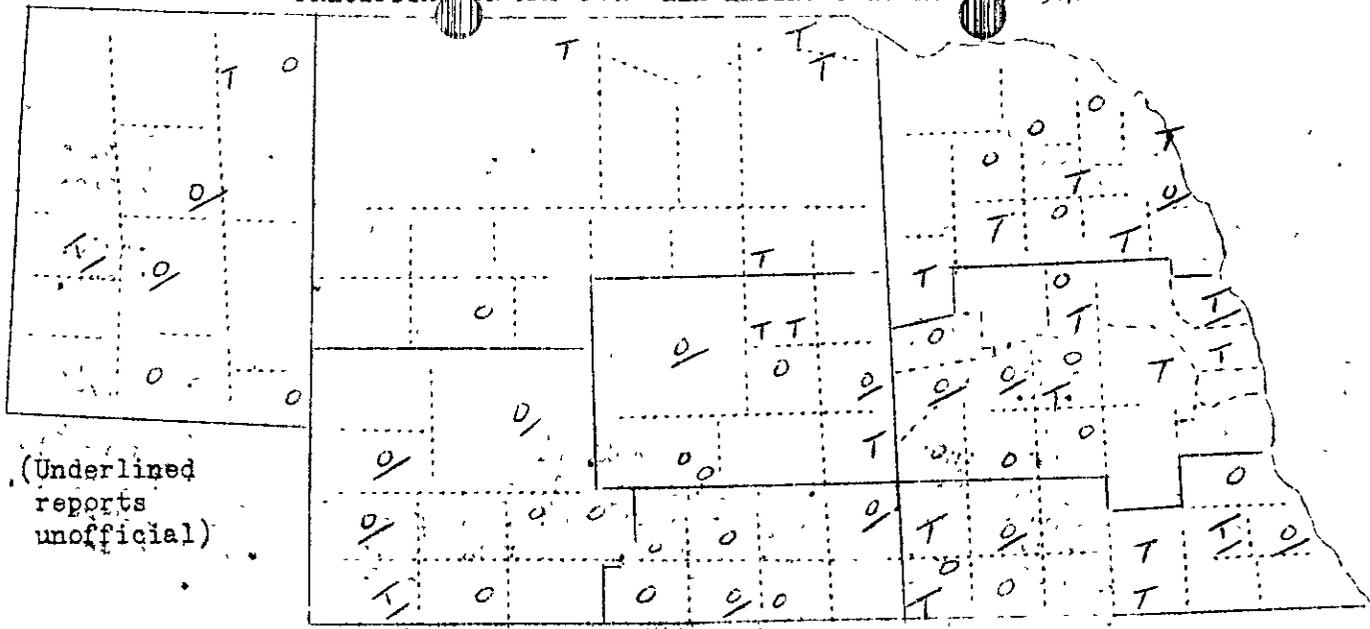
LIVESTOCK There is still some snow on the ranges in part of the Sand Hill area, and a few complaints from ranchers that cattle are getting sore feet from tramping on the ice and snow. The demand for hay is good. Some wild hay bringing around \$20 a ton and alfalfa \$25 a ton in the stack. Official estimates indicate a 20% reduction in cattle feeding operations on January 1, but a substantial increase in sheep feeding. Cheyenne county still has sheep and lambs on winter wheat pasture. Colder weather reduced egg production. There is a very good demand for milk cows and for brood sows. Some counties report a marked reduction in sows bred for farrowing and that fed hogs have moved out quite rapidly.

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WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 19, 1948.

Eastern Division	Central Division	Western Division
Grand Island 0	None	Chadron 0
Lincoln .04		Hayes Center 0
Norfolk 0		Scottsbluff 0
Omaha .02		Sidney .09
Sioux City 0		

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 17 1948



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

		Jan. 13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	28	11	29	19	58	24	32	7	21	-3	27	20	26	4
	Scottsbluff	31	8	30	16	53	23	30	10	25	0	34	22	27	1
	Sidney	31	3	32	18	59	21	32	8	21	-2	33	15	24	-2
N-C	Burwell	31	--	--	1	46	25	--	--	16	-2	29	15	24	--
	Valentine	28	16	24	2	53	31	35	1	12	-3	26	14	25	5
NE	Norfolk	32	17	27	1	36	27	37	6	11	-4	25	13	29	2
	Sioux City	33	15	22	3	31	22	35	-3	8	-4	25	16	28	1
Cent.	Grand Island	35	16	32	5	37	26	38	3	18	3	31	19	30	2
E-C	Lincoln	37	18	31	6	31	28	42	4	15	2	26	14	33	4
	Omaha	38	19	26	5	30	24	40	2	13	0	24	20	34	-2
SW	Hayes Center	32	14	32	18	56	25	36	7	22	2	34	23	29	6
	North Platte	34	17	30	12	56	23	36	5	20	5	32	22	26	3

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