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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 12/12/49

WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal, but with considerable fluctuations. Moderate precipitation fell over the central portion of the State, and light to moderate in the east, but there was only light snow over the Panhandle. Strong winds caused much blowing and drifting of the light snow Sunday over the western and central portions of the State.

CROPS Corn harvesting is nearly completed with 98% of the job finished by last Saturday. The unharvested corn is mainly in the extreme northwestern and southern counties. A survey conducted in the eastern third and south central Nebraska indicated considerable less corn had fallen on the ground than some believed. There were individual reports of a large percentage of corn on the ground but more reports showed only slightly above the usual, ranging down to the usual loss with mechanical pickers. Considerable percentage of the reports indicated they had taken the fallen corn into account when they made their previous estimates. Since the autumn weather has been dry and favorable for gleaning and pasturing corn, the losses may be less than usual. Some reports indicate that even the late corn dried out sufficiently to keep without spoiling.

Winter wheat needed moisture before going into the winter. The precipitation received during the past week was generally too light to be of material benefit. Fortunately, wheat had made a sufficient growth to protect itself against the winter. Also, there is a good root growth, and under these circumstances the plants are in better shape to survive the winter than when limited growth is made. However, moisture in the soil before winter sets in would be additional insurance for survival. Yellowing of the crop is due to lack of moisture, orange leaf rust, Hessian fly, and plant Aphids.

Potatoes are still moving slowly because of the low price. More dry edible beans have gone under Government loan. Winter conditions have been highly favorable for the usual autumn farm work. Farms for rent are in demand, and those whose leases have expired are having difficulty in obtaining rental farms. There have been some auctions on farm properties. Shelling of 1948 stored corn continues so as to make room for the new crop that is placed in a temporary storage.

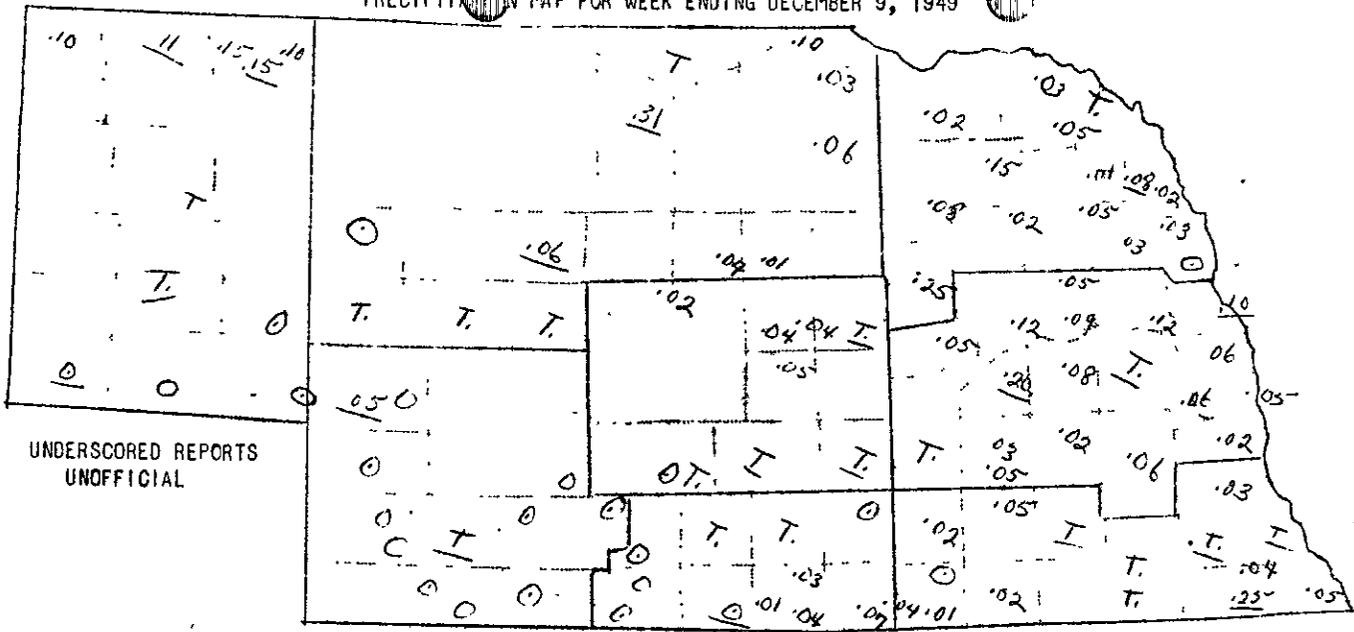
LIVESTOCK Except for the storm in the northern and western portions, the weather has been highly favorable for livestock and for feeding operations. It was ideal for pasturing stalk fields and salvaging fallen corn.

Nationally, November egg and milk production have been on a higher level than a year ago, and considerably above the average. Nationally, egg production was up 11% compared with November a year ago and 50% above the 10 year average, while November milk production was 4% greater than a year ago.

Weather Bureau Telegraphic Report of Precipitation for Week Ending December 12, 1949

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .13	Burwell .35	Chadron .10
Lincoln .17	North Platte .40	Hayes Center .01
Norfolk .33	Valentine .40	Scottsbluff .05
Omaha .16		Sidney .12
Sioux City .17		

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 9, 1949



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 6:30 A.M., CST)

		DECEMBER													
		6TH		7TH		8TH		9TH		10TH		11TH		12TH	
		MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN
NW	CHADRON	64	22	48	2	30	10	25	11	52	28	38	5	16	-9
	SCOTTSBLUFF	57	23	48	21	36	19	27	12	57	25	36	4	18	-5
	SIDNEY	--	16	48	15	36	16	26	11	58	14	46	4	6	-7
N-C	BURWELL	44	18	53	10	29	15	21	15	34	27	46	20	22	1
	VALENTINE	46	27	49	10	26	13	21	18	50	28	46	10	--	0
NE	NORFOLK	41	16	53	17	27	9	18	16	32	30	53	35	52	5
	SIOUX CITY	44	21	52	20	26	5	20	17	33	29	53	41	54	7
CEN.	GRAND ISLAND	45	20	54	15	30	18	23	18	34	31	52	35	50	4
E-C	LINCOLN	44	30	56	20	30	16	22	19	38	33	55	50	56	9
	OMAHA	45	30	55	26	31	12	22	20	35	30	56	49	56	10
SW	HAYES CENTER	48	28	52	20	32	15	24	16	49	26	49	19	42	0
	NORTH PLATTE	49	21	51	18	28	20	23	19	47	26	48	18	35	-2

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