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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 12/26/49

WEATHER The week was rather cold, but with no severe temperatures. There was no precipitation of consequence except in the southeast, where snowfall ranged from light along the Platte Valley and near the south-central portion to moderate to heavy along the Kansas border from Nuckolls county eastward.

CROPS The leading feature of the week was the marked drop in the price paid farmers for eggs. Cedar county reports prices ranging from 15 to 20 cents, Antelope county 16 cents, Valley county 20 to 33 cents paid by a firm having facilities for drying. Merrick county reported 22 cents. Most of the complaints from farmers were the low price of eggs which had reached the lowest level in six or eight years. These low prices reduced Christmas buying. Low prices paid farmers should be reflected in the retail price to consumers.

Dry weather continues except for fair amounts of snow reported from Gage, Nemaha, Johnson and Thayer counties. Most of the State reported with a trace or none. Moisture is needed for wheat and rye and to improve the dry dusty condition of winter range.

Corn picking is completed. Some corn is being sold, and other corn is being moved to permanent cribs as rapidly as the old corn is moved out. Winter wheat is in a dormant state with growth generally sufficient to protect the crop against blowing. A heavy snow that would lay on the ground would be desirable throughout the wheat area.

About one-third of the dry edible beans have been sold. A large proportion were placed on loan. Potatoes are still moving slowly.

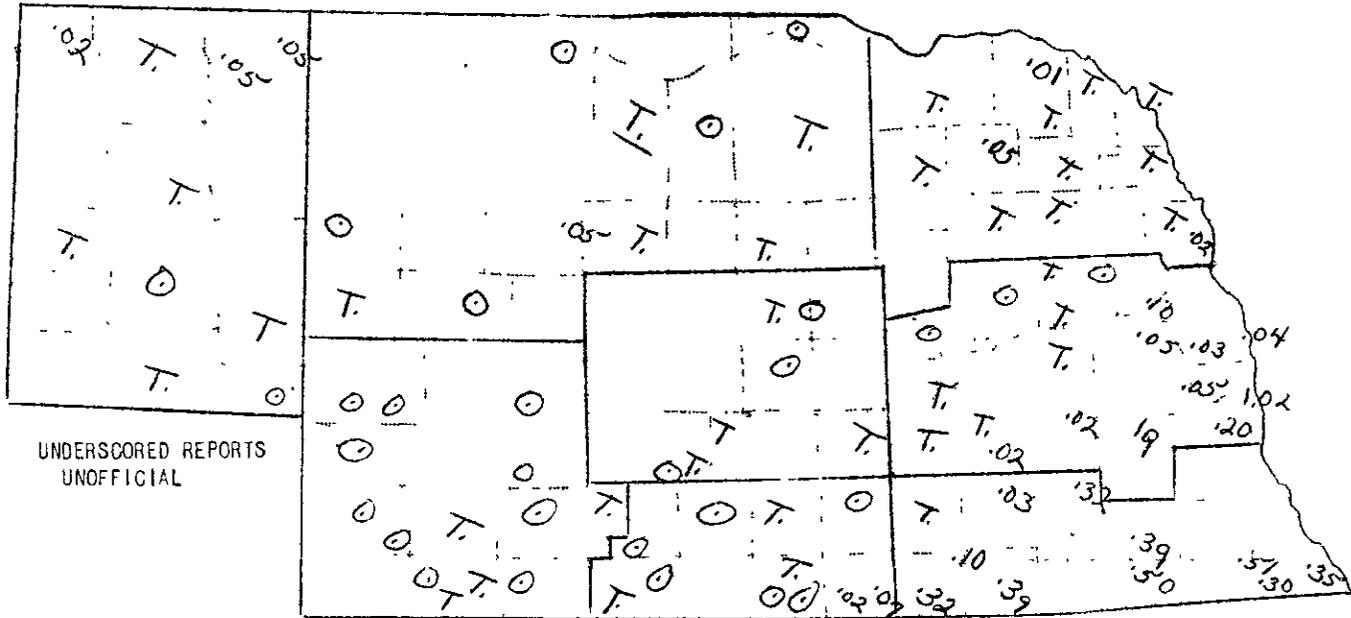
The demand for farm labor is generally very light as the autumn weather was unusually favorable for completing the necessary farm work.

LIVESTOCK There has been considerable marketing of short-fed livestock. Comments indicate that the usual or slightly larger numbers of cattle are in the feed lots. Because of the dry, dusty unpalatable condition of the range, more of the cattle are being fed on hay since the supply is large. There is considerable sheep feeding reported from Merrick county. Milk and egg production is on a high level for this time of year. Pork production increased this year with a 11% increase in the spring pig crop, 10% increase in the fall pig crop and intentions to farrow 8% more sows next spring.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 26, 1949

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	.02
Lincoln	.19	North Platte	-	Hayes Center	0
Norfolk	0	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.04			Sidney	0
Sioux City	0				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1949



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (FOR 24 HRS. ENDING 6:30 A.M.)

		DECEMBER						
		20TH	21ST	22ND	23RD	24TH	25TH	26TH
		MAX MIN	MAX MIN	MAX MIN	MAX MIN	MAX MIN	MAX MIN	MAX MIN
NW	CHADRON	48 3	19 -3	26 10	32 20	28 7	44 4	32 18
	SCOTTSBLUFF	50 6	19 -1	29 6	34 22	46 17	44 12	33 15
	SIDNEY	-- 5	-- 7	29 7	33 20	48 12	50 9	37 10
N-C	BURWELL	-- --	-- --	30 15	26 10	32 6	39 11	22 12
	VALENTINE	42 3	13 1	28 9	25 18	29 7	34 5	22 12
NE	NORFOLK	39 15	27 5	22 17	19 6	28 6	40 15	37 0
	SIOUX CITY	41 22	37 7	20 14	19 2	22 4	40 21	38 1
CEN.	GRAND ISLAND	36 15	28 6	28 19	27 15	41 10	40 14	36 7
E-C	LINCOLN	41 27	36 10	22 16	22 8	32 8	39 10	39 7
	OMAHA	42 30	37 11	20 17	20 6	28 8	41 32	44 7
SW	HAYES CENTER	48 10	20 5	34 15	36 18	46 12	54 13	35 --
	NORTH PLATTE	39 9	19 9	34 15	34 23	43 14	42 14	30 13

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