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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 10-30-50

WEATHER The week was unseasonably warm, dry and sunny. Humidity was rather low. Winds were only light to moderate over the eastern portion of the State, but strong winds on the 26th raised considerable dust over the western portion.

CROPS The past week was splendid for drying out corn and harvesting of late crops. A little corn was harvested and cribbed, but in most cases it still contains too much moisture. Most reports indicate that harvesting will begin this week if corn has dried sufficiently. A hard freeze would be beneficial. The crop certainly had a break in the weather since September 1 and good yields are expected, despite the fact that some comments indicate considerable shrinkage due to the excessive amount of water in the corn. However, a considerable amount of corn in northeastern and north-central Nebraska was damaged by the early October frost. A report from Sarpy county states that 2,000 bushels of shelled corn was too wet to dry down with heat dryers and has been offered for sale at \$1 per bushel. A good general rain throughout the State would be beneficial to wheat, particularly in southwestern Nebraska. Wheat has made a splendid root growth but surface growth while good is not as heavy as expected. This is due in part to orange-leaf rust. More rain would have stimulated growth, but generally there is ample top growth and very good development of roots. There were a few reports of black-stem rust in the red stage. Samples of wheat to the Omaha Grain Exchange showed damage and discount in price from being stored when it contained a high moisture content. Reports from counties indicate that all but a very small percentage of the sorghum for grain has matured. Conditions have been most favorable for harvesting of sorghum forage and alfalfa. Ranchers in the Sandhills are moving hay to make it more accessible for winter feeding.

Harvest of the late commercial potato crop is practically completed. Prices have been abnormally low and most of the crop is going into storage. The sugar beet harvest is well along, ranging from 65% to 75% completed. Last week's report from the Bayard factory indicated that beets were testing 16.98% sugar, which is unusually high. The shortage of sugar beet workers has been alleviated somewhat by the availability of potato harvest workers. There have been several reports of the shortage of farm labor in scattered areas of the State.

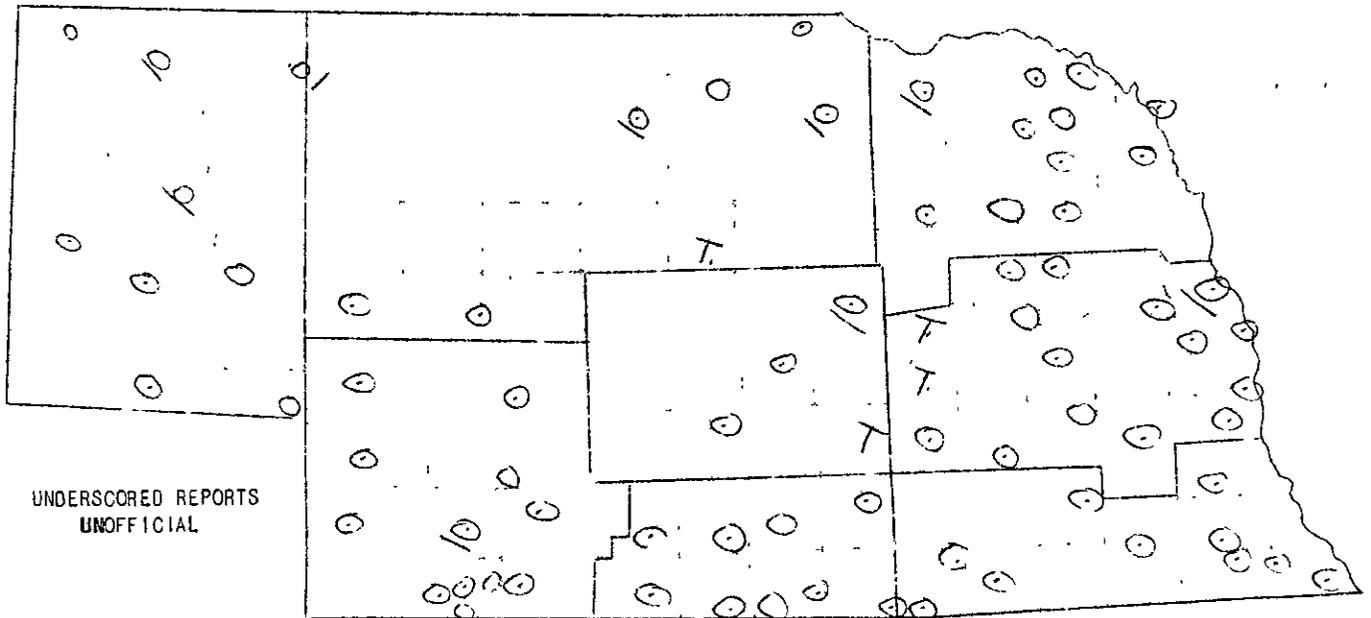
Feed, hay and forage supplies generally range from ample to a surplus except in the Panhandle where there is a little shortage. A good growth of volunteer oats has been noted resulting from shattering of oats and the heavy rains that continued after harvest. Some of the volunteer oats had headed out.

LIVESTOCK More cattle are being placed in the feed lots. High prices of feeder cattle have slowed down the movement somewhat. Steer calves ranged from \$35 to \$37.60 per hundred and heifer calves from \$33 to \$36. Corn in northern Nebraska that was damaged by the early October frost is being fed to cattle. Most of the early harvested corn so far is being fed to cattle and hogs.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 1950

NO PRECIPITATION IN THE STATE DURING THE WEEK

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 27, 1950



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

		OCTOBER		25TH		26TH		27TH		28TH		29TH		30TH	
		24TH		MAX MIN											
NW	CHADRON	80	26	64	35	78	33	76	28	81	42	74	44	84	40
	SCOTTSBLUFF	78	35	66	34	77	24	71	30	78	40	75	39	78	31
	SIDNEY	79	35	61	33	77	32	80	29	76	35	75	38	77	33
N-C	BURWELL	55	35	61	34	64	37	78	37	75	40	79	42	83	35
	VALENTINE	77	32	59	42	74	41	82	35	74	42	75	52	78	42
NE	NORFOLK	53	38	59	31	64	43	71	47	76	49	74	50	80	42
	SIOUX CITY	50	33	60	27	66	42	73	41	78	50	73	45	78	46
GEN.	GRAND ISLAND	56	37	62	38	64	42	72	40	78	43	75	45	80	42
	E-C	LINCOLN	56	38	62	32	63	49	71	49	79	48	73	46	79
SW	OMAHA	51	38	62	32	64	50	73	42	78	48	74	51	78	51
	HAYES CENTER	64	43	65	34	69	36	80	39	78	38	75	44	85	35
	NORTH PLATTE	61	42	63	38	68	34	83	34	75	44	74	40	85	34

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