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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged near or slightly below normal, with rapid fluctuations. The opening of the week was warm, and warm weather also prevailed on Saturday, but very cold weather moved across the State over the week end, and the middle of the week was moderately cold. A little light snow fell over most of the State with the change to colder over the week end. There was considerable wind, with strong winds over the week end.

CROPS Winter wheat is showing the ill effects of the prolonged drouth in some of the counties. Most of the counties are reporting need for more moisture to pack the soil and to decrease the detrimental effects of low temperatures. There were a few reports of soil blowing in wheat fields. The condition of wheat is still very good in the Panhandle where the moisture supply is the best in the State.

There is still some unharvested corn in western Nebraska. Elsewhere corn picking is practically completed. One southwestern Nebraska county reports several fields of irrigated corn ranging between 100 and 111 bushels per acre.

Range feed is generally very short except in the sand hills. Central and eastern Nebraska wheat failed to produce sufficient growth for pasture, due to the autumn drouth. About one-third of the counties are reporting range and hay supplies short. Some corn is being trucked into the State.

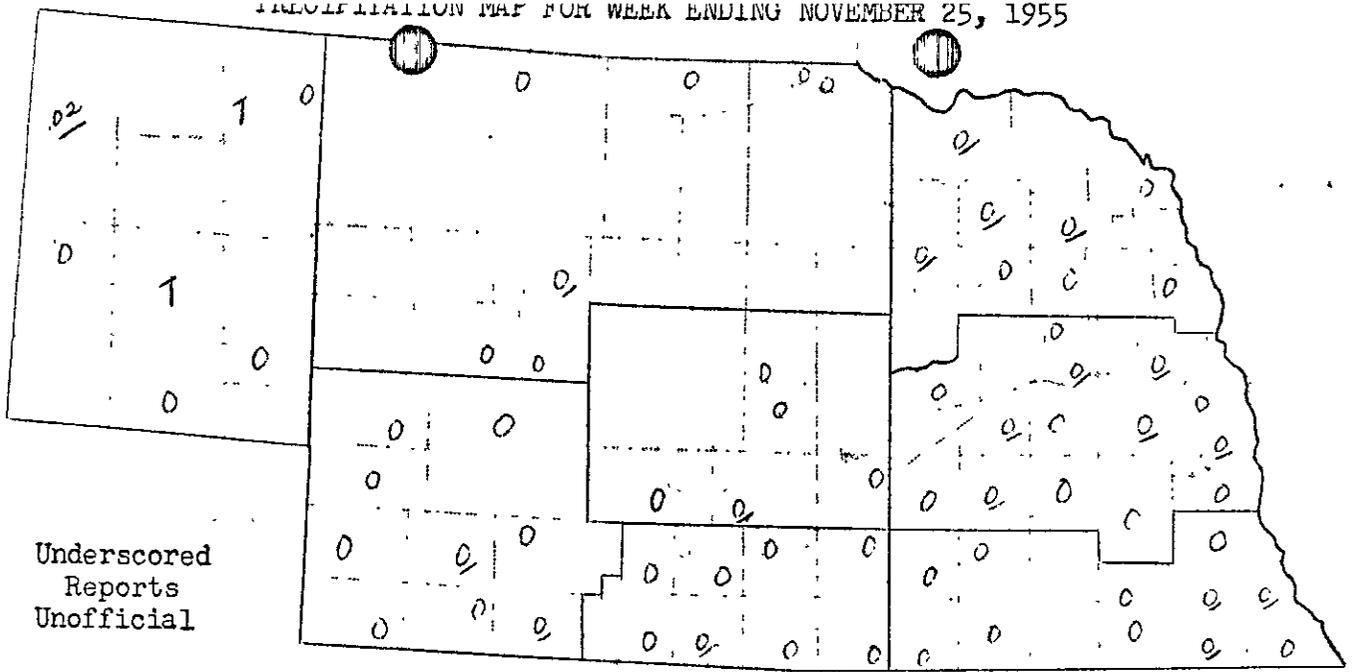
Nearly all counties except some in the Panhandle reported surface and subsoil moisture short. There has been very little moisture since September except in the Panhandle and a few eastern counties. An inch of moisture in the form of rain or snow would be one of the greatest of blessings.

A number of farm sales were reported. Conditions are somewhat critical for the smaller operators and so-called marginal farmers. In some cases nearly new farm machinery and tractors have been selling at a huge discount. Good milk cows are in demand at \$200 to \$250 per head. Irrigation is developing in the Missouri bottoms of Burt county. One eastern Nebraska county reports that some city people as well as farmers are butchering hogs. Another reports increased receipts of cream indicating farmers are milking more cows again. More farmers are asking for work in the towns and cities.

LIVESTOCK The cold, windy weather of the past week increased the need for hay and feed. So far the autumn weather has been favorable for livestock. There was a report of sheep scab and shipping fever from central Nebraska. A number of counties report heavy marketing of hogs despite the low price. Prices of cream, and especially eggs, are more favorable. The livestock feeding situation is rough and there is less demand for feeders.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 28, 1955

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Grand Island	.02	Burwell	--	Chadron	--
Lincoln	.08	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	.01	Valentine	.01	Scottsbluff	--
Omaha	.01			Sidney	--
Sioux City	.05				



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		Nov.		22nd		23rd		24th		25th		26th		27th		28th	
		Max	Min														
NW	Chadron	67	35	45	19	43	23	41	19	54	27	50	6	14	8		
	Scottsbluff	66	32	40	19	43	21	45	20	55	29	54	8	23	9		
	Sidney	56	31	40	19	42	18	46	16	52	26	55	11	33	15		
NC	Burwell	58	31	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	57	--	--	--		
	Valentine	70	34	53	10	40	19	37	8	57	29	55	2	13	4		
NE	Norfolk	52	31	40	17	33	13	45	12	41	23	55	11	20	5		
	Sioux City	50	32	40	19	30	15	42	11	36	22	54	7	27	3		
CEN	Grand Island	55	33	44	20	40	26	47	13	51	31	60	8	28	7		
EC	Lincoln	59	38	48	23	38	25	46	17	41	32	58	11	40	9		
	Omaha	54	35	46	20	33	23	44	14	36	29	54	12	18	5		
SW	Imperial	56	34	42	14	45	27	48	20	55	24	64	12	35	8		
	North Platte	56	30	40	23	43	27	43	15	53	19	56	8	25	0		

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