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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal during the week, with rather cold at the beginning, warming to considerably above normal during the middle, and cooling to seasonably cold at the close. No precipitation occurred. There was considerable sunshine. Wind movement was rather light for winter. Some snow cover remains over the northeastern portion of the State, but the snow is mostly gone elsewhere. There was no runoff.

CROPS Higher temperatures during the past week reduced the snow cover over much of the western area. There was little if any runoff of the moisture and in the wheat producing section that was covered with snow the moisture will pack the soil around the crown of the plant. In the eastern part of the State dry conditions continue and precipitation in the form of rain or snow would be of material benefit to the winter wheat crop.

Hay feeding has been necessary in practically all parts of the State as there is little winter pasture feed available. Stalk fields have been grazed heavily. In the western and the range area, snow cover made it necessary to feed, but at present there is some range feed that can be utilized. Reports indicate that hay feeding has been much heavier than usual with some ranchers reporting as much hay fed to date this season as had been fed to March 1 a year earlier. If additional snow is received and low temperatures prevail there will be a scarcity of hay and some cow herds may be necessarily reduced before spring.

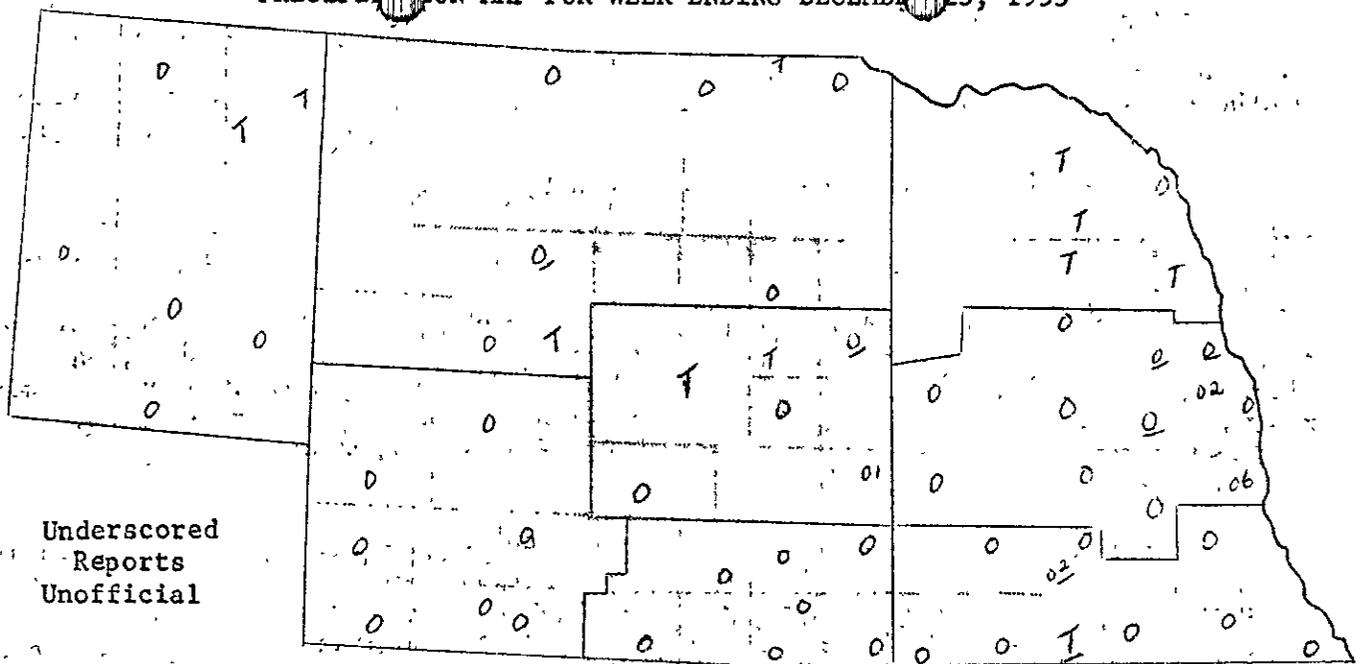
Farm work consisted mainly of chores as the Holiday Season was at its peak. Many farmers are seeking work off farms where they can supplement their income.

LIVESTOCK Marketings of cattle and hogs out of feedlots continue at rather heavy rates, but marketings of sheep and lambs have been light as there was a reduction in the number of feeder lambs which were brought into Nebraska this fall. Feedlots have generally remained dry and this has been a favorable factor in livestock feeding, but daily gains have been harder to obtain during recent cold weather.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 26, 1955

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

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 23, 1955



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)

		Dec. 20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th		25th		26th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	24	12	46	23	45	26	61	42	62	29	58	28	45	25
	Scottsbluff	32	22	51	31	53	33	62	42	65	46	65	29	40	28
	Sidney	39	27	58	30	58	33	64	34	56	46	48	24	46	26
NC	Burwell	--	--	--	--	35	19	52	29	55	32	43	15	34	19
	Valentine	14	3	30	7	41	24	43	36	53	25	49	21	36	20
NE	Norfolk	9	-1	22	5	26	14	40	28	45	32	43	13	34	15
	Sioux City	7	-4	17	7	30	18	35	24	49	36	39	16	29	18
CEN	Grand Island	12	5	25	8	34	16	44	37	51	35	43	18	36	22
EC	Lincoln	13	7	24	12	34	29	45	35	55	39	48	18	38	24
	Omaha	10	-1	18	7	31	21	41	31	55	37	45	17	38	22
SW	Imperial	26	10	59	21	63	27	62	31	58	35	53	18	36	23
	North Platte	17	5	41	15	46	21	50	33	58	31	42	19	36	23

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