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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER December was cold, but there were no extremely low temperatures. Several days were rather windy. Precipitation averaged slightly below normal, with greatest deficiencies in the southwest and southeastern portions. Considerably more than normal amounts were observed over much of the north central and northeastern portions of the State.

The week was very mild, with unseasonably high temperatures on Wednesday and Thursday, and in the west on Sunday. There was no precipitation of consequence. It was rather cold Saturday morning in the eastern portion of the State. Wind movement was generally light.

CROPS Several reports indicate that winter wheat has started to grow in the Panhandle. Moisture conditions are more favorable and temperatures have been quite high. Elsewhere in the State reports on conditions vary from a poor outlook due to the dry soil to a condition that is fairly satisfactory.

December precipitation, while generally short, was not much below normal. The western and especially the central portion of the State was more nearly normal and the eastern portion was only about two-thirds of normal. There is some apprehension as to the outcome because of the dry surface soil. So far it looks as if most of the wheat is holding out against the dry condition. A little damage from soil blowing in southwestern Nebraska was reported.

Open weather for the past two weeks has been favorable for the usual farm activities of the season. Farm auctions are still quite numerous and prices range from fair to low on personal property sold. There are still more applications by farmers for off-farm jobs than are available. 1300 1-10-56

LIVESTOCK The weather of the past two weeks has been quite favorable for livestock which has conserved dwindling supplies of feed for cattle. More feed than usual was required during November and December due to the cold weather.

The slaughter of hogs for farm use has been heavy. One locker plant reported the heaviest slaughter to date with a waiting list for cooler space. In some places the Chambers of Commerce and Farm Bureaus are sponsoring home slaughter of hogs.

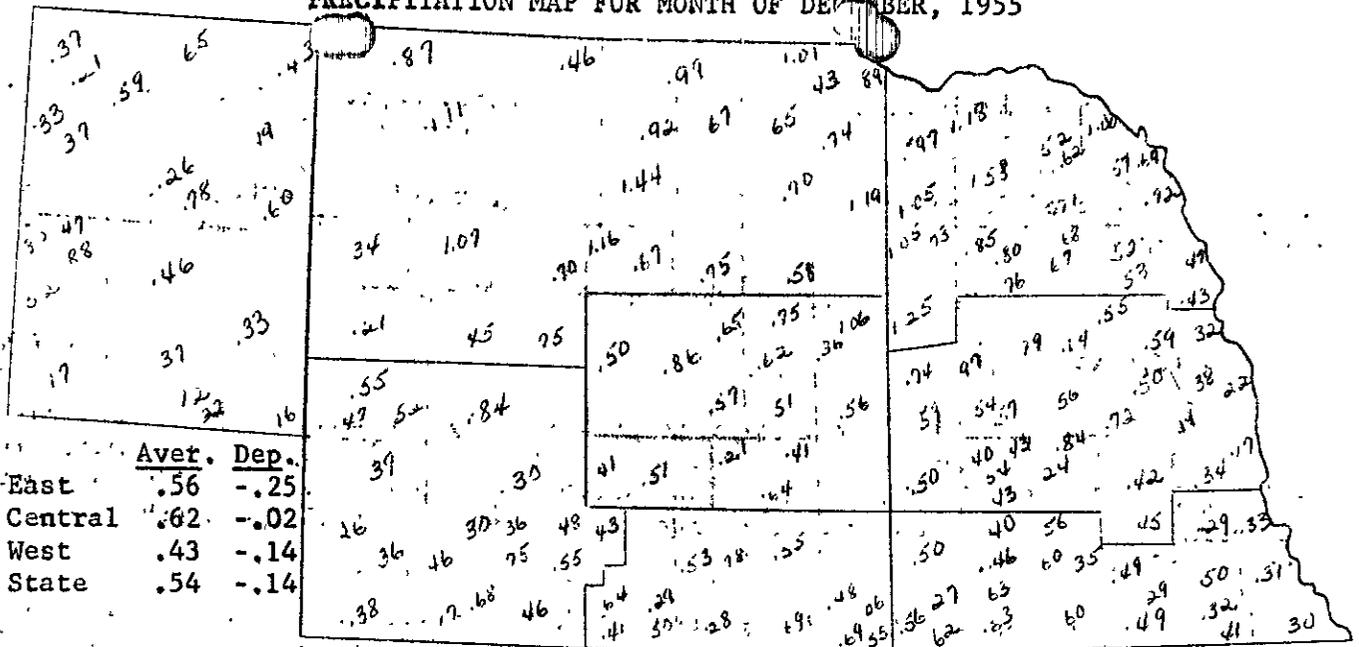
There seems to be an increasing interest in the purchase of chicks. Farmers are milking more cows to provide for the winter living. Drouth and the price squeeze has reduced the income from the usual sources.

Slaughter of livestock during the first 11 months of last year shows a marked increase. Hog slaughter is up 37 per cent and cattle slaughter is up 9 per cent. Sheep and lamb slaughter is down 3 per cent and calf slaughter is down 19 per cent.

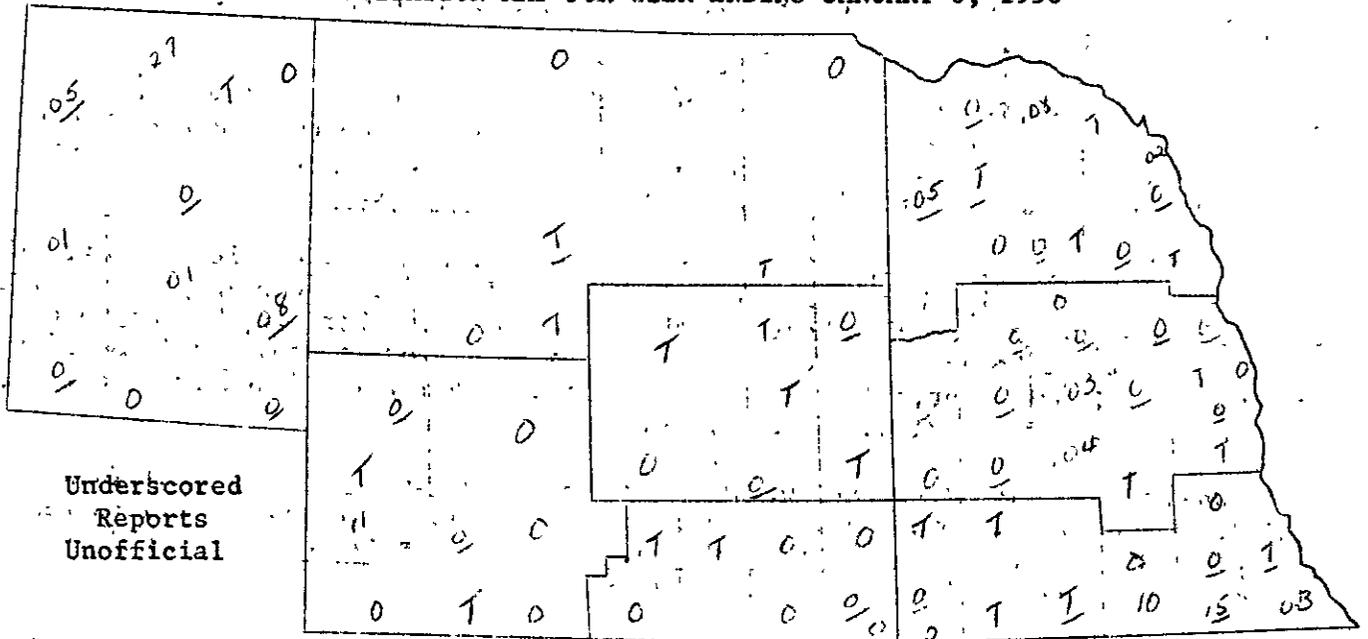
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 9, 1956

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

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1955



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 6, 1956



Underscored Reports Unofficial

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)

		Jan 3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th		9th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	45	25	53	32	57	39	51	29	43	30	43	31	62	23
	Scottsbluff	46	21	55	25	58	24	56	29	45	23	43	24	54	18
	Sidney	51	24	55	22	64	24	64	25	44	20	42	24	67	15
NC	Burwell	48	24	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	48	20	48	27	56	31	60	29	34	11	38	23	40	24
NE	Norfolk	44	29	45	19	45	26	55	29	35	4	--	--	35	16
	Sioux City	43	26	39	20	40	23	61	28	34	1	25	20	35	15
CEN	Grand Island	52	27	51	26	57	29	60	29	33	9	31	19	35	19
EC	Lincoln	50	34	51	31	55	32	61	35	41	8	27	23	35	21
	Omaha	46	29	46	26	48	24	61	33	34	2	25	18	32	17
SW	Imperial	54	23	58	21	67	24	60	26	45	12	38	19	47	18
	North Platte	52	21	52	18	60	21	51	24	36	12	34	20	41	16

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