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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged considerably below normal, with cold weather through Friday. The week-end was seasonably cool over the southeastern portion of the State, and considerably warmer than normal elsewhere. Light to moderate snow fell over the eastern portion of the State on Monday, but clear weather was the rule thereafter. Wind velocities were moderate, and humidity rather low during the daytime.

CROPS In spite of snow, wet fields and high moisture content, corn harvest continued to move ahead with about 45 percent of the crop picked by the end of last week. Heavy snow stopped field work in much of the state at the beginning of last week, but farmers resumed harvest as the weather cleared. Harvesting machinery was being run on frozen ground despite the snow cover.

The moisture content of the corn crop dropped somewhat but was still considered too high to start picking in many fields. Harvest finally got underway in the central part of the state where progress had been exceptionally slow. Heavy, wet snows in a number of eastern counties held harvest nearly at a standstill all week, but activity was starting at the end of the week.

Sorghum harvest was about one-third done, with approximately 8 percent combined last week. Winds and heavy snow have caused severe lodging of some varieties in local areas. The crop withstood the heavy, wet snowfall much better than expected. Farmers were making every effort to combine their sorghums as early as possible. Combines are running in snow-covered fields if the surface will support the machines. In many cases, the harvested grain has too much moisture, but the risk of field losses from lodging and shattering seems greater than quality losses that might result later.

Demand for drying facilities is increasing for both corn and sorghums. Some of the newly harvested grain with high moisture is being fed to livestock. In some instances, the need for feed is dictating the progress of harvest with farmers harvesting about the quantity used in their daily feeding program.

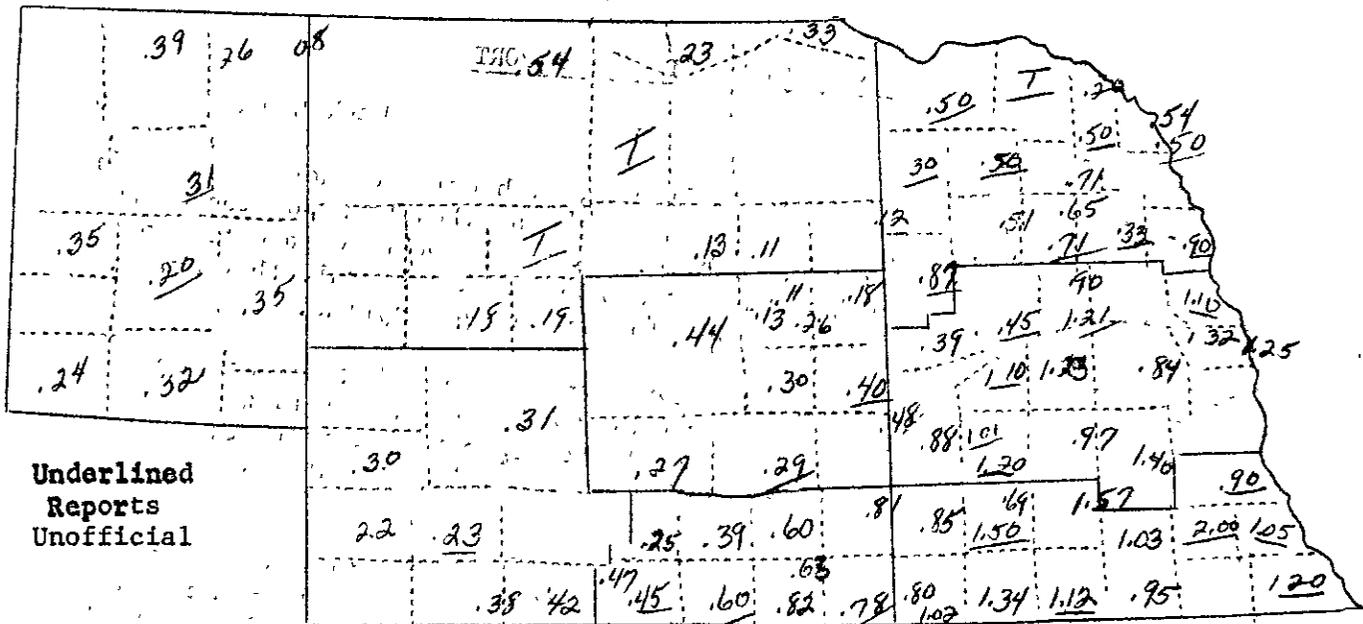
Heavy snowfall proved beneficial to winter wheat in local areas of southern Nebraska where moisture supplies were somewhat light.

LIVESTOCK The peak movement of feeder cattle from the western range counties is about over. Demand for feeder cattle and especially calves has been strong this season. Feeder lambs are in short supply this fall with receipts in feeding areas much below a year ago. Breeding stock is being sought by farmers in areas where numbers had been reduced by drought.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 25, 1957

	<u>East</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>West</u>
Grand Island	0	Burwell 0	Chadron 0
Lincoln	.18	North Platte 0	Imperial 0
Norfolk	.11	Valentine 0	Scottsbluff 0
Omaha	.25		Sidney 0
Sioux City	.31		

PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 22, 1957



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

		November													
		19		20		21		22		23		24		25	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	30	19	38	23	35	20	32	12	42	31	56	25	61	28
	Scottsbluff	32	8	38	17	33	9	30	9	38	29	52	27	59	31
	Sidney	31	15	36	18	30	9	27	8	36	25	52	31	55	33
NC	Burwell	31	18	--	25	--	21	--	5	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	--	--	41	27	35	21	--	--	47	35	60	30	61	28
NE	Norfolk	28	20	39	29	37	24	30	14	43	31	60	31	43	26
	Sioux City	29	21	39	30	36	25	31	9	38	30	55	30	38	26
Gen	Grand Island	28	15	40	23	40	22	33	17	42	29	60	28	47	29
EC	Lincoln	28	19	34	23	39	24	33	14	35	25	47	33	40	30
	Omaha	26	18	33	23	36	22	29	7	32	23	42	33	39	23
SW	Imperial	33	16	41	25	36	15	32	13	44	24	55	31	59	32
	North Platte	31	16	40	23	39	16	33	14	42	27	59	25	56	25

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