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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Unseasonably warm weather prevailed until the last day of the week, when a change to seasonably cold weather overspread the north-central and eastern portions of the state. Light rain changing to snow fell over the southeastern and extreme east-central portions of the state during the night of the 24th. There was much sunshine, humidity was rather low, and several days were rather windy.

CROPS Corn and sorghum harvest was nearly done in many sections of the state. Many farmers are still busy gleaning fields for the unusually large amount of grain left in them which could not be picked or combined by harvest machines. Mild open weather over the state was favorable for clean-up field work and for using livestock to salvage fallen grain.

At the end of last week only about 5 percent of the corn and 6 percent of the sorghums remained for harvest. Progress in harvesting the small percentage still left is expected to be slow, mainly because most unharvested fields are lodged or flattened and recovery of grain is extremely difficult.

High winds during the week sapped moisture from surface soil. Unprotected light soils suffered some blowing. Most wheat fields have an excellent ground cover, so damage from blowing soil was light. Wheat and rye continued to maintain their high condition rating. Both crops are offering plentiful pasture.

Open weather permitted farmers to catch up on numerous chores and farm jobs that had been side-tracked by the late and unusually long harvest season. Drying high moisture grain still continues to be the number one task in many instances.

LIVESTOCK The weather so far this winter has been favorable for full utilization of pastures and various other field forages and for conserving hay supplies. Demand continues brisk for livestock to glean corn and sorghum fields. Breeding stock is also in demand as the big feed and hay supplies now permit restoration of herds that were reduced by two seasons of drought. Livestock are in good to excellent condition. They are making good gains both on pastures and in the feed lots.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 30, 1957

	<u>East</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>West</u>
Grand Island	0	Burwell 0	Chadron 0
Lincoln	.22	North Platte 0	Imperial 0
Norfolk	0	Valentine 0	Scottsbluff 0
Omaha	.07		Sidney 0
Sioux City	.02		

