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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 12/12/58

WEATHER Temperatures for the week averaged from 20 degrees below normal in the east and north central portions to about 10 degrees below in the southwest. Temperatures were near normal over the State on Wednesday and in the west portion Thursday; otherwise it was very cold during the period. Snows over most of the State on the 7th and again on the 11th and 12th brought varying amounts of precipitation; averages ranged from about .3 in the west to about .05 in the east. There was considerable cloudiness. Winds were moderate.

CROPS Winter grain crops in much of the western two-thirds of the state were protected from sub-zero temperatures last week by a good snow cover. The additional moisture, ranging up to several inches of snow in the more favored sections, will help relieve dry surface soil conditions and reduce soil blowing. Snow cover was light in some central and eastern counties, offering only a little protection to fall seeded crops. In areas getting little or no snow and already hurt by lack of moisture, wheat and fall seedings suffered further from the low temperatures.

Field work was nearly at a standstill at the end of the week. Clean-up corn picking was halted but the job is just about done. Gleanings have been plentiful in areas where high winds knocked off ears and corn borer damage was heavy. Dry picking conditions this fall added to the quantity left in the fields. Other field tasks were stopped as farmers turned attention to caring for livestock, repairing buildings and equipment, and grinding feed and shelling corn.

LIVESTOCK Feeding requirements for livestock stepped up with low temperatures and with snow covering pasture and range feed in many areas. Farmers and ranchers were using abundant feed supplies to maintain the good to excellent condition of their livestock. Many cattle in the western counties were moved from corn and milo fields into feedlots or to winter feeding quarters. In the eastern part of the state, large numbers of feeder cattle are still foraging in stalk fields. Winter farrowings are expected to be well above a year earlier. Milk and egg production rates have been favorable.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 15, 1958

| <u>East</u> | | <u>Central</u> | | <u>West</u> | |
|--------------|-----|----------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| Grand Island | .09 | Burwell | .04 | Chadron | .04 |
| Lincoln | .01 | North Platte | .17 | Imperial | .17 |
| Norfolk | 0 | Valentine | .06 | Scottsbluff | .48 |
| Omaha | .01 | | | Sidney | .35 |
| Sioux City | .01 | | | | |

