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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 11/2/59

WEATHER The week was considerably colder than usual, with afternoon temperatures below freezing over the western half of the State on Friday. Fair weather prevailed during the beginning and also the latter part of the week, but rain in the east and snow in the west fell Thursday and Friday. Precipitation was heavy over a belt extending from the south central portion of the State northeastward to the eastern half of the South Dakota border. Snow depths ranged up to 8 inches in the central portions of the State.

CROPS Corn and sorghum grain harvest made further headway although halted by wet weather at the end of the week. High winds caused further lodging and breakage of corn and milo stalks in unharvested fields. Ear drop resulting from the winds is rather heavy in many local areas throughout the State.

By Saturday, nearly 40 percent of the corn crop was picked. The Central districts are over half finished, and the northeast about a third done. Southeast counties have about a fifth of the corn crop picked. Moisture content was reported at an average of 20 percent. Many areas have about completed sorghum grain harvest. At the end of last week, nearly 75 percent of the crop was combined. Progress was most advanced in the south central counties where around 90 percent of the acreage was harvested. Moisture content of milo was reported to be about 14 percent, down 1 point from last week. Wet field conditions and snow interrupted harvest toward the end of the week but many sections expected to resume operations within a few days.

Sugar beet harvest is well advanced, which is also the case for soybeans. Only about 10 to 15 percent of the acreage of these crops remains unharvested.

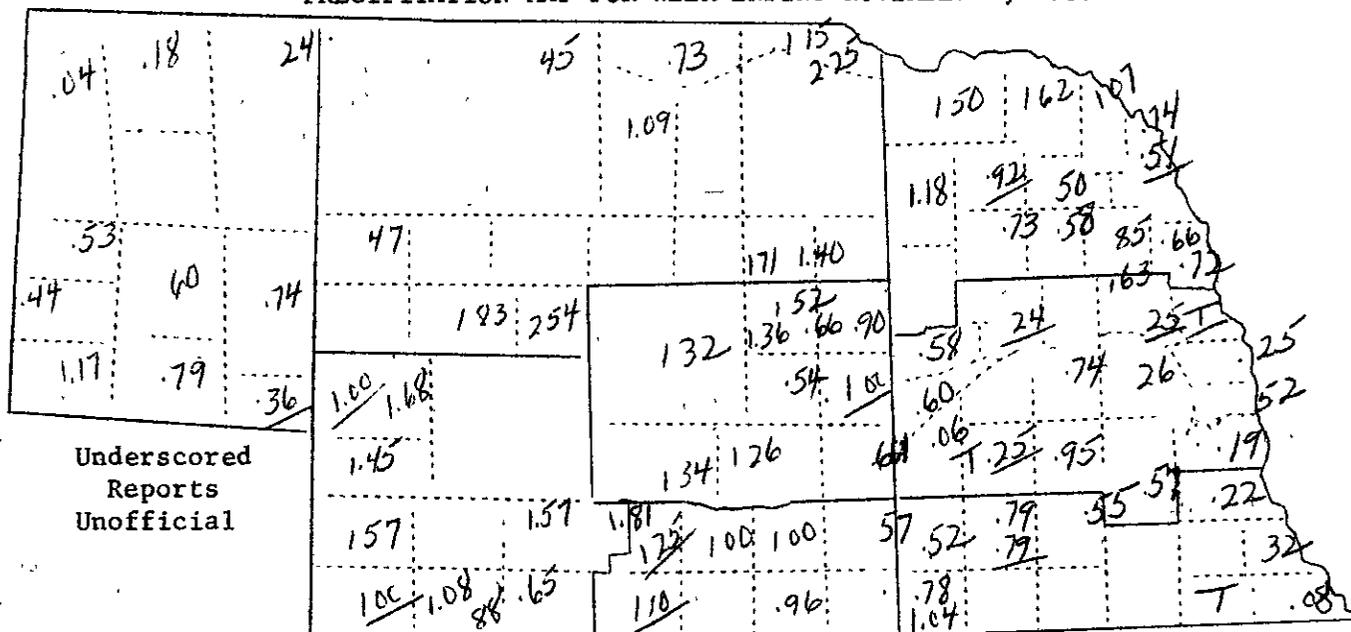
Winter wheat made good progress during the week. Rains in the central and western sections were most beneficial, especially where dry surface soil had begun to blow and cause some damage. In general, wheat stands are good, although they are late developing this fall because of delayed planting. Wheat averages about 2 inches shorter than the growth of last year's crop at this time.

LIVESTOCK Increasing numbers of cattle and calves are being placed in harvested corn and sorghum fields to glean fallen grain and utilize available roughages. Seasonally large numbers of feeder cattle continue to arrive in the feeding areas of the State. Recent snow cover limited grazing in the northern and western sections, but feed supplies are generally ample in nearly all sections. Heavy snow and chilly weather made it disagreeable for livestock in some sections.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 2, 1959

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.61	Burwell	1.71	Chadron	.18
Lincoln	.57	North Platte	1.61	Imperial	.88
Norfolk	.73	Valentine	.45	Scottsbluff	.53
Omaha	.25			Sidney	.92
Sioux City	.74				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 2, 1959



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)

		October				November									
		27th		28th		29th		30th		31st		1st		2nd	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	48	20	63	40	51	37	41	28	31	24	49	30	66	26
	Scottsbluff	49	23	64	40	53	39	40	28	30	12	46	26	64	31
	Sidney	49	19	59	35	52	35	41	26	29	12	44	27	60	29
NC	Burwell	48	12	51	36	55	33	39	35	37	30	--	--	62	27
	Valentine	--	--	54	43	52	36	42	30	30	14	38	27	52	24
NE	Norfolk	50	21	47	34	56	31	49	41	46	34	54	30	66	30
	Sioux City	49	35	47	31	53	38	51	44	49	36	54	31	65	32
Cen	Grand Island	53	17	49	35	58	36	52	42	46	34	53	31	69	31
EC	Lincoln	50	30	48	34	60	40	61	48	56	41	52	35	68	39
	Omaha	47	35	46	32	55	38	59	46	50	40	48	34	67	35
SW	Imperial	52	18	56	28	56	39	44	30	32	20	39	26	51	26
	North Platte	50	15	53	38	57	36	43	31	34	28	39	18	64	31

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