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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 1/11/60

WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal for the week as a whole, with severe cold at the beginning moderating to warmer than normal during the middle and latter parts. There was considerable cloudiness, but no precipitation of consequence. Wind movement was rather light. Humidity was high, with fog during the last three days of the week over the eastern portion of the State.

CROPS Soil moisture supplies were improved in eastern counties by the recent snowfall. High winds caused considerable drifting in western counties and locally in the central sections. Snow cover was especially heavy in the northeast where up to 20 inches were reported on the ground. Many counties had from 2 to 6 inches of snow cover remaining at the end of the week. Warmer weather for a few days last week was favorable as the moisture was soaked up by the soil. The winter grain crop situation varies across the State. Surface moisture is lacking in the west, although some areas got temporary relief from the recent storms. Drifting was excessive where vegetative cover was short. Some wheat has been hurt by blowing soil, especially on sandy soils.

Pastures were benefited by moisture from rains or melting snow. Also, stubble and stalk fields which caught the drifting snow will gain in moisture supplies. Western ranges and pastures were open for grazing, but in the eastern counties getting heavy snow, foraging in stalk fields and pastures was limited. Hay supplies are sufficient for needs except in local areas of the western districts. All counties report adequate to surplus supplies of feed grain for livestock.

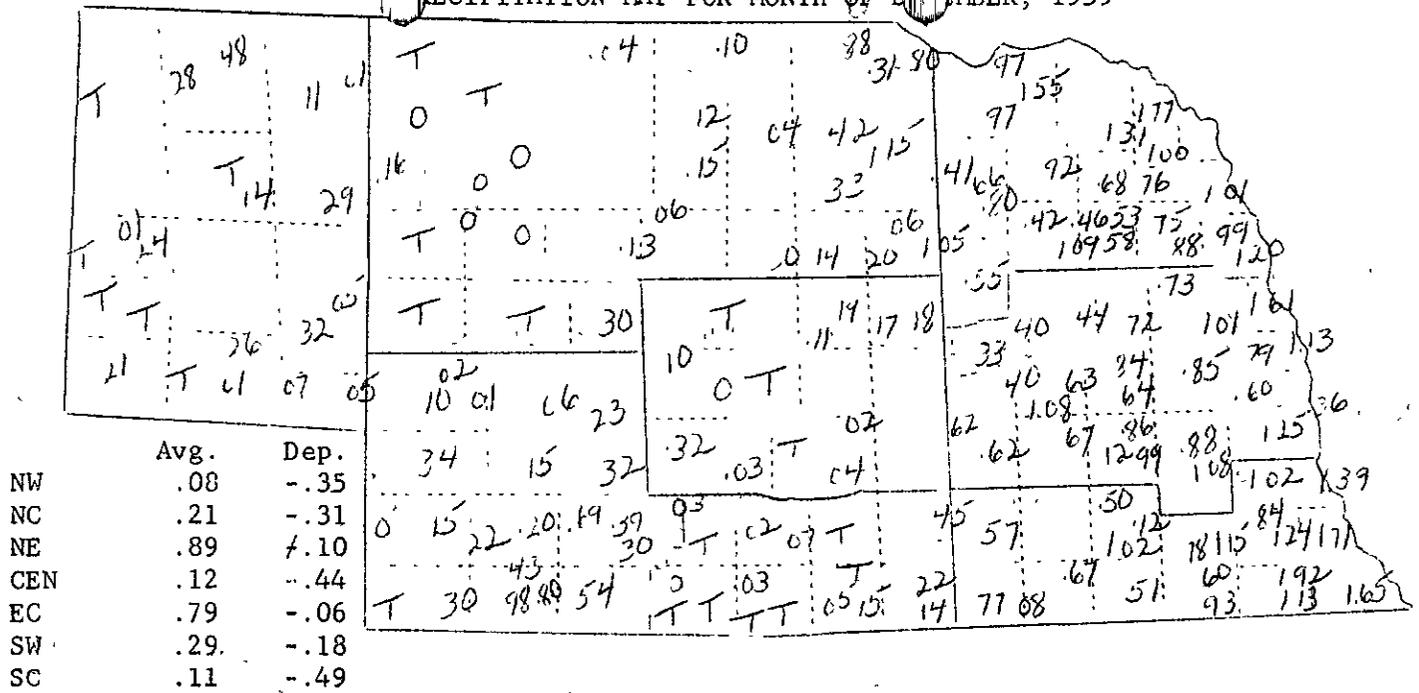
LIVESTOCK Livestock have remained in good condition despite some disagreeable weather and low temperatures. Losses are light. Feeding was stepped up in areas where snowfall limited grazing. Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle into Nebraska during December were 95,000 head, up 16 percent from December 1958. For the last 6 months of 1959, cattle inshipments were 6 percent larger than the corresponding period in 1958. However, receipts in the last 3 months--October through December--fell 4 percent under the similar period last year.

Sheep and lamb inshipments in December totaled 30,000 head compared with 18,000 head in December 1958. Since July, inshipments have been 1 percent below those of July-December, 1958.

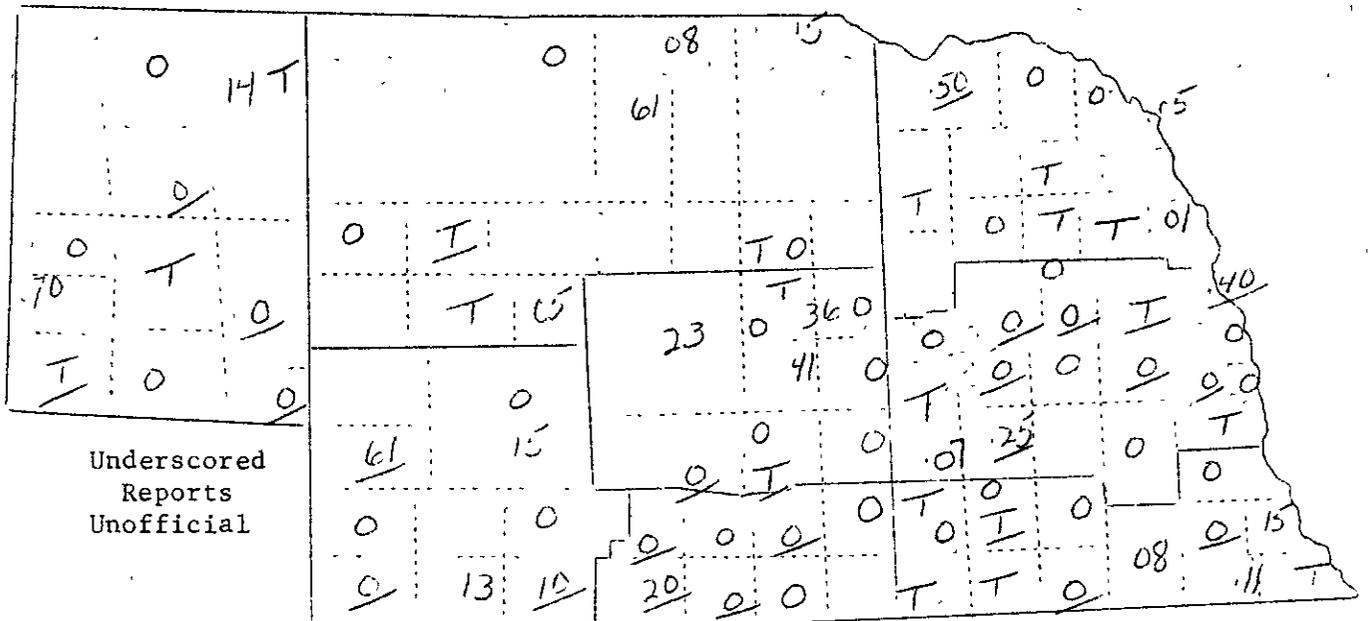
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 11, 1960

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

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1959



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 11, 1960



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)

		January 5th		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	28	-10	30	17	41	29	41	23	49	32	49	17	--	33
	Scottsbluff	28	-1	34	10	43	25	43	26	54	21	51	23	--	25
	Sidney	30	2	34	12	47	24	47	26	49	23	52	18	--	25
NC	Burwell	25	-13	22	11	40	20	41	15	36	13	43	10	--	--
	Valentine	27	-14	29	17	41	24	41	18	40	23	--	7	--	25
NE	Norfolk	23	-14	22	9	36	25	38	19	31	22	39	10	22	10
	Sioux City	25	-14	27	9	36	26	40	25	31	23	36	14	22	18
Cen	Grand Island	26	-3	23	15	37	26	41	28	39	30	44	19	30	17
EC	Lincoln	25	0	21	13	36	29	43	33	40	32	41	24	29	26
	Omaha	22	-8	16	5	32	25	37	26	35	29	35	16	27	25
SW	Imperial	30	1	30	10	42	25	45	29	43	23	48	22	--	23
	North Platte	28	-3	25	4	40	18	42	24	37	19	45	18	35	20

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