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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 10/30/61

WEATHER Snow fell in the northwest Saturday night and Sunday. Rain was reported in the central and showers in the east on Sunday. Drizzle covered much of the southern portion of the State as the period came to a close on Monday forenoon. Precipitation totals were over 1/2 inch in the northwest, less than 1/10 inch in the central and up to 2 inches in the extreme southeast.

Temperatures ranged from a little above normal in the east to about 5 degrees below normal in the Panhandle. Wednesday morning and Sunday afternoon were cold. Wakefield and Sidney reported lows of 16 degrees; Weeping Water had 24 degrees.

There was abundant sunshine during most of the period, relative humidity percentages dropped into the lower 20's Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Moderate winds prevailed.

CROPS Harvest moved rapidly during the past week under favorable weather conditions.

Farmers were picking corn in the morning and harvesting milo during the afternoon. At the close of the week, approximately 61 percent of the milo had been harvested and this is about the same as harvested at this time a year earlier. Corn picking was proceeding at a somewhat slower pace with about 20 percent of the crop harvested. This is about 9 points behind the schedule of last year. Moisture content of the corn was rated at 22 percent, a little high for safe cribbing.

Soybean harvest was nearing completion except in the southeast counties. Some yields were unusually high. Digging of sugar beets progressed rapidly but another week or two will be needed to have all of the beets out of the ground. Harvest of safflower is nearing completion. Some growers have reported record high yields from the crop this year. Lack of freezing weather has slowed the harvest of castor beans.

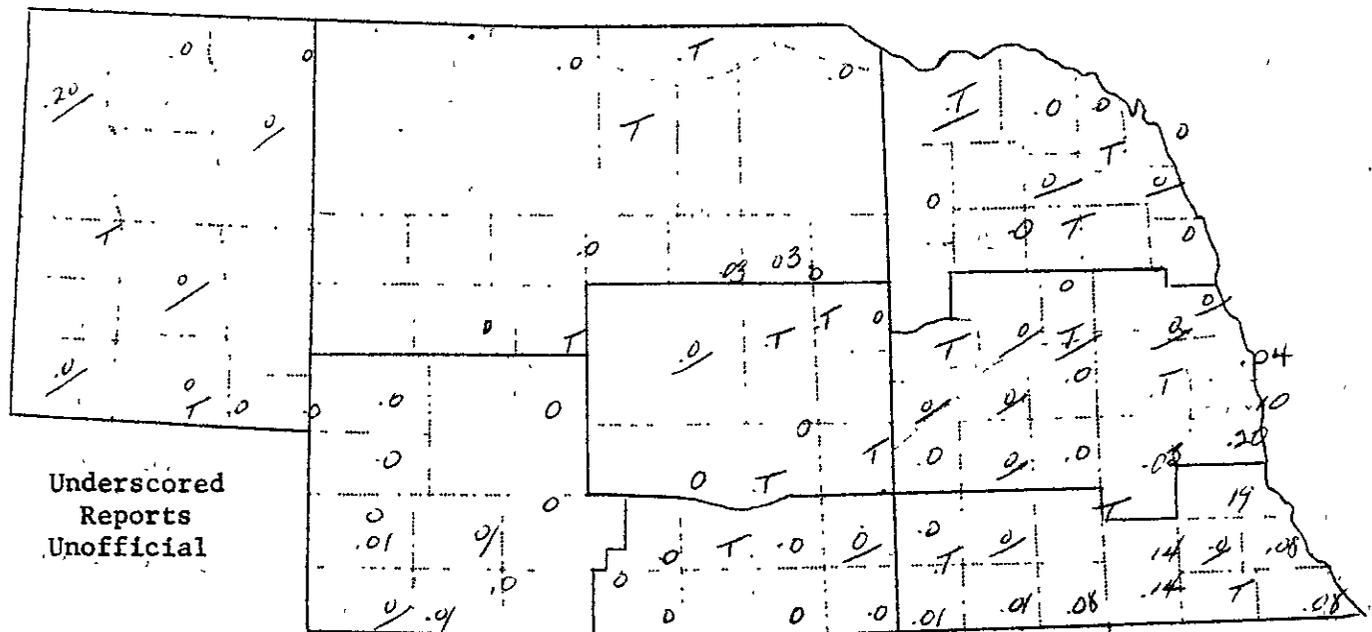
Winter grains continue in good condition although surface soil is becoming dry in some areas and precipitation would eliminate the hazard of soil blowing. Range and pasture feed continues to supply excellent feed for livestock. Hay supplies appear adequate for current livestock numbers.

LIVESTOCK Cattle are being moved into harvested sorghum and corn fields to pick up fallen grain. Field losses of corn are relatively heavy in areas where root-worm caused damage to the corn crop. Feeder cattle have been moving rapidly from ranges and feedlots are filling. Good gains have been made by cattle on feed as lots were dry.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 1961

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.06	Burwell	---	Chadron	.61
Lincoln	.42	North Platte	.02	Imperial	.02
Norfolk	.07	Valentine	.09	Scottsbluff	.13
Omaha	.57			Sidney	.03
Sioux City	.02				

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 PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 27, 1961



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

		October 24th		25th		26th		27th		28th		29th		30th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	58	38	54	25	57	33	77	56	68	47	52	30	31	27
	Scottsbluff	58	34	55	21	58	30	73	48	64	44	57	31	35	26
	Sidney	58	32	58	16	56	25	71	45	64	38	51	28	36	24
NC	Burwell	58	35	65	29	57	22	67	40	70	38	63	33	--	--
	Valentine	57	37	60	24	55	29	69	44	67	37	49	33	36	31
NE	Norfolk	61	45	64	37	54	21	64	45	64	42	64	50	64	38
	Sioux City	63	44	66	42	55	26	64	46	63	50	64	57	65	41
CEN	Grand Island	62	45	67	37	58	27	66	48	69	42	72	48	62	38
EC	Lincoln	63	45	67	40	57	31	64	49	63	53	73	63	66	43
	Omaha	61	46	63	40	55	34	61	48	60	50	67	63	66	43
SW	Imperial	61	27	64	26	58	32	72	45	69	36	65	37	45	30
	North Platte	59	29	63	19	57	34	68	44	69	36	64	37	45	34

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