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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER This was a mild, humid week with light winds and some fog. The only precipitation was occasional light drizzle. Although the afternoon of the 27th was cold, warmer temperatures spread across the State on the 28th and 29th; it remained warm. McCook and Broken Bow each recorded 66 degrees. Temperature averages were 6 to 10 degrees above the seasonal normals.

November: Snows on the night of the fifteenth brought total precipitation above normal in eastern Nebraska south of the Platte River. Precipitation was less than one-half normal in many northern communities. Temperature averages ranged from near normal in the north-east to three degrees below normal in the southwest.

CROPS Corn harvest was resumed last week with fair progress made in some parts of the State, but wet fields still hamper operations, especially in the southeastern area. About 88 percent of the corn crop is harvested which compares with an average of about 95 percent picked by this date. The wind-up of milo harvest was creeping along slowly with only about 1 percent of the crop combined last week. This brought the total to 97 percent complete.

Unharvested milo fields have lodged badly in the southeastern part of the State as a result of wet snow a few weeks ago. Much of the corn in the southeast section is down making recovery of grain difficult. In spite of these difficulties, yields of corn and milo are turning out better than expected in some areas where rootworm was troublesome or dry weather hurt prospects.

Pastures, ranges and other fields with forage were open to grazing over much of the State providing ample to plentiful field feed for livestock in most places. Hay supplies are below average in some northern and eastern counties with a strong demand pushing up local prices.

Winter grains are making good progress. These crops continue to grow and develop under favorable moisture conditions in most sections. Some areas could use moisture to replenish the surface soil moisture supply and snow cover would be welcome in some places to hold down winter losses.

Farmers turned attention to fencing and repair work, along with livestock chores.

LIVESTOCK The week was favorable for livestock throughout the State. Foraging and feeding conditions improved as fields and feedlots began to dry. Some diseases were noted, but on the whole, conditions for livestock continue quite favorable.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 4, 1961

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

