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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER This was another cold week in the southeastern half of Nebraska where snow remained on the ground. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were cool in the northwest; other days were mild. Snow up to 2 inches fell in the Panhandle Christmas night, other precipitation was spotty and very light.

The first week of December 1961 was mild over the State. Cold air moved in early in the second week and temperatures remained below normal until the close of the month in the southeast. Snow that occurred during the early part of the month melted in the northwest; therefore, temperatures were near normal in that section during the latter half. Although precipitation was near normal over the State, snowfall was the greatest in the past 10 years at many southeastern communities. At Lincoln the average temperature was 7.6 degrees below normal, thus the coldest December since 1924. There was considerably more fog than in the average December.

CROPS Farm activity slowed during the holidays. Most work consisted of feeding livestock and the usual chores. Little or no progress was made in winding up the corn and milo harvest in southeastern Nebraska.

High winds caused some damage to winter wheat in the western part of the State, particularly on light sandy soils. Surface soil moisture is generally lacking in that area and a good snow cover would be beneficial for the crop. In the eastern part of the State a heavy snow cover offered protection to the winter wheat from wind and low temperatures. The formation of ice on low spots in fields may cause some smothering.

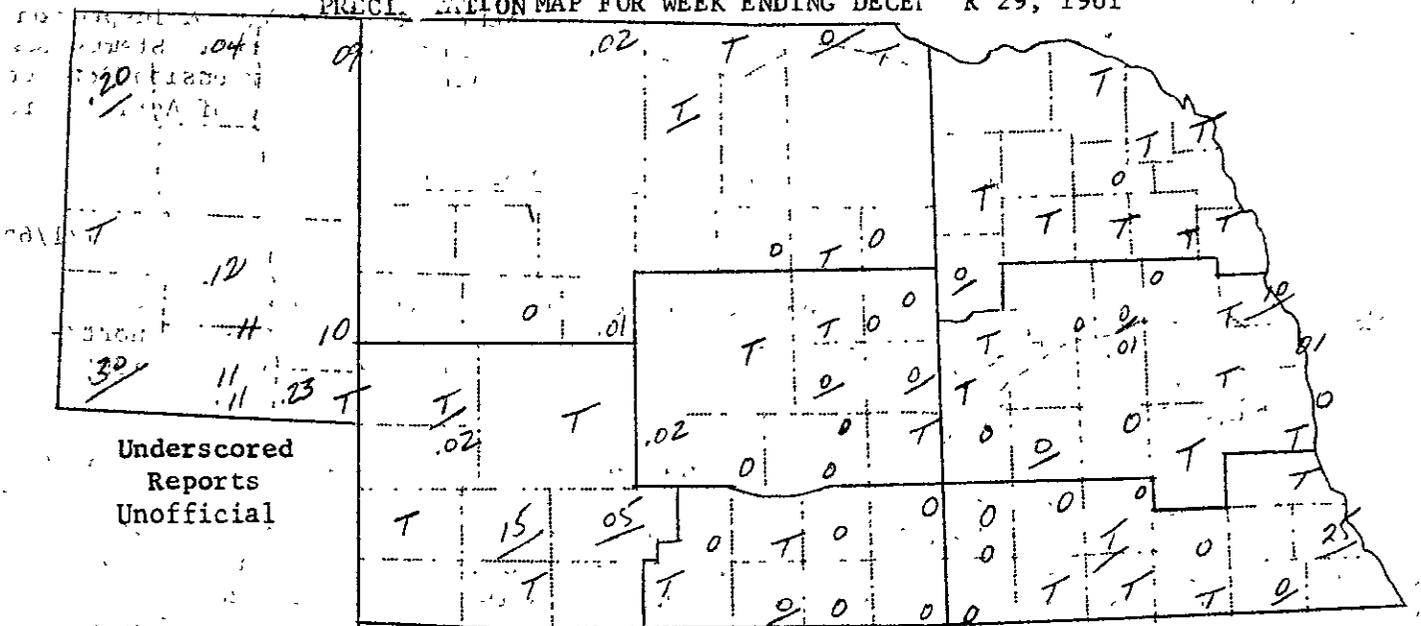
Pastures and ranges were mostly open in the western area but covered by snow elsewhere. Feeding of livestock was general over most of the State with rather heavy inroads made into the limited supplies particularly in the northeastern counties. Warmer weather would be beneficial by removing snow from corn and milo fields so that roughage supplies and fallen grain would be available if field conditions permit pasturage.

LIVESTOCK Feedlot cattle made slow gains as temperatures continued on the low side and snow-covered lots made feedlot conditions poor for cattle and for feeding. Range cattle continue in good condition despite low temperatures. Feed requirements are rather heavy to maintain condition.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 1, 1962

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	.04
Lincoln	T	North Platte	T	Imperial	T
Norfolk	T	Valentine	.02	Scottsbluff	.01
Omaha	0			Sidney	.11
Sioux City	.02				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 29, 1961



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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)

		Dec.						Jan.							
		26th		27th		28th		29th		30th		31st		1st.	
		Max	Min												
NW	Chadron	51	22	30	15	23	9	25	5	40	28	41	32	44	26
	Scottsbluff	57	26	31	11	26	10	34	-18	41	26	43	33	44	22
	Sidney	57	24	34	3	24	5	29	7	41	27	42	29	43	20
NC	Burwell	45	27	32	7	23	10	22	5	28	-7	40	--	38	16
	Valentine	52	27	35	14	22	9	23	-10	28	22	41	30	34	17
NE	Norfolk	42	34	37	4	20	2	16	1	16	-8	34	24	28	20
	Sioux City	33	29	35	3	20	-1	14	5	12	-12	18	18	25	19
CEN	Grand Island	39	24	34	10	24	6	21	-5	20	4	38	31	32	20
EC	Lincoln	36	25	35	10	25	4	20	5	20	0	32	23	30	25
	Omaha	32	26	34	8	20	-2	16	1	14	-2	23	21	26	22
SW	Imperial	61	28	34	16	28	8	28	7	41	23	45	31	45	22
	North Platte	52	29	33	16	27	12	27	2	33	21	43	25	40	17

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