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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperature averages were near normal with freezing temperatures recorded in the west. Harrison recorded 25 degrees; Falls City had 88 degrees..

Some scattered very light rain was reported in the southeast Wednesday night. Rains Friday night ranged from little or none northwest to over one inch in the southeast; some communities near the southern border recorded 4 to 5 inches.

Winds and humidities were moderate. There was considerable sunshine.

CROPS The corn and sorghum harvest gained momentum last week after a late start. By Saturday, one-sixth of the corn was harvested with progress somewhat ahead of a year ago but about seasonally normal. Nearly half of the sorghum was harvested. Operations were most advanced in the Panhandle where crops were harvested earlier than usual because of the severe frost damage in early September.

Moisture content of the grains was generally above a safe storage point. Corn averaged 23 percent, down 1 point both from a week ago and a year earlier. Sorghum averaged 16 percent, off 2 points from a week ago but 1 point higher than a year earlier. Much of the grain was being dried artificially.

Soybean harvest moved along rapidly with three-fifths of the crop combined. Potato digging was nearing completion in the Panhandle with a considerable range in yields. Safflower combining made good progress and sugar beet lifting passed the half-way mark with some yields running above earlier expectations.

Winter wheat continued in very good condition in most areas. Surface moisture was lacking in a few western counties and rains would be beneficial. In some areas having ample soil moisture the crop is making rank growth. Other fall seeded grains and legumes have also made good growth.

Ranges and pastures are providing excellent feed for livestock. Hay supplies are adequate to abundant.

LIVESTOCK Livestock are in good condition and the fall weather has been favorable for putting on gains. Demand for feeder cattle and calves is picking up as the harvest of feed grains progresses. Shipments of feeder cattle and calves into the State during September totaled 170,000 head, 21 percent above a year earlier. For August and September, receipts were 18 percent above last year's two-months total. Lambs shipped into the State during September amounted to 95,000 head, 8 percent below a year ago. August and September receipts equaled 126,000 head, 21 percent under August and September 1961.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 22, 1962

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.86	Burwell	.05	Chadron	0
Lincoln	1.25	North Platte	.05	Imperial	T
Norfolk	.41	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.77			Sidney	.07
Sioux City	.08				

