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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER It was a mild, dry week with temperatures averaging from 3 to 5 degrees above normal in the west to 6 to 9 degrees above normal in the east. The week began with 1 to 4 inches of snow cover, but by the end of the week most of the ground was bare.

The only precipitation of consequence fell as rain in the southeast on Saturday night. Amounts ranged up to a half inch or better.

CROPS Mild, open weather during the past week was favorable for winter wheat and the precipitation that occurred was readily absorbed by the dry top soil. The green color remains in the wheat plants and in local areas top growth is sufficient for furnishing good grazing for cattle.

Fields are free of snow and corn and stalk fields continue to furnish considerable feed for livestock. Winter ranges are open and the recent moisture has softened grasses, making them more palatable for livestock. Hay feeding is general throughout the range area and supplemental protein feeds are being utilized.

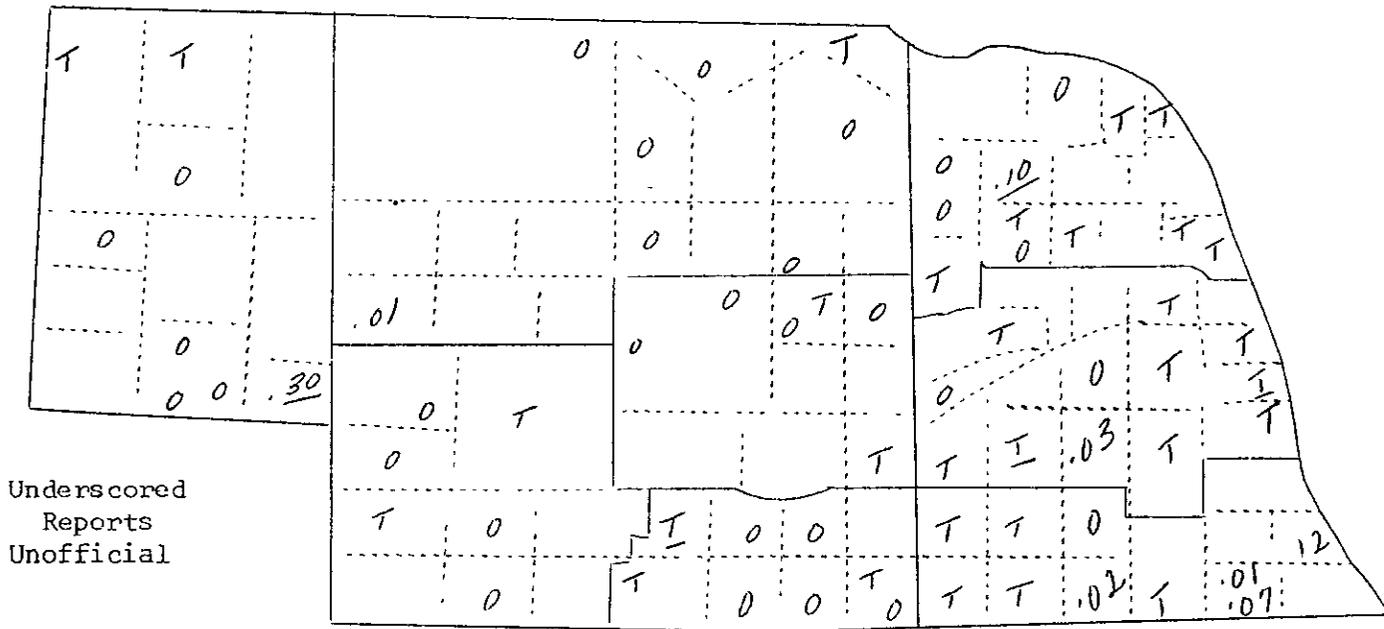
Only a limited amount of farm work was accomplished during the holiday week. Most of the work consisted of livestock care and some fencing of grazing areas.

LIVESTOCK The mild, open weather has been favorable for all livestock. Farmers continue the use of field forage for feeder cattle, and are using some supplemental grain feed. Movement into feed lots continues and gains of the cattle on feed have been very good. High prices for hogs has encouraged a greater interest in hog production for the coming six months with an increase in farrowings for the December, January, and February period showing an increase of 5 percent over the same period the preceding year.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 2, 1966

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	T	Burwell	0	Chadron	T
Lincoln	.44	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	.02	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.40			Sidney	0
Sioux City	.06				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1965



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)

		1965										1966			
		December										January			
		27th		28th		29th		30th		31st		1st		2nd	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	38	29	53	40	57	34	58	22	48	29	38	12	38	29
	Scottsbluff	36	13	40	31	52	31	53	22	48	20	39	10	36	22
	Sidney	34	16	43	31	53	27	56	22	45	18	41	15	35	16
NC	Burwell	29	20	38	28	44	25	47	25	50	24	42	20	38	--
	Valentine	37	24	44	36	55	29	53	23	50	28	45	16	36	--
NE	Norfolk	21	16	38	32	46	28	51	29	46	22	34	16	34	14
	Sioux City	25	19	36	35	46	34	54	30	50	25	40	19	27	13
CEN	Grand Island	29	20	40	31	50	26	54	28	51	25	34	24	40	22
EC	Lincoln	24	20	40	36	51	35	60	37	52	25	40	26	38	27
	Omaha	19	14	34	34	49	37	59	33	50	28	38	25	32	22
SW	Imperial	38	19	49	27	50	29	65	23	49	20	45	20	38	16
	North Platte	33	20	39	20	39	24	53	24	50	24	43	22	36	17

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