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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 12/8/69

WEATHER It was fair and mild the first part of the week--cloudy, cool and snowy the latter part. At the end of the week most of the State had a snow cover of one to three inches. A number of sites had depths of four or more inches on the ground and amounts ranged from six to ten inches from Tecumseh to Omaha.

Weekly temperatures averaged from one to three degrees above normal.

CROPS Harvest of remaining corn and milo fields made fairly good progress during the week. The pace was a little slower for corn because of high moisture content and insufficient drying and storage facilities. About 93 percent of the corn is harvested. Milo harvest is nearly complete with only occasional fields uncut. Storage of the record grain crop is a major problem in many areas. Grain is piled on the ground on many farms, and many elevator storage facilities lack capacity to store the harvest. Numerous cases of molding and spoilage of harvested grain, both on farms and off farms, are reported. Drying facilities are in great demand. Recent snowfall has added to the problems of preventing further deterioration of the harvested grain.

Sugar beet harvest is in the final stages. Some of the late harvested crop has a low sugar content.

Fall plowing and fertilizing is well advanced, and shredding of stalks was widespread during the six days favorable for farm work last week.

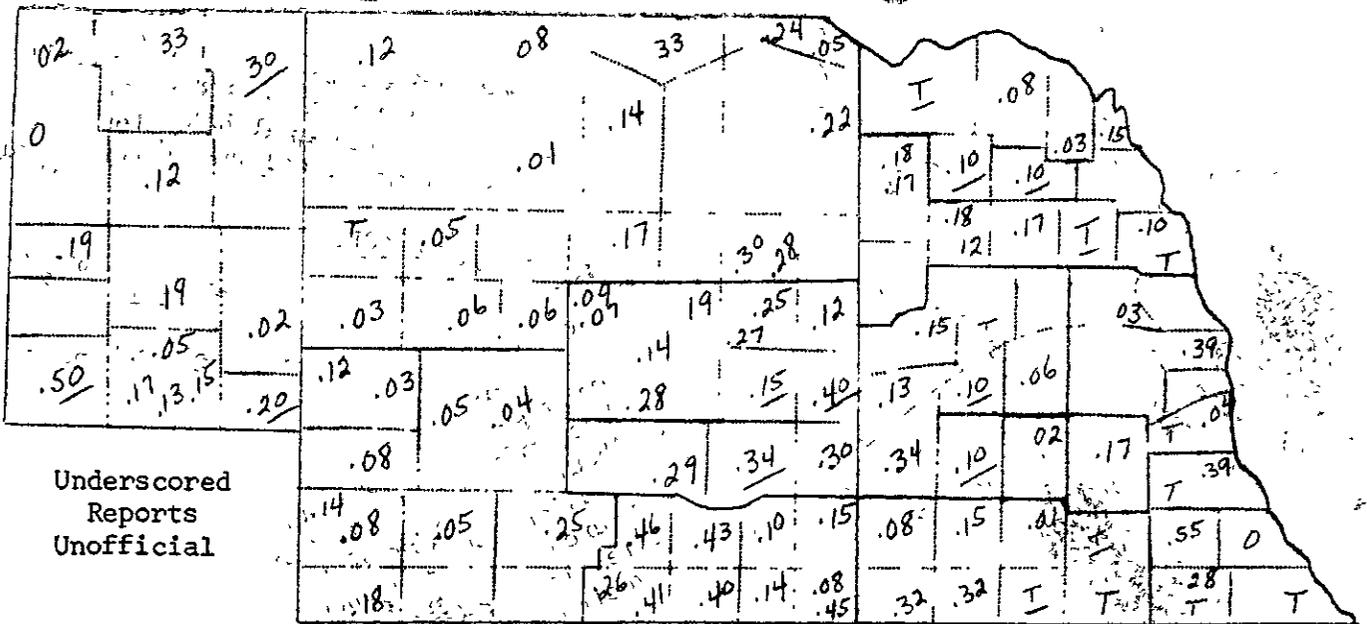
Wheat and rye continue in good condition. Soil moisture is well above average. Favorable temperatures have promoted growth of the late plantings. Pastures and ranges have remained open until the light snow cover arrived at the end of the week. Many livestock have been gleaning stalk fields.

LIVESTOCK Livestock continue in good to excellent condition. Temperatures have been favorable for young and newborn animals and for putting on gains in feed lots. Feedlot movements are seasonal with open weather favorable for utilizing fallen grain and field feeds.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 7, 1969

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.30	Burwell	.30	Chadron	.35
Lincoln	.41	North Platte	.05	Imperial	.08
Norfolk	.20	Valentine	.08	Scottsbluff	.21
Omaha	.76			Sidney	.13
Sioux City	.43				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 5, 1969



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Day-time highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Night-time lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CST)

		December													
		1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	64	17	53	16	50	23	46	32	35	30	37	19	26	14
	Scottsbluff	59	25	58	21	53	26	39	26	36	32	35	10	26	15
	Sidney	62	24	59	20	57	23	36	23	34	18	33	9	27	11
NC	Burwell	62	24	52	16	42	17	38	27	34	29	33	5	29	--
	Valentine	65	26	53	15	42	17	40	28	33	31	33	12	25	12
NE	Norfolk	60	31	50	24	43	16	38	28	31	29	33	12	31	12
	Sioux City	59	27	48	25	43	13	36	29	33	30	33	18	31	16
CEN	Grand Island	59	30	54	21	45	17	39	29	33	30	33	14	31	12
EC	Lincoln	59	38	53	30	47	22	39	33	38	33	35	22	33	17
	Omaha	56	33	53	25	43	16	36	29	35	30	32	19	30	11
SW	Imperial	61	28	55	20	54	18	36	23	35	29	35	12	31	14
	North Platte	59	19	55	14	49	14	34	26	34	32	33	11	30	5

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