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WEATHER The preceding week, as well as the week end of the 25th, was cold with a few periods of light precipitation. Temperatures averaged three to six degrees below normal in the Panhandle and south to near normal elsewhere. Measurable precipitation was confined mainly to the southeast half of the State.

CROPS Harvest of corn and sorghum resumed last week, but progress was very slow. The snow has melted in some areas, but many fields are still snow filled. Open fields are now freezing enough to support harvesting equipment early in the morning. Snow covered fields are not freezing, and harvest of these fields is very slow or impossible.

Corn harvest was quite slow and sporadic. Some harvesting was completed in the north-east early in the week, but harvesting in most areas did not get started until Wednesday or Friday. The corn crop is generally in fair to good condition, but more reports of moldy corn have been received. Drying equipment in some areas is becoming critical with most of the corn requiring drying. Currently 48% of the crop is harvested compared with 95% last year and 88% normal. Corn harvested last week was averaging 22% moisture. Approximately 275 million bushels remain in the field.

Sorghum harvest advanced 1 point last week to 64% complete compared with 98% last year and normal at 95%. Most sorghum fields are still impassible for heavy harvesting equipment, and many of the fields that were lodged still have the heads snow covered or lying on the ground. Many farmers are attempting to buy or rent special pick up attachments for harvest of lodged sorghum. Nearly 50 million bushels remain to be harvested.

Soybean harvest is unchanged from last week at 85% completed compared with 100% last year and normal at 99%. Approximately 4 million bushels remain unharvested.

Winter wheat remains in good condition with most of the fields snow covered or partially snow covered.

LIVESTOCK Livestock are still under stress and feedlots remain very muddy. Cattle are grazing stalk fields where possible or are being fed hay.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING 11/26/72

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	T	Burwell	T	Chadron	T
Lincoln	.06	North Platte	T	Imperial	T
Norfolk	T	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	.01
Omaha	.04			Sidney	T
Sioux City	.01				

