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WEATHER The past week was dry and mild; no measurable precipitation fell during the week ending the 21st.

Temperatures averaged four to 12 degrees above normal; the largest departures from the norm were reported in the west. The cold spell which had been predominate since the 2nd was broken on the 18th and was followed by mild weather. Most of the snow cover melted during the mild spell. Reported extremes were from -20 degrees at Madison on the 16th to 62 degrees at Burwell on the 22nd.

On the week end of the 23rd and 24th colder air drove temperatures over the eastern two-thirds of the State back to seasonal normals. Rain and freezing rain occurred in the southeast on the 23rd.

CROPS Harvest continued to show progress last week as weather conditions improved. Most of the snow has melted except where it was drifted. Fields are now very muddy, necessitating early morning and late evening harvest. Fuel shortages for grain drying are slowing harvest in some areas.

Corn harvest is now 90% complete. Fields are quite muddy and progress is very slow. Moisture content of grain harvested last week averaged 21%, down 1 point from the previous week. The unharvested corn is in good condition with very little field loss to date. More than 50 million bushels of corn remain in the field.

Sorghum harvest advanced to 90% complete. Progress is very slow as most remaining fields are severely lodged. Most of the snow cover is gone, but mud problems and wet stalks are causing high field losses. Approximately 14 million bushels of sorghum remain to be harvested.

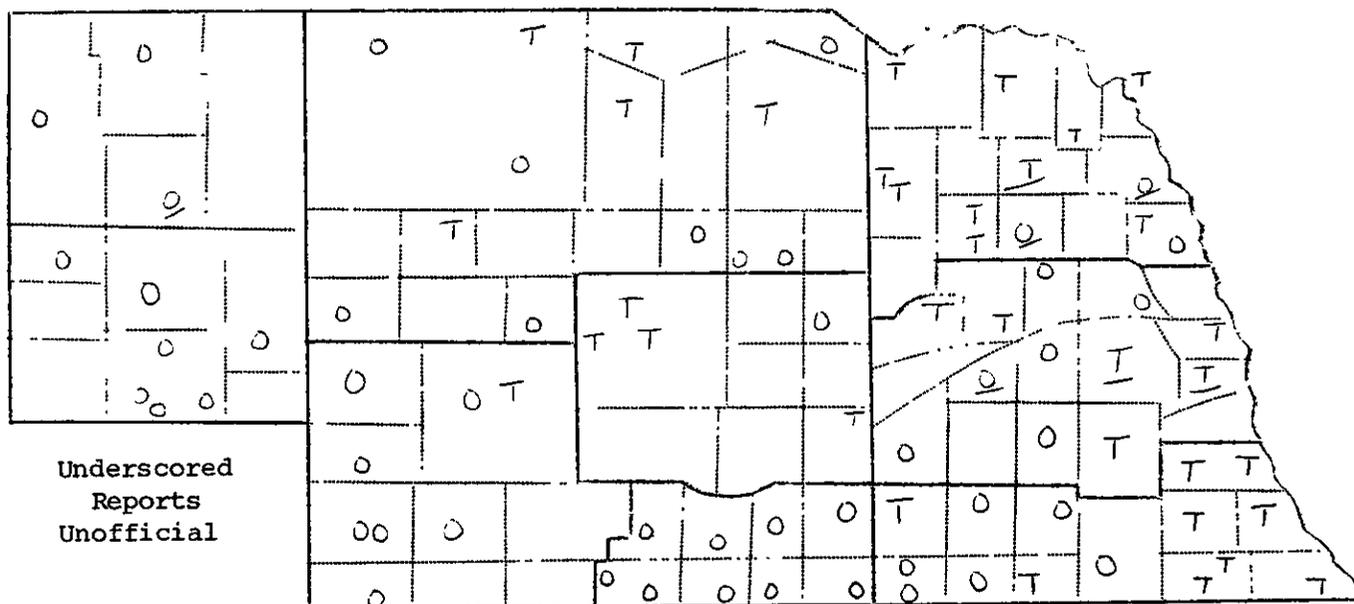
Soybean harvest is 94% complete for the third week. Snow and muddy fields have prevented harvest operations. Harvest will resume when other crops have been harvested or conditions permit. Winter wheat is in good condition with adequate to surplus soil moisture.

LIVESTOCK Livestock are in good condition and continue to graze stalk fields. About 20% of the reports indicate below average hay and forage supplies on hand, with the remainder average or above.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING 12/25/72

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

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 25, 1972



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Daytime highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
Nighttime lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CST)

		December 18th		19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	44	24	47	29	43	29	52	36	57	36	36	20	49	33
	Scottsbluff	45	28	49	33	48	27	53	40	60	38	47	28	54	35
	Sidney	47	29	46	33	46	27	48	33	54	36	41	27	44	30
NC	Burwell	46	36	36	22	48	24	46	32	62	23	35	19	37	--
	Valentine	42	32	39	25	47	23	50	33	59	34	38	18	51	32
NE	Norfolk	38	26	35	31	44	30	36	27	52	34	44	18	30	29
	Sioux City	34	23	34	29	39	29	31	23	43	35	38	21	31	31
CEN	Grand Island	37	31	35	28	46	29	40	36	55	34	41	22	29	29
EC	Lincoln	36	24	37	33	48	32	40	28	52	30	39	23	33	30
	Omaha	35	28	34	31	39	27	33	26	44	34	38	20	30	29
SW	Imperial	44	26	43	27	45	27	44	33	50	35	45	--	43	30
	North Platte	42	19	41	21	50	21	43	27	52	30	43	14	41	23

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