An Ocean Of Sugar Beets

Ocean of beets looks as if it laps at the base of Hemingford's grain elevators barely discernible at the skyline upper center. It is the longest pile of potential sugar in Box Butte county at Nida beet dump and measures 120-ft. wide and 1,400-feet long at the base, about 90x1,370 at the top of the 25-ft high pile. It contains right at 40,000 tons this morning (Oct. 26), and the county crop reached about 180,000 tons total by that time with harvest 98 pct. completed in Hemingford area and 90 pct. completed in Alliance area, averaging 16 to 17 ton per acre in Hemingford area and 18 to 20½ ton per acre in Alliance area, sugar content from 17 to 17½ percent.

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