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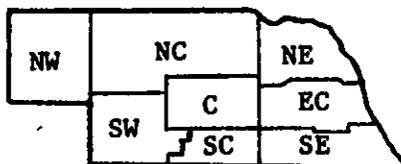
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WEATHER

It was cold midweek but very warm at the beginning and end. Temperatures averaged up to six degrees above normal. A freeze occurred Wednesday and Thursday mornings in the Panhandle and north central portion. Rain was widespread with the northwest receiving a quarter to a half an inch and the southeast from one to two inches.

GENERAL

Fieldwork was active early in the week only to be halted again at midweek by rains covering much of the State. Panhandle moisture receipts were still very light and irrigators began providing water to slow germinating sugar beet and corn fields. Most farmers were anxious to get into fields but welcomed the additional moisture. The on and off again fieldwork conditions have caused some bottlenecks at suppliers as producers have worked sporadically to ready fields for planting. Statewide, 3.9 days were considered suitable for fieldwork.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 17% short, 63% adequate and 20% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 20% short, 76% adequate and 4% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture supplies rated 31% short, 63% adequate and 6% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 79% short and 21% adequate.

CROPS

Corn planting was 15% complete compared to 45% planted last year and 30% normal. Planting was most advanced in the Panhandle with over 25% in the ground and least advanced in the southeast with just over 5% planted.

Oats seeding was 98% complete compared to 100% last year and 95% normal. Early planted oats has emerged and was showing good growth.

Nebraska's winter wheat crop rated 40% fair, 51% good and 9% excellent. Thirty-five percent of the crop had jointed, same as normal. A year ago, 90% of the crop had jointed and 15% was headed due to abnormally warm spring temperatures.

Alfalfa condition rated 22% fair, 65% good and 13% excellent.

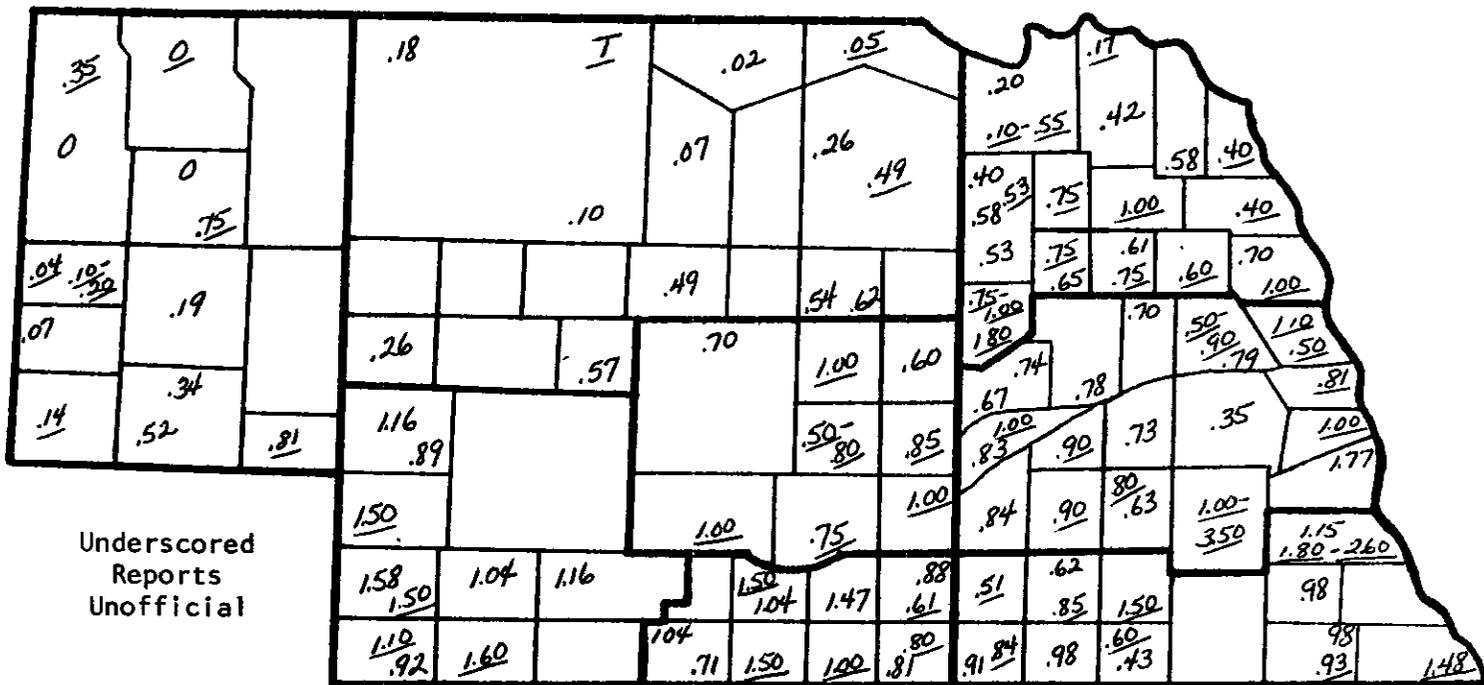
LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated 38% short and 62% adequate. Shortest conditions continue to exist in the Panhandle with only 10% of the counties indicating adequate range feed. Pastures were making good growth in most central, east central and southeastern areas.

Precipitation, April 1 - May 7, 1982

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week20	.30	.50	.70	.80	1.00	1.00	.90
Total since April 170	1.50	1.70	2.70	3.00	2.50	3.30	3.60
Normal since April 1	2.30	2.67	3.09	2.88	3.34	2.42	2.87	3.52

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1982



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, MAY 9, 1982

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	87	23	54	--	T
Scottsbluff	84	23	54	+1	.05
Sidney	84	28	53	--	1.28
NC Ord	83	32	56	--	.72
Valentine	89	28	57	+3	.09
NE Norfolk	81	43	63	+6	.59
Sioux City	85	38	63	+5	.41
CEN Grand Island	83	39	61	+4	.61
EC Lincoln	83	37	63	+4	.54
Omaha	82	43	63	+5	.84
SW Imperial	85	33	57	--	.50
North Platte	86	33	58	+3	.42

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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