

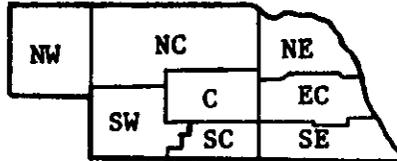
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WEATHER

The week was mild with only the east receiving some showers. Precipitation ranged from traces up to two-tenths of an inch. Average temperatures ranged from four to eight degrees above normal.

GENERAL

Fair skies and mild conditions last week allowed farmers to continue spring fieldwork. Planting of spring grains continued strong as oat seeding reached the 3/4 mark. Seedbed preparation and fertilizer applications were other familiar activities. While the lack of precipitation has aided spring fieldwork, reports from across the State indicated the need for additional moisture for proper germination of spring grains and development of winter wheat and pasture. The number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.4.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 56% short and 44% adequate. Subsoil supplies were 28% short and 72% adequate. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 23% adequate and 77% surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 4% short, 55% adequate and 41% surplus.

Precipitation, April 1 - April 12, 1985

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week.....	.05	.02	.06	.01	.02	.01	.03	.07
Total since April 1.....	.25	.30	.65	.27	.54	.36	.65	.68
Normal since April 1.....	.60	.68	.90	.74	.95	.60	.72	.95

CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 42% fair and 58% good. Reports across the State indicated the need for moisture for proper development. Winter kill damage still appeared light, although some reports from central Nebraska indicated damage to be average or above. Weed problems appeared in the southwestern and south central districts, particularly with Pennycress. Scattered reports of crown and root rot damage and soil-borne mosaic concerned growers in several counties in east central and southeastern Nebraska.

Oat seeding was 75% complete compared to 3% last year and 30% average. Additional moisture is needed to aid germination. Some early plantings have emerged.

LIVESTOCK

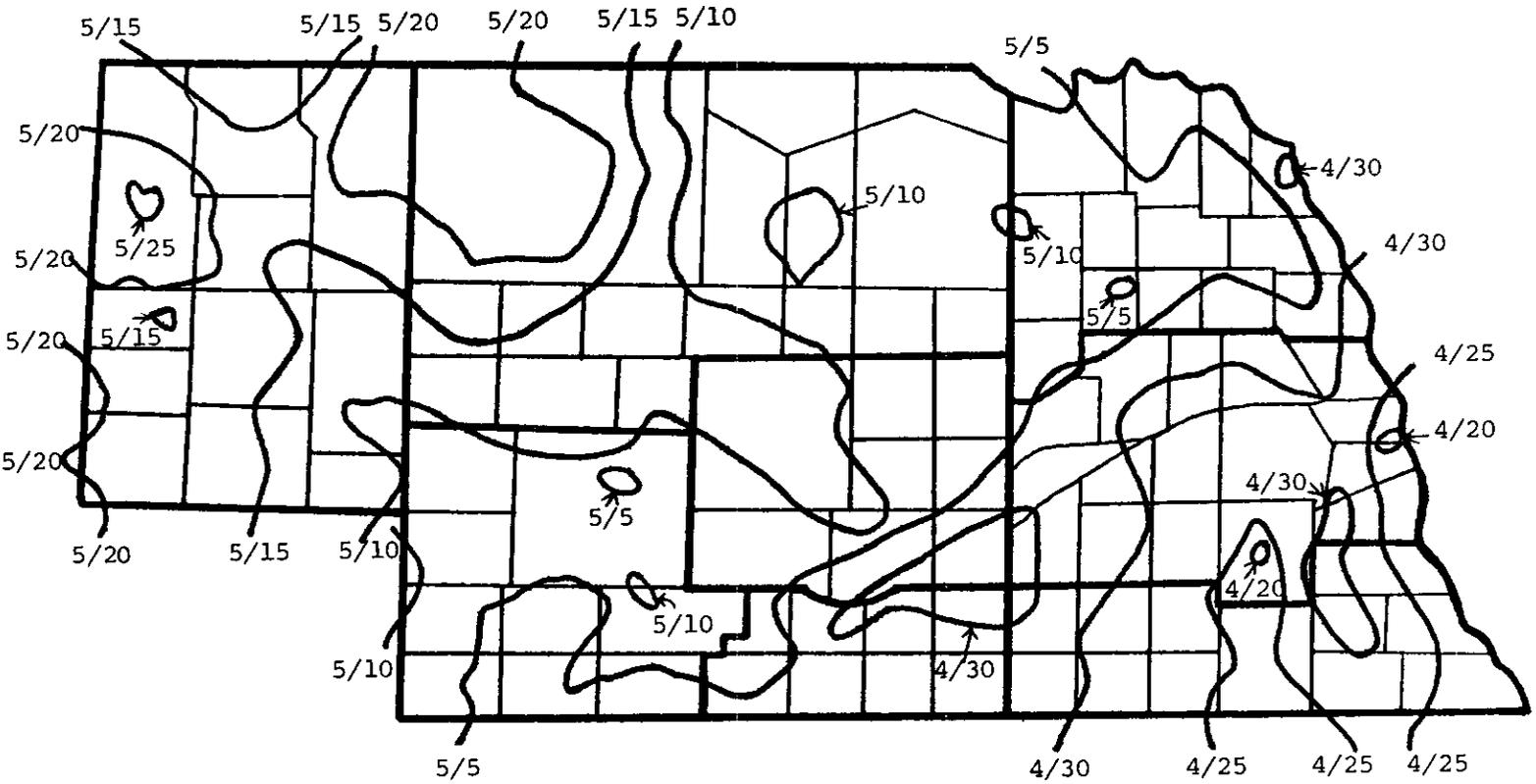
Calving and lambing continued smoothly as death losses remained low. Feedlots were dry and dusty, however, livestock conditions were reported good to excellent as mild conditions prevailed. Pasture and range supplies rated mostly adequate to short while feed grain supplies were adequate or above.

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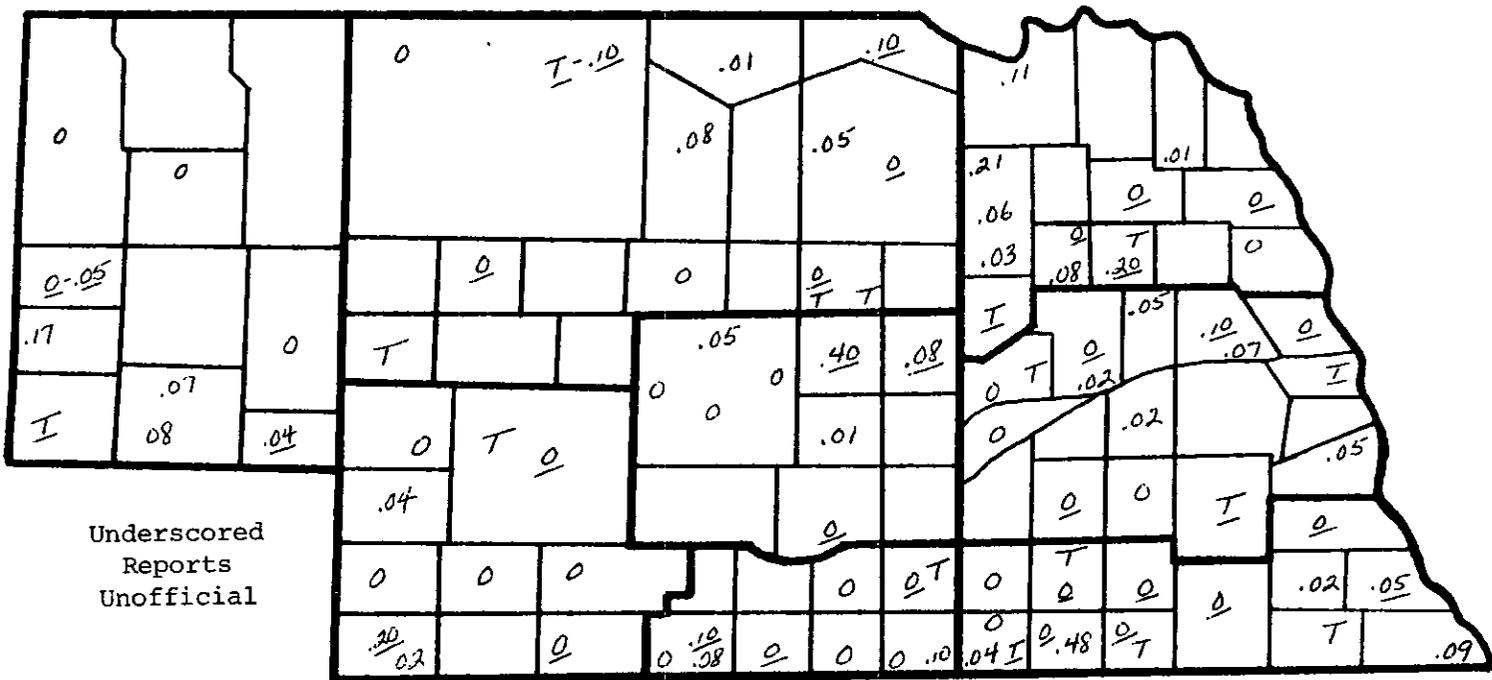
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AVERAGE DATE OF LAST 32°F TEMPERATURE IN SPRING 1/



1/ Map based on data from the 50-year period 1921-1970.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1985



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 1985

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	85	11	53	--	0
Scottsbluff	85	14	52	+7	T
Sidney	80	21	51	--	T
NC Ord	85	17	53	--	0
Valentine	87	16	52	+8	0
NE Norfolk	86	26	52	+5	.02
Sioux City	85	26	53	+5	T
CEN Grand Island	82	25	52	+4	T
EC Lincoln	82	24	53	+4	.01
Omaha	79	29	53	+4	.13
SW Imperial	82	22	54	--	0
North Platte	84	16	50	+4	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.