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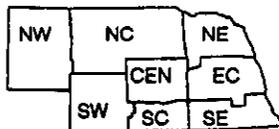
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged from seven to nine degrees above normals in the east to twelve to fourteen degrees above in the west. Precipitation was widely scattered with most amounts averaging less than a tenth of an inch across the State except in the Panhandle where Scottsbluff received .90 inch of precipitation.

GENERAL

Weather conditions over most of the State last week were ideal for seedbed preparations, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Producer activities included tillage operations, pre-plant chemical applications, and a good start at corn planting. Some central areas affected by the power outage caused by the snow storm two weeks ago continue to be without regular electricity. This has caused some fieldwork delays due to additional producer activities out of the field.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition was rated at 5% poor, 20% fair, 61% good, and 14% excellent. Additional moisture continues to be necessary to the developing wheat crop.

CROPS (Cont.)

To date, 8% of the crop has jointed and compares with 8% last year and 17% for the five-year average.

Oat planting progressed to 96% complete as of Sunday. This compares with 18% last year and 76% for the average. Moisture would be welcomed to insure proper growth.

Corn planting made an excellent start last week with 14% of the acreage planted by week's end. This compares with 1% last year and 7% for the five-year average. Planting was most advanced in south central and Panhandle fields. Soil preparations and chemical applications progressed favorably. With the limited rainfall, some producers with pivots have had to irrigate to insure emergence.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 96% of normal and compares with 97% last year. Spring calving progressed well at 92% complete. Calf losses this spring were rated at 33% below average and 67% average. Supplemental feeding continued as producers wait for more grass growth. Moisture and warmer temperatures are needed to provide adequate grazing potential.

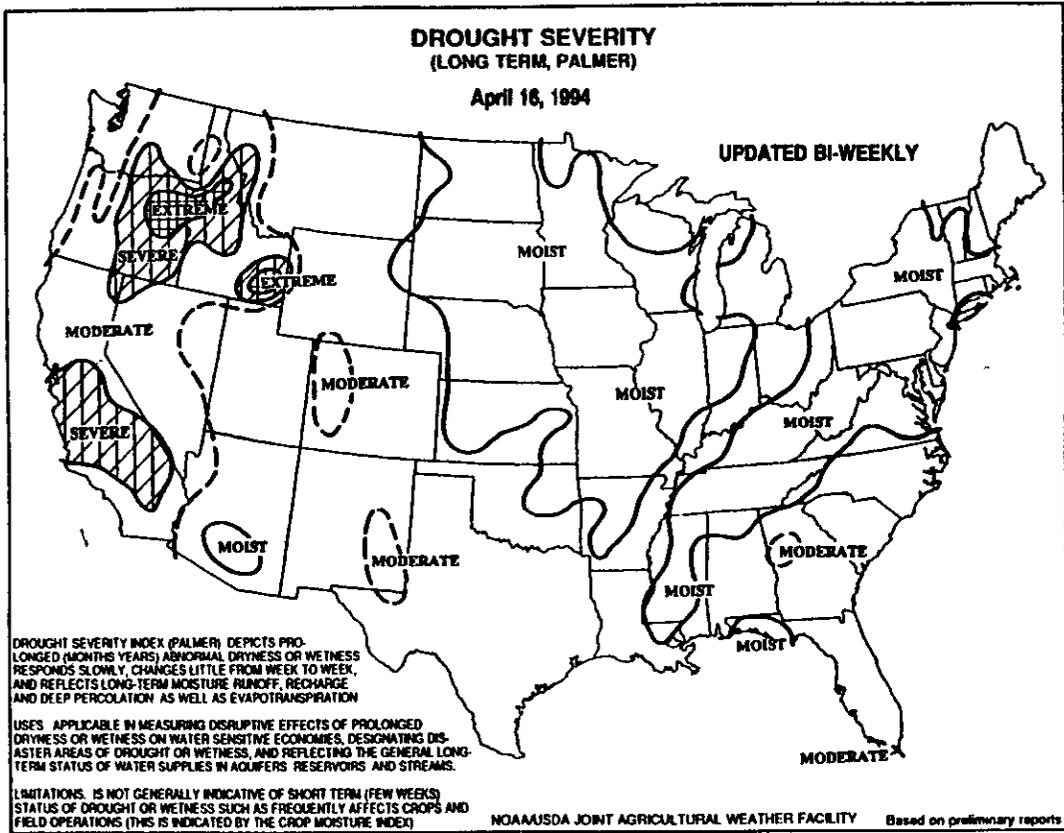
FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF APRIL 24, 1994	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% corn planted	24	5	11	8	12	8	35	21	14	1	1	7
% wheat jointed	3	10	21	6	4	13	9	9	8	1	8	17
% oats sown	53	100	100	86	100	100	100	100	96	86	18	76
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF APRIL 22, 1994												
Days suitable	6.4	7.0	6.7	7.0	6.0	6.6	6.7	5.7	6.4	3.0	2.2	
Topsoil moisture - Short	80	50	29	25	39	67	50	0	41	14	0	
(Percent) - Adequate	20	50	71	75	61	33	50	100	59	75	53	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	47	
Subsoil moisture - Short	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	
(Percent) - Adequate	80	100	100	100	94	100	100	100	96	91	67	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	2	5	33	

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