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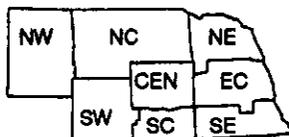
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WEATHER

Temperatures for the week averaged near normals except in the Panhandle where they were up to six degrees above normals. Precipitation amounts varied from traces in the central portion up to nearly an inch in the northwest.

GENERAL

Favorable weather conditions last week allowed fieldwork in many locations, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Producers were shredding stalks, applying dry fertilizer and anhydrous, and discing where field conditions allowed. Other producer activities included moving farm stored grain to market, caring for livestock, and obtaining spring planting supplies.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition was rated at 10% excellent, 68% good, and 22% fair. Wheat that was growing at a

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faster than normal pace was causing concerns due to the possibility of a killing frost yet this spring.

Oat planting made good progress last week and as of Sunday, 26% had been sown. This compares to 64% last year and 49% for the five-year average.

Sugar beet planting had begun in the Panhandle. Moisture is needed to insure proper emergence.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at mostly good to fair. Spring calving continued to move along with 77% complete. Calf losses have been minimal. Scours were the main concern due to varying weather patterns.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF APRIL 9, 1995	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Oats Sown	26	25	12	48	37	42	86	68	26	10	64	49
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF APRIL 7, 1995												
Days suitable	5.6	5.3	4.0	5.3	4.6	4.6	6.4	5.6	5.1	0.6	6.4	
Topsoil Moisture - Very Short	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	
(Percent) - Short	76	17	7	7	8	19	16	1	20	4	72	
- Adequate	19	82	85	93	84	78	84	99	76	81	28	
- Surplus	0	1	7	0	8	3	0	0	3	14	0	
Subsoil Moisture - Very Short	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
(Percent) - Short	57	30	5	3	3	27	18	13	20	10	3	
- Adequate	43	68	89	97	82	72	82	87	76	83	95	
- Surplus	0	2	5	0	15	1	0	0	4	7	2	

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