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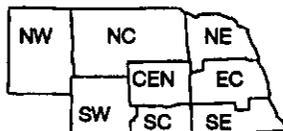
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WEATHER

The week was warm and mild. Temperatures averaged near normals in the east and up to seven degrees above normals in the north central. Beneficial rains of one-half to an inch or better on March 28 and 29 were followed with only light scattered amounts of precipitation during the week.

GENERAL

The main activities of Nebraska farmers and ranchers this past week, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service, included calving and lambing activities and spring fieldwork activities. The fieldwork activities included seedbed preparations, fertilizer and pre-plant herbicide applications, and oat and barley planting where surface conditions were sufficiently dry.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition was rated at 3% very poor, 16% poor, 28% fair, 50% good, and

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3% excellent. Reports continue to indicate some winter kill and uneven stands in some fields. In a few instances, fields or parts of fields were destroyed with the intention of planting an alternate crop this spring. Other producers are still waiting for warmer weather to find out the extent of damage over the winter.

Oat seeding made good progress last week with 52% sown to date. This remains well ahead of last year at this time and the five-year average.

Sugar beet field preparations continued as well as limited planting activity.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was reported at 90% of normal. Spring calving and lambing continued to progress well with few difficulties. To date, 74% of the spring calving is complete. Feedlots are starting to dry out, but remain a problem in some areas.

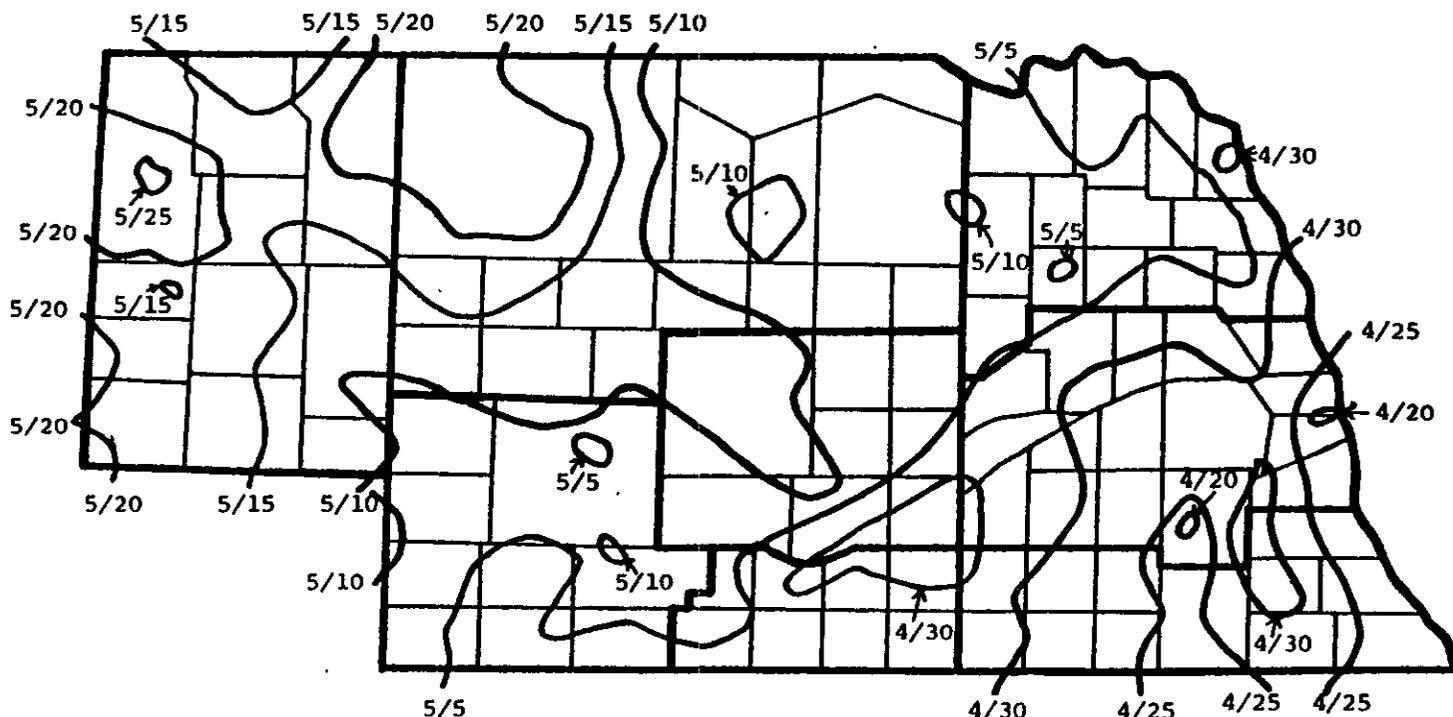
FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF APRIL 5, 1992	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% oats sown	16	60	50	36	52	65	74	80	52	29	38	36
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF APRIL 3, 1992												
Days suitable	5.7	5.5	2.7	4.4	2.1	5.5	2.8	1.3	3.4	5.0	5.4	
Topsoil moisture - Short	21	9	0	0	4	0	0	5	5	4	36	
(Percent) - Adequate	79	91	89	100	85	92	82	74	85	89	61	
- Surplus	0	0	11	0	11	8	18	21	10	7	3	
Subsoil moisture - Short	21	0	6	8	7	0	18	26	11	20	70	
(Percent) - Adequate	79	100	88	92	86	83	64	69	83	75	30	
- Surplus	0	0	6	0	7	17	18	5	6	5	0	

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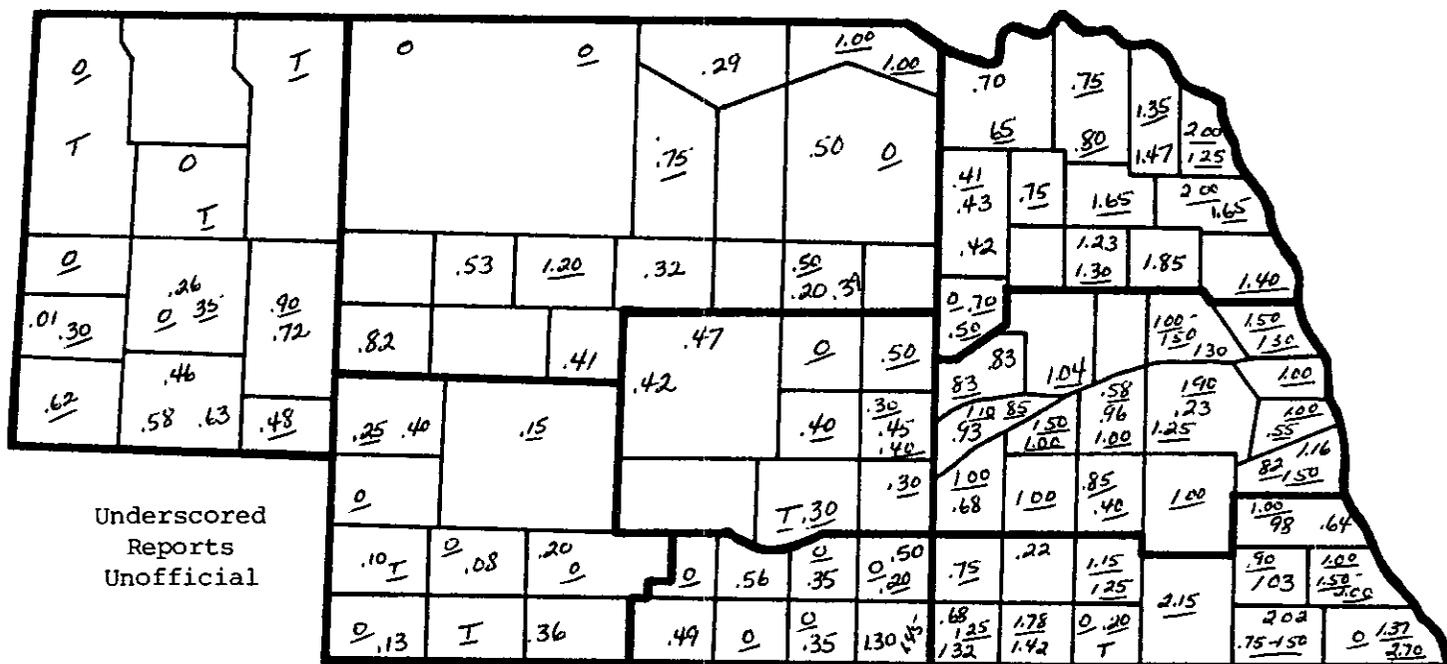
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AVERAGE DATE OF LAST 32°F TEMPERATURE IN SPRING 1/



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

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1992



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 1992

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	82	10	46	---	.01
Scottsbluff	78	10	46	+5	T
Sidney	76	12	47	---	0
NC Valentine	85	10	46	+7	0
NE Norfolk	83	21	45	+3	.01
Sioux City	76	20	44	+1	T
CEN Grand Island	81	20	45	+1	T
Ord	81	18	45	---	0
EC Lincoln	79	20	46	+1	.02
Omaha	72	23	44	0	.02
SW Imperial	78	11	44	---	0
North Platte	80	15	45	+3	.04

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.