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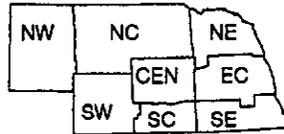
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WEATHER

Temperatures varied across the state from six degrees above normals in the northwest to two degrees below normals in the northeast. Precipitation across the state ranged from a trace to nearly one and a half inches.

GENERAL

Weather during the week took producers on a roller coaster ride, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Record high temperatures occurred in many areas on Thursday then plummeted on Friday. The temperature drop was accompanied by much needed precipitation in the form of rain and snow on Saturday and Sunday. However, most areas still need moisture to recharge low soil profiles. Fieldwork activities across the State the past week consisted of fertilizer applications, seedbed preparations, spring equipment preparation, delivering seed and chemical supplies, grain marketing, and livestock care.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition improved slightly from the previous week and rated 11% very poor, 29% poor, 46% fair, and 14% good. Reporters in the west indicated that

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the crop was beginning to grow but stands were very thin. Signs of winter kill became apparent.

As of Sunday, 51% of the oat crop had been seeded. This compares to 25% last year and 47% for the five-year average. To date, 6% of the crop had emerged, compared to 2% last week. Soil temperatures slowed oats emergence. Weekend moisture receipts will aid crop development.

Corn planting started last week in a few southern and eastern fields, but less than 1% had been seeded overall, about average for the date. The moisture received should encourage planting activities. Sugar beet planting had begun in the Panhandle.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated 2% very poor, 23% poor, 44% fair, 29% good, and 2% excellent. Pastures need moisture and warmer conditions to start growth. Some cattle remain on stalk fields. Supplemental feeding continues to cattle on stalks and in pastures. Spring calving progressed to 82% complete, nearly equal to a year ago. Dry conditions have benefitted cattlemen by reducing calf diseases and keeping lots dry.

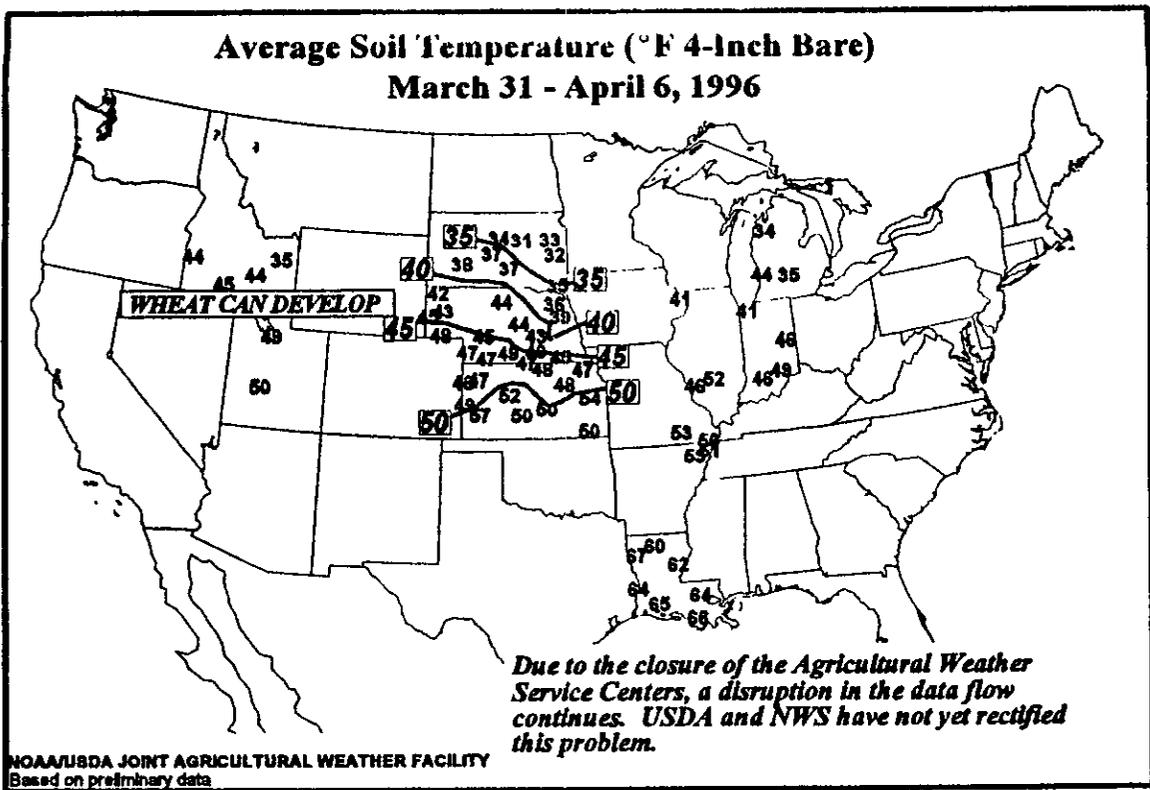
FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF APRIL 14, 1996	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Oats Sown	34	30	45	17	62	63	77	89	51	24	25	47
% Oats Emerged	3	3	2	1	11	9	15	26	6	2	n/a	n/a
WINTER REPORTING AS OF APRIL 12, 1996												
% Cows Calved	92	79	63	80	86	87	87	87	82	71	81	n/a
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF APRIL 12, 1996												
Days suitable	54	63	58	65	64	69	69	70	63	43	09	
Topsoil Moisture - Very Short	9	11	10	35	21	51	64	43	28	18	0	
(Percent) - Short	46	71	37	49	61	38	35	56	51	57	5	
- Adequate	44	17	53	16	18	11	1	1	21	25	64	
- Surplus	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	
Subsoil Moisture - Very Short	2	3	9	0	19	15	34	40	15	13	0	
(Percent) - Short	24	19	31	83	55	65	59	40	43	49	11	
- Adequate	73	74	59	16	26	20	7	20	41	34	77	
- Surplus	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	12	

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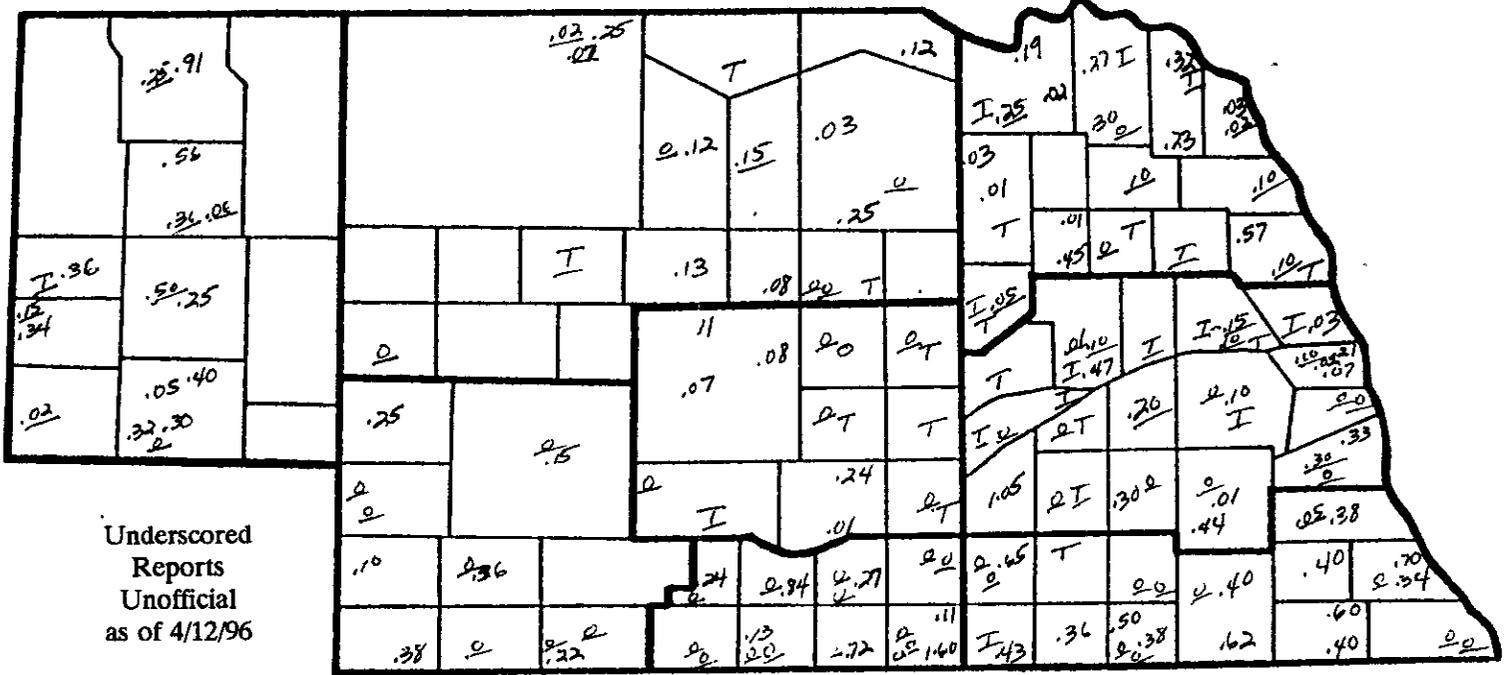
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1996



Precipitation, April 1 - April 13, 1996

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week .....	.43	.11	.14	.05	.22	.24	.56	.44
Total since April 1 .....	.44	.12	.15	.06	.26	.24	.62	.47
Normal since April 1 .....	.75	.91	1.04	1.03	1.17	.78	.88	1.17

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1996

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	90	26	47	---	.91
Scottsbluff	87	27	51	+6	.36
Sidney	83	21	50	---	.30
NC Valentine	88	26	45	+1	.25
NE Norfolk	80	25	45	-2	.01
Sioux City	85	19	46	-2	.03
CEN Grand Island	90	22	48	-1	T
Ord	85	24	47	---	0
EC Lincoln	93	28	50	0	.01
Omaha	93	26	49	-1	.02
SW Imperial	82	26	48	---	.10
North Platte	85	25	48	+2	.15

1/ Precipitation totals not included in ☐ above.