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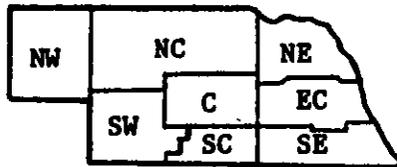
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WEATHER

Beginning of week was warm and dry with conditions turning cool and damp during the last half. Temperatures averaged near normal overall. Precipitation was up to .33 inch in north, but only .10 inch or less in southern Nebraska.

GENERAL

Windy conditions caused loss of soil moisture and some erosion of soils in the western half of the State. In eastern areas, snow cover disappeared and field work resumed as the week closed. The planting of oats was past the halfway mark. In the west, sugar beet planting had begun with peak activity expected soon. Additional moisture supplies were needed in the Panhandle and parts of north-central and southwestern Nebraska for proper germination of spring planted crops. The number of days suitable for field work averaged 3.2.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 36% short, 62% adequate, and 2% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 26% short and 74% adequate. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 34% adequate and 66% surplus.

GENERAL (Cont.)

Subsoil moisture was 5% short, 69% adequate, and 29% surplus.

CROPS

Winter wheat conditions rated 34% fair, 65% good, and 1% excellent. Winter kill damage to fall-planted wheat continues to appear light across the State. The lack of moisture supplies continues a concern in western areas.

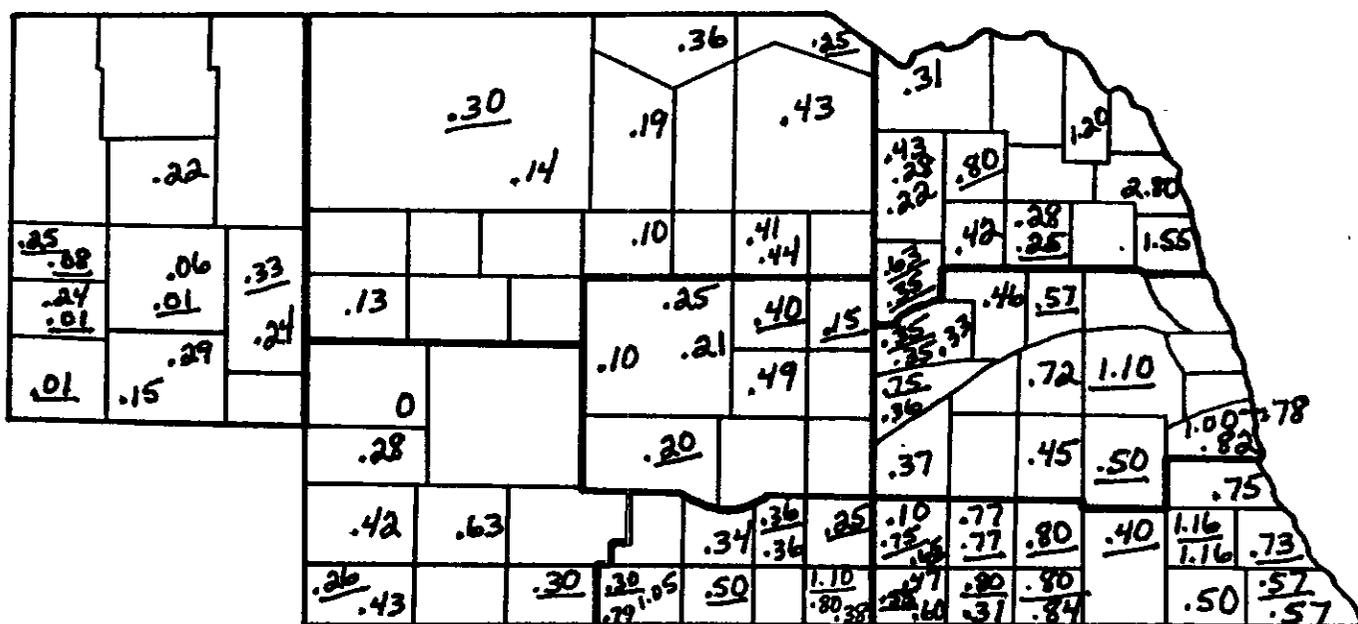
Oats seeding was 60% complete compared to only 2% planted last year and 20% average. Warm weather is needed to insure proper germination and good early crop growth.

LIVESTOCK

Calving was past the halfway mark across the State with excellent results being reported. A few calves were lost due to the storm of a week ago; however, with dry conditions returning, respiratory problems were on the decline. Statewide, pasture and range feed supplies rated mostly adequate to short.

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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1985



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 1985

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	74	21	42	NA	.15
Scottsbluff	77	19	42	0	.15
Sidney	76	19	42	NA	NA
NC Ord	75	23	46	NA	NA
Valentine	75	19	41	0	.37
NE Norfolk	73	23	43	0	.17
Sioux City	71	17	41	0	.15
CEN Grand Island	76	24	46	0	.01
EC Lincoln	74	20	43	-3	.02
Omaha	71	23	43	-2	.02
SW Imperial	78	22	NA	NA	NA
North Platte	76	20	44	0	.10

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.