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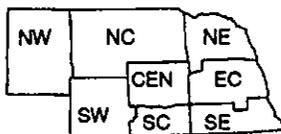
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## WEATHER

Temperatures for the week averaged near normals across the State. Scattered precipitation occurred throughout the week with amounts varying from a tenth of an inch in the north central up to 1.10 inches in the northeast.

## GENERAL

Continued cool, wet weather conditions further delayed spring fieldwork activities, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. As most fieldwork activities were at a standstill, main farm activities included equipment maintenance, acquiring spring planting supplies, monitoring and working with farm-stored grain, and livestock care. Some producers with farm-stored grain carrying excess moisture have been moving grain to market to avoid further problems. With little favorable drying weather for grain in farm storage since harvest, concerns remain high. Producers are anxiously awaiting warmer, drying weather conditions.

## CROPS

Winter wheat condition was rated at 20% fair, 66% good, and 14% excellent. Although the wheat was greening, cool, damp weather conditions continue to slow growth in some areas. Wheat streak mosaic has been confirmed in a few western fields.

## CROPS (Cont.)

Harvest of last fall's unharvested corn made limited progress in a few areas early last week. Intentions remain positive for harvesting many of the remaining acres. No fieldwork activities for spring planting occurred last week due to wet soil conditions and cool, damp weather conditions.

Oat planting made limited progress last week with 2% seeded to date. This compares to a completion rate of 71% a year ago at this time and 64% for the five-year average. This equates to about two and a half weeks behind normal.

Sugar beet ground preparation continued where soil and weather conditions permitted. As with other spring fieldwork activities, planting was behind usual planting schedules.

## LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 97% of normal and compares with 86% of normal last year at this time. Spring calving progressed to 76% complete. Some cows have been moved to pastures for calving as regular calving areas are too muddy. Supplemental feeding remains a necessity until warmer weather promotes the grass growth that will be able to sustain cattle.

| FIELD WORK PROGRESS<br>AS OF APRIL 11, 1993                      | AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | STATE | LAST<br>WEEK | LAST<br>YEAR | AVER-<br>AGE |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | NW                                | NC  | NE  | C   | EC  | SW  | SC  | SE  |       |              |              |              |
| % oats sown  | 6                                 | 6   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 14  | 0   | 3   | 2     | 0            | 71           | 64           |
| WINTER REPORTING<br>AS OF APRIL 9, 1993                          |                                   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |              |              |              |
| % cows calved since January 1                                    | 87                                | 72  | 64  | 77  | 71  | 87  | 89  | 78  | 76    | 68           | 83           |              |
| DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION<br>AS OF APRIL 9, 1993 |                                   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |              |              |              |
| Days suitable  | 1.7                               | 1.9 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.7   | 1.0          | 5.7          |              |
| Topsoil moisture - Short   | 0                                 | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0            | 7            |              |
| (Percent) - Adequate   | 67                                | 38  | 18  | 47  | 30  | 30  | 56  | 18  | 34    | 51           | 91           |              |
| - Surplus  | 33                                | 62  | 82  | 53  | 70  | 70  | 44  | 82  | 66    | 49           | 2            |              |
| Subsoil moisture - Short   | 0                                 | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0            | 13           |              |
| (Percent) - Adequate   | 100                               | 85  | 65  | 67  | 70  | 90  | 67  | 47  | 71    | 75           | 84           |              |
| - Surplus  | 0                                 | 15  | 35  | 33  | 30  | 10  | 33  | 53  | 29    | 25           | 3            |              |

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