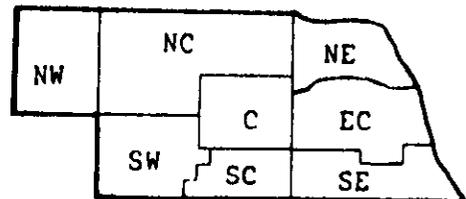


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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged 8 to 14 degrees above normal the entire period. Little or no precipitation fell during the week.

GENERAL

Fieldwork activity began to pick up a little this week with farmers shredding stalks, plowing, fertilizing, and discing in most areas of the State. Oats, spring wheat, and alfalfa seeding has begun. Some reseeding is being done in poor stands of wheat. Fertilizer and fuel are generally in adequate supply for the spring season. According to county agents, weather conditions permitted fieldwork six days during the survey period.

Topsoil moisture, in the face of high winds, deteriorated to 32% adequate and 68% short this past week. This compares with 64% adequate the previous week and 61% adequate the first week of April a year ago. Subsoil moisture supplies were short in 92% of the counties compared with 89% last week and 91% in early April last year. Winds caused blowing soil as fieldwork progressed. Additional spring moisture is badly needed throughout the State.

CROPS

Winter wheat remained in mostly fair condition but deteriorated somewhat because of the high winds. Reports of some wind erosion were received from all districts. Some wheat fields that had severe winterkill or had poor stands from last fall have been reseeded to spring crops. There were reports of some crown rot and root rot in the Northwest, Northeast, and East Central Districts.

Alfalfa and wild hay remain in mostly fair condition.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies are reported short in 76% of the counties compared with 69% last week. Pastures are starting to grow but have very little carrying capacity. Weather continued to be good for calving, keeping any losses to a minimum.

