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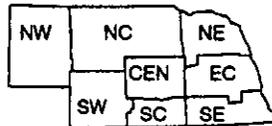
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WEATHER

The week was relatively warm and mild. Temperatures averaged from one to six degrees above normals. Scattered precipitation occurred with amounts varying from traces in the Panhandle up to four-tenths of an inch in the central portion.

GENERAL

Fieldwork activities across the State this past week consisted of seedbed preparations and some planting activities, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Other activities included applying fertilizer and pre-plant herbicides, weed control in wheat, and livestock care.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition was rated at 2% very poor, 21% poor, 42% fair, 29% good, and 6% excellent. Reports continue to indicate winter kill in some fields resulting in thin or spotty stands in some instances. More warmer weather

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will be needed before producers can determine the extent of damage over the winter. Weed control activities have begun in the southwest in fields with thin stands.

Oat seeding made good progress last week with 76% sown to date. This completion rate continues well ahead of last year at this time and the five-year average.

Sugar beet field preparations continued active with planting well underway.

Corn planting started last week in a few fields and was expected to be more active during the next two weeks as weather permits.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was reported at 86% of normal. Pastures have begun to "green up" but warmer temperatures are needed to bring the normal spring growth. Spring calving continued to progress well with limited difficulties due to the mild weather. About 83% of the spring calving has been completed. Branding activity has begun in the west.

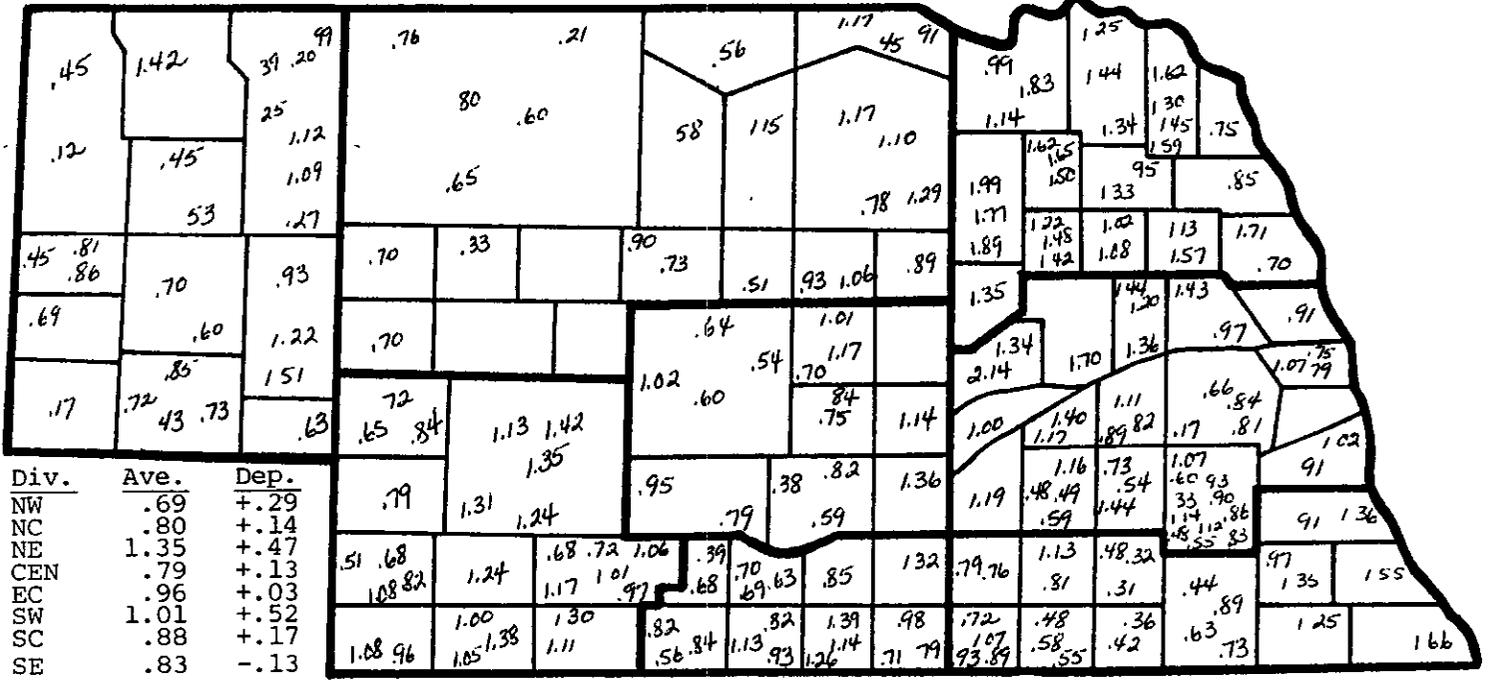
FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF APRIL 12, 1992	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% corn planted	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
% oats sown	69	77	75	72	69	78	93	91	76	52	66	62
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF APRIL 10, 1992												
Days suitable	70	67	63	60	44	66	61	49	5.7	3.4	5.0	
Topsoil moisture - Short	36	8	6	0	0	10	0	6	7	5	34	
(Percent) - Adequate	64	92	94	100	96	80	100	94	91	85	58	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	4	10	0	0	2	10	8	
Subsoil moisture - Short	9	31	0	25	4	0	0	38	13	11	73	
(Percent) - Adequate	91	69	100	75	92	80	100	62	84	83	27	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	4	20	0	0	3	6	0	

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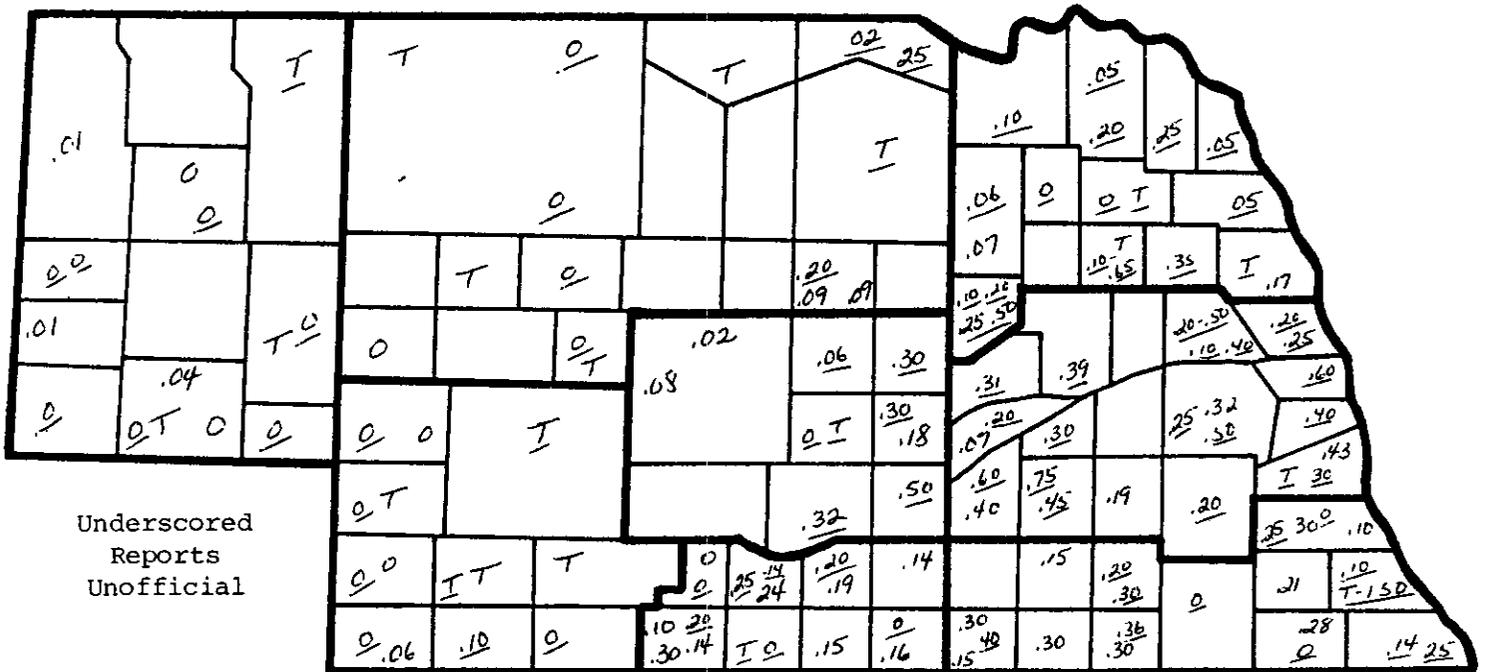
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1992 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Department of Agricultural Meteorology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1992



PRECIPITATION, APRIL 1 - APRIL 10, 1992

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.02	.03	.06	.09	.27	.01	.16	.23
Total since April 1	.02	.03	.06	.09	.27	.01	.16	.23
Normal since April 1	.50	.70	.80	.79	.90	.57	.70	.90

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1992

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	72	29	46	---	.03
Scottsbluff	74	28	48	+4	T
Sidney	73	28	47	---	T
NC Valentine	64	22	45	+2	T
NE Norfolk	77	26	49	+3	.03
Sioux City	71	24	48	+1	.18
CEN Grand Island	77	27	52	+5	.40
Ord	75	27	49	---	0
EC Lincoln	81	29	54	+6	.21
Omaha	79	25	52	+4	.37
SW Imperial	77	32	50	---	.29
North Platte	76	30	51	+6	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in above.