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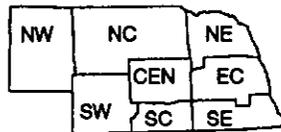
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged around four degrees below normals across the State, except in the northwest where temperatures were near normals. Precipitation occurred the first half of the week with amounts varying from traces in the west up to over an inch and a half in the east.

GENERAL

Producer activities varied little from the previous week due to continued wet soil conditions, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Main activities included equipment repair and maintenance, very limited fieldwork, monitoring and working with farm-stored grain, and calving and lambing activities. Producers are anxiously awaiting warmer, drying weather conditions.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition was rated at 22% fair, 68% good, and 10% excellent. Wheat has been greening up although cool, damp weather has slowed growth in some areas. Western areas, where wheat streak mosaic could be a problem, are conducting laboratory tests.

CROPS (Cont.)

Last fall's unharvested corn made virtually no harvest progress last week. Harvest intentions remain positive although concerns remain about ear spoilage in the field and the spring planting schedule.

Oat planting made virtually no progress last week and remains at less than 1% planted statewide. This compares to a completion rate of 48% last year at this time and 36% for the five-year average.

Preparation of sugar beet ground for planting continues well behind usual due to wet soil conditions.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 98% of normal and compares with 90% of normal last year at this time. Weather conditions this past week gave producers some good and some bad days for calving success. Calving progressed to 68% complete. Muddy conditions continued for cattle in feedlots and other yards for cattle. Supplemental feeding continued as producers wait for spring pastures.

WINTER REPORTING AS OF APRIL 4, 1993	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE			
% Cows Calved since January 1	79	59	49	72	58	84	78	74	68	56	74
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF APRIL 2, 1993											
Days suitable	19	17	0.1	1.3	0.4	2.0	0.7	0.5	1.0	n/a	34
Topsoil Moisture - Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
(Percent) - Adequate	80	92	39	33	19	100	58	6	51	40	85
- Surplus	20	8	61	67	81	0	42	94	49	60	10
Subsoil Moisture - Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
(Percent) - Adequate	100	100	78	44	48	100	67	69	75	77	83
- Surplus	0	0	22	56	52	0	33	31	25	23	6

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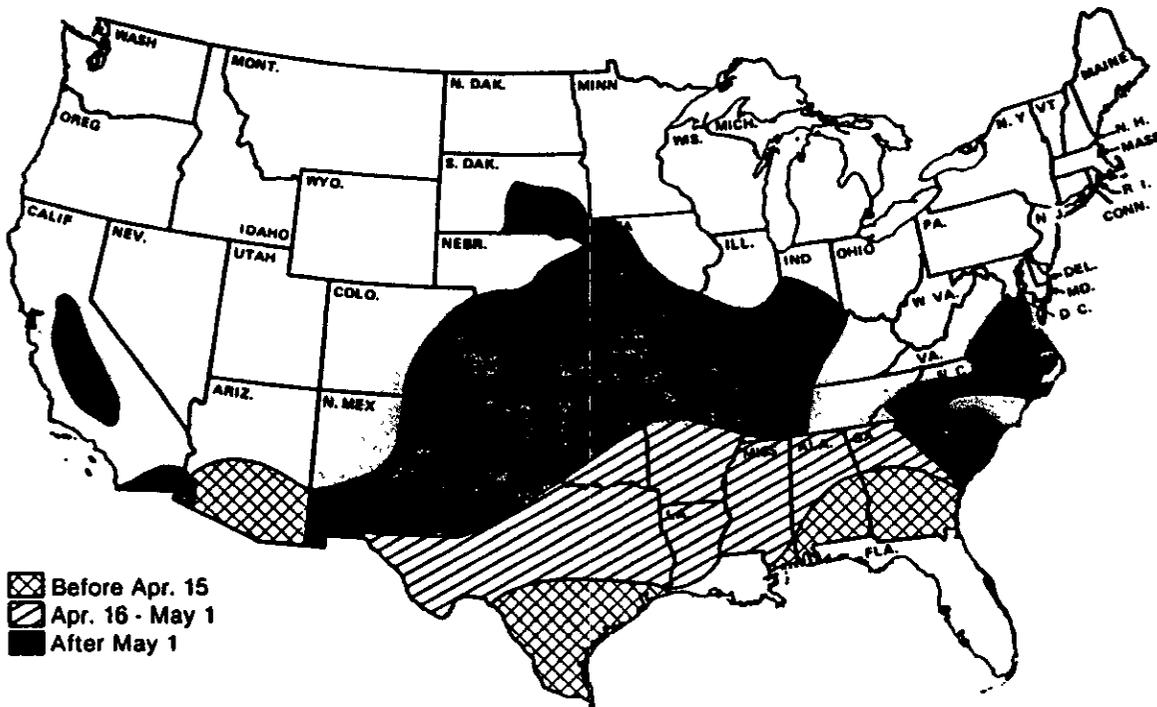
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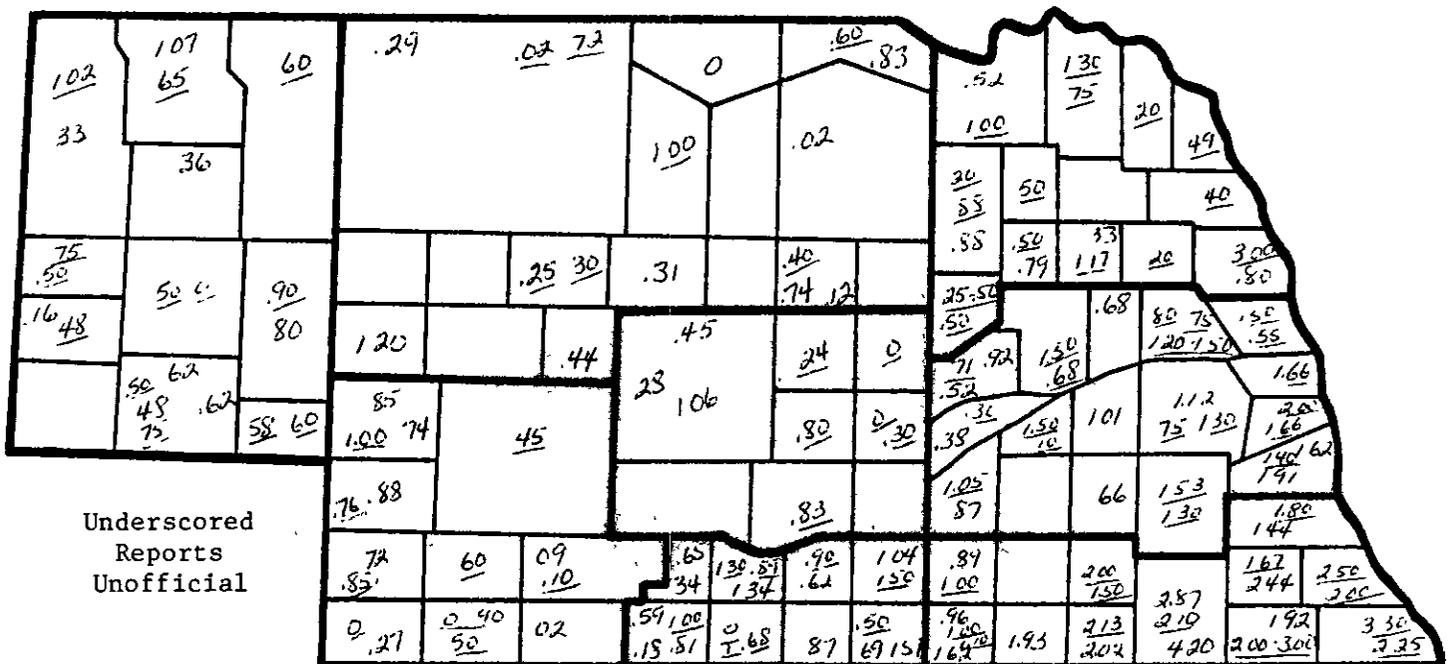
GRAIN SORGHUM

Usual Start of Planting, Principal Areas in the United States



Before Apr. 15
 Apr. 16 - May 1
 After May 1

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1993



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Unofficial

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1993

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	59	32	41	---	.28
	62	26	42	+1	.38
	58	29	40	---	T
NC Valentine	52	20	38	-2	.63
NE Norfolk	60	20	39	-4	.62
	67	20	40	-4	.62
CEN Grand Island	66	20	40	-5	.04
	58	22	40	---	.05
EC Lincoln	75	18	40	-6	1.16
	74	22	40	-5	1.60
SW Imperial	65	26	40	---	.01
	57	20	39	-4	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.