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GENERAL: Statewide, rainfall last week slowed planting activities and improved wheat growth and development prospects, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Producer planting activities made excellent progress until rains limited fieldwork to 2.9 days suitable for the week. Topsoil moisture improved and rated mostly adequate to surplus, with subsoil moisture rated mostly adequate to short.

This release is based on reports and data from county extension educators, FSA county directors, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center.

WEATHER: Temperatures last week averaged two degrees below normals in the Panhandle while the remainder of the State ranged from two to nine degrees above normals. Nearly all reporting points received at least one inch of moisture during the week, with three to four inches common in the eastern half of the State.

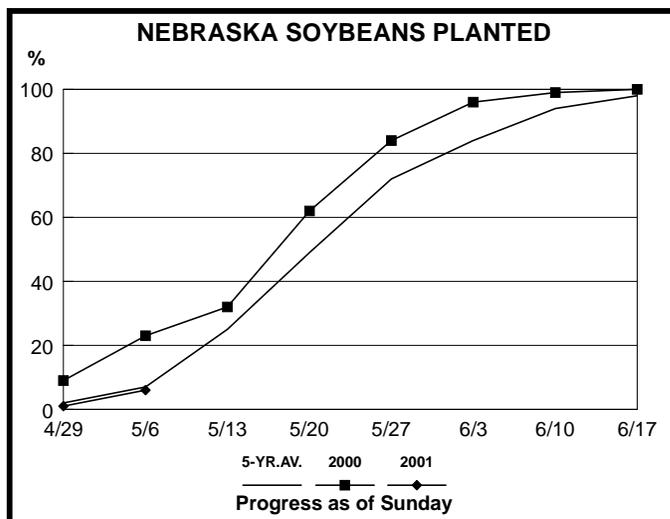
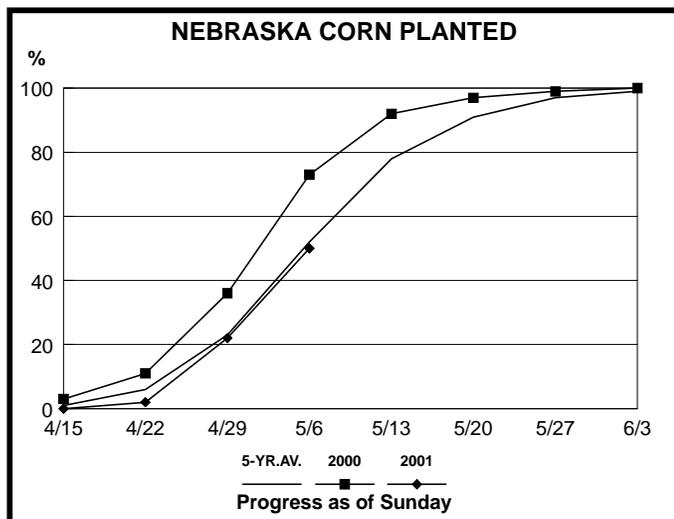
CROPS: Winter Wheat crop rated 2% very poor, 5% poor, 31% fair, 54% good, and 8% excellent. The poorest conditions were being reported in the Central District. About 38% of the

crop had jointed, this compared to 60% last year and 42% for the five-year average. **Corn** planting jumped to 50%, although activities were limited by rains in the latter half of the week. Last year 73% had been planted with the average at 52%. Progress was most advanced in the East Central and Southeastern counties. About 11% had emerged and compared with 21% last year and 6% average. **Soybeans** planting reached 6% complete by weeks end. This compared to 23% last year and 7% average. **Sorghum** planting made limited progress with 3% planted as of Sunday. Last year 3% had been planted and the average showed 2%. **Oat** planting progressed to 83% complete. Planting was complete at this time last year with 97% for the average. Forty-eight percent of the crop had emerged, well behind 92% last year and 75% average. **Sugar beet** planting progressed to 83% complete

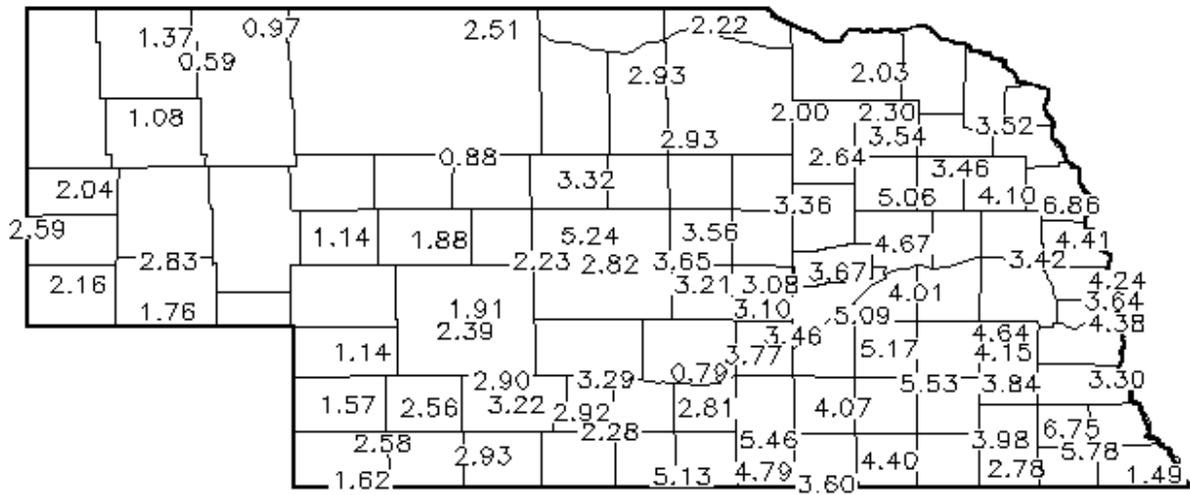
Pasture and range conditions showed improvement again last week and rated 5% very poor, 13% poor, 32% fair, 46% good, and 4% excellent. Pasture and rangeland continued to lag normal development due to the cool spring temperature and the impact of last years drought. Feedlots were muddy.

PROGRESS AND CONDITIONS, NEBRASKA, AS OF MAY 6, 2001

ITEM	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS									STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE					
PERCENT													
% Wheat Jointed	36	10	5	5	24	41	51	27	38	17	60	42	
% Corn Planted	35	23	26	35	67	37	55	82	50	22	73	52	
% Corn Emerged	0	7	5	4	12	3	7	27	11	1	21	6	
% Soybeans Planted	0	1	1	0	7	1	4	15	6	1	23	7	
% Sorghum Planted	0	0	4	0	6	0	1	2	3	1	3	2	
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	3.1	2.3	2.4	3.0	2.9	3.9	3.8	3.3	2.9	4.4	5.8		
Topsoil Moisture - Very short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	17		
- Short	0	1	0	6	0	4	0	0	2	9	46		
- Adequate	90	88	55	72	60	80	85	82	78	85	37		
- Surplus	10	11	45	22	40	16	15	18	20	4	0		
Subsoil Moisture- Very Short	0	0	0	9	1	1	1	4	1	4	39		
- Short	15	8	12	33	25	26	19	41	19	30	39		
- Adequate	85	89	84	58	63	73	80	54	77	65	22		
- Surplus	0	3	4	0	11	0	0	1	3	1	0		



PRECIPITATION IN INCHES FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 6, 2001¹



Item	Precipitation, Nebraska, April 1 - May 6, 2001 ¹								
	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE	
Total past week	1.91	2.22	3.60	3.43	4.23	2.25	3.56	4.38	
Total since April 1	4.71	7.76	7.83	8.59	6.81	4.97	6.37	6.41	
Normal since April 1	2.33	2.73	3.22	3.07	3.45	2.49	2.77	3.50	
Total as % of normal	205%	285%	244%	281%	197%	197%	229%	183%	

¹ Source: High Plains Climate Center data as of 8:00 a.m. Sunday.

TEMPERATURE AND GROWING DEGREE DAY DATA, NEBRASKA, WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2001¹

Station	Temperature				Growing Degree Day Data Since April 15		
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal
	Max	Min					
NW	Chadron	80	40	52	---	---	---
	Scottsbluff	80	33	50	-2	29	154
	Sidney	82	32	51	---	28	147
NC	Valentine	89	48	62	+9	---	---
	Arthur	---	---	---	---	36	168
	O'Neill	---	---	---	---	55	187
NE	Norfolk	93	48	62	+6	---	---
	Sioux City	88	47	62	+5	---	---
	Concord	---	---	---	---	64	197
	Elgin	---	---	---	---	57	191
	West Point	---	---	---	---	70	224
CEN	Grand Island	92	49	62	+6	68	223
	Ord	85	47	60	---	61	200
	Kearney	---	---	---	---	65	217
EC	Lincoln	92	49	65	+7	94	272
	Omaha	89	49	64	+7	---	---
	Central City	---	---	---	---	68	226
	Mead	---	---	---	---	85	256
SW	Imperial	90	41	57	---	---	---
	North Platte	81	44	56	+2	52	200
	Curtis	---	---	---	---	53	199
SC	Holdrege	---	---	---	---	64	218
	Red Cloud	---	---	---	---	89	273
SE	Beatrice	---	---	---	---	90	254
	Clay Center	---	---	---	---	74	239

¹ Temperature data furnished by National Weather Service, Valley, NE. Growing Degree Day data furnished by High Plains Climate Center.

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