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3 April 1952

On 1 and 2 April, overcast weather with rain, snowfall, and strong winds was observed in the northwestern European USSR. Light precipitation in the form of rain and snow was recorded in Belorussia and in the western and northwestern Ukraine. Slightly cloudy weather with light and moderate frosts continued in the eastern regions and the Middle Volga Region.

During the first 12 hours of 2 April, precipitation also occurred locally in the central European USSR. The weather was very warm in the southwestern Ukraine, Crimea, and Transcaucasus. Strong winds were observed in the North Caucasus.

On 2 April, noon temperatures were -10 degrees in Sverdlovsk and Chkalov, -8 in Ufa, -7 in Arkhangel'sk, -4 in Kirov, Kazan', Tambov, and Stalingrad, -2 in Gor'kiy and Kuybyshev, -1 in Velikiye Luki, Moscow, and L'vov, 1 degree above zero in Voroshilovgrad, 2 degrees in Orel and Kursk, 3 in Kiev, 8 in Rostov on the Don, 16 in Odessa, 20 in Yerevan, 21 in Krasnodar, 22 in Kishinev, and 24 in Simferopol'.

Very warm weather was observed in Central Asia, southern Krasnoyarsk Kray, and Irkutsk and Chita oblasti.

No weather report was published in the issue for 5 April 1952

8 April 1952

On 6 and 7 April, warm, mostly slightly cloudy weather was observed in most of the European USSR. Light rain was recorded locally in the southwestern and southern Ukraine. Cold weather prevailed in the eastern European USSR.

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On 7 April, noon temperatures were -9 degrees in Ufa, -7 in Chkalov, -6 in Sverdlovsk, -2 in Kuybyshev, zero in Tambov, 1 degree above zero in Arkhangel'sk, Petrozavodsk, Kirov, Voronezh, and Stalingrad, 2 degrees in Gor'kiy and Kursk, 3 in Orel, L'vov, and Rostov on the Don, 4 in Voroshilovgrad, 5 in Moscow, Vologda, and Dnepropetrovsk, 8 in Leningrad, Minsk, and Nal'chik, 9 in Oessa and Simferopol', 13 in Krasnodar, and 17 in Tbilisi.

Cold weather continued in West Siberia. It continued warm in Central Asia. Considerable rain fell in the mountain regions of Central Asia. Daytime temperatures rose to 14-17 degrees.

10 April 1952

On 8 and 9 April, slightly cloudy, comparatively warm weather continued in most of the European USSR. It was cooler in the Volga Region. Light rain fell in the Baltic countries, Moldavia, and the Transcaucasus; strong winds were observed in the North Caucasus.

On 9 April, daytime temperatures were almost generally above zero. They were 1 degree above zero in Ufa, Orel, and Saratov, 2 degrees in Tambov, Kuybyshev, Voronezh, and Kursk, 3 in Kazan' and Gor'kiy, 4 in Arkhangel'sk, Kirov, Moscow, and Voroshilovgrad, 5 in Leningrad, Vologda, Riga, and Kiev, 7 in Kishinev, Dnepropetrovsk, Simferopol', Makhachkala, and Tbilisi, 8 in Minsk and Odessa, 9 in Krasnodar, and 17 in Yerevan.

Slightly cloudy weather with light and moderate frosts prevailed in most of Kazakhstan and West Siberia. On 9 April, daytime temperatures were -7 degrees in Novosibirsk and Akmolinsk, -6 in Aktyubinsk, -5 in Omsk, and -4 in Barnaul.

The weather became slightly cooler in Central Asia. Temperatures did not rise above 12 degrees.

Due to the warm weather, snow cover has retreated northward to a line running approximately from Aktyubinsk to Kamyshin, the area south of Stalingrad and Boguchar, and Sumy. In Belorussia, snow has disappeared only in the extreme southern portion.

Field work is in progress in the southern Ukraine and in Moldavia. Sowing of spring wheat and spring barley has been reported from southern Rostov Oblast (Gigant Sovkhoz).

Planting of vegetables is proceeding in Central Asia. Almonds, peaches, and apricots are flowering. Apples, pears, and cherries are beginning to flower.

12 April 1952

On 10 and 11 April slightly cloudy weather with wide diurnal temperature variations was observed in most of the European USSR. Light snow was recorded locally in the northwestern regions. Overcast weather with precipitation in the form of snow and rain and strong winds was observed in the Crimea, Caucasus, and eastern Ukraine.

On 11 April, temperatures were generally above zero except in the southern Urals, where they ranged from zero to 2 degrees below zero.

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In West Siberia and most of Kazakhstan, it became warmer, although snow fell locally. In Central Asia and southern Kazakhstan, warm, dry weather replaced the recent cool spell. The weather was favorable for field work in Central Asia.

The snow cover limit has retreated still further northward.

[No weather report was published in the issue for 15 April 1952]

17 April 1952

On 15 and 16 April, mostly clear, warm weather was observed in most of the European USSR. It was cloudy with precipitation in the form of rain and snow in the northern and eastern regions and the Urals.

On 16 April, noon temperatures were generally above zero. They were 4 degrees in Chkalov, 7 in Kazan', 8 in Kirov, 10 in Vologda, 11 in Leningrad, 14 in Moscow, 17 in Kursk and Rostov on the Don, 18 in L'vov, Dnepropetrovsk, and Voroshilovgrad, 20 in Kiev, and 22 in Kishinev and Odessa.

Comparatively warm weather continued in most of West Siberia. Precipitation in the form of rain and snow fell locally.

The line south of which the soil is suitable for sowing runs through Brest, Kharabali (Astrakhan' Oblast), Gur'yev, Kzyl-Orda, and Sorkand (Taldy-Kurgan (oblast). North of this line, field work has not yet been possible because of the muddy condition of the ground. Corn is being planted in the southern Ukraine. Sowing of spring grains has been reported from southern Zhitomir and Kiev oblasts. In Central Asia, spring grains are in the bushing stage.

[No weather report was published in the issue for 19 April 1952.]

22 April 1952

On 20 and 21 April, cool weather prevailed in most of the European USSR. It was warm only in the Ukraine, Lower Volga Region, and North Caucasus; strong winds were recorded locally there. Rain and snow fell in the Middle Volga Region, Bashkir ASSR, and Arkhangel'sk Oblast. Rain also fell in Belorussia, the Ukraine, and the southern European USSR.

On 21 April, temperatures were generally above zero at noon. Noon temperatures were 2 degrees in Kazan', Ufa, and Sverdlovsk, 3 in Kirov and Saratov, 5 in Arkhangel'sk and Gor'kiy, 7 in Moscow and Chkalov, 8 in Leningrad, Kiev, and Stalingrad, 9 in Velikiye Luki and Voroshilovgrad, 10 in Dnepropetrovsk and Krasnodar, 11 in Minsk, 12 in Riga, 14 in Kishinev, 15 in L'vov and Odessa, and 16 in Simferopol'.

Slightly cloudy weather mostly without precipitation was observed in Kazakhstan and West Siberia. Quite heavy rains fell in Alma-Ata Oblast.

It continued warm and dry in Central Asia. Daytime temperatures rose as high as 21 degrees.

Sowing of early spring crops has begun around Valuiki in Kursk Oblast and Uryupinsk in Stalingrad Oblast. Early spring crops have begun to sprout in southern Rostov Oblast and to bush in Central Asia.

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24 April 1952

On 22 and 23 April, slightly cloudy, warm weather was observed in the southern half of the European USSR. It was cloudy and cool and precipitation occurred locally in the northern regions. Cloudy weather prevailed also in the eastern and southeastern regions of the European USSR.

On 23 April, daytime temperatures were 2 degrees in Arkhangel'sk and Petrozavodsk, 3 in Ufa, 4 in Kirov and Sverdlovsk, 5 in Chkalov, 6 in Kazan', 8 in Vologda, Nal'chik, and Makhachkala, 11 in Kuybyshev, 13 in Saratov, Stalingrad, and Tbilisi, 15 in Gor'kiy, 16 in Tambov, Voroshilovgrad, and Rostov on the Don, 17 in Riga, 18 in Simferopol', 19 in Moscow, Orel, and Krasnodar, 20 in Leningrad, Kursk, and Dnepropetrovsk, 21 in Kiev, and 22 in Minsk, L'vov, and Kishinev.

Warm weather continued in Central Asia, eastern Kazakhstan, and southern West Siberia. Cool weather with precipitation in the form of rain and snow and strong winds prevailed in the rest of West Siberia.

Winter crops in the extreme southern Ukraine, in the Crimea, and in the North Caucasus have entered the tube stage; those in Central Asia are continuing in the tube stage. Field work has begun in the Saratov area. Early spring crops are being sown in Kursk, Voronezh, and Stalingrad oblasts. Spring crops have begun to sprout in the southern Ukraine; they are in the 3-leaf stage in Krasnodar Kray, in the bushing stage in Central Asia.

26 April 1952

On 24 and 25 April, warm, clear weather continued in the southern, western, and central European USSR. Cold weather continued in the Baltic countries and the northern and eastern European USSR. Rain was recorded in western Belorussia, the Baltic countries, and Kirov Oblast. Snow cover has retreated to a line running approximately through Kem' and Tot'ma, north of Kirov, and through Kazan' and Ufa.

On 25 April, daytime temperatures were 4 degrees in Sverdlovsk, 5 in Ufa, 6 in Riga and Leningrad, 10 in Chkalov, 14 in Kirov, 16 in Odessa and Simferopol', 17 in Kazan' and L'vov, 18 in Minsk, Orel, Kiev, Kishinev, and Rostov on the Don, 20 in Voroshilovgrad and Stalingrad, 21 in Moscow and Tambov, and 22 in Velikiye Luki, Kuybyshev, and Saratov.

Unstable, cold weather with precipitation in the form of rain and snow was observed in West Siberia and northern Kazakhstan. The colder weather from Kazakhstan has spread to northern and western Central Asia.

In Central Asia, heading of winter crops has been noted and potatoes are sprouting. It is reported from Tadzhikistan that cotton is sprouting there. Field work has begun in southern Altay Kray.

29 April 1952

On 27 and 28 April, slightly cloudy, warm weather with daytime temperatures of 20-25 degrees prevailed in the southern half of the European USSR. Mostly clear, comparatively cold weather was observed in the northern and eastern European USSR. Light rains fell in Belorussia, the Baltic countries, and the western Ukraine. Strong winds were recorded in the North Caucasus and the eastern Ukraine.

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On 28 April, daytime temperatures were zero in Sverdlovsk, 2 degrees in Ufa, 4 in Petrozavodsk, 6 in Kirov, 7 in Chkalov, 10 in Kuybyshev, 12 in Saratov and Makhachkala, 13 in Nal'chik, 14 in Vologda, 17 in Stalingrad and Tbilisi, 18 in Leningrad, Moscow, Voronezh, and Yerevan, 20 in Orel and Kursk, 21 in Riga, 23 in Velikiye Luki, Minsk, Kiev, Kishinev, and Voroshilovgrad, and 25 in Dnepropetrovsk and Rostov on the Don.

Cold, cloudy weather with precipitation in the form of rain in the southern portion and in the form of snow in the western was observed in West Siberia. On 28 April, noon temperatures were 1 degree above zero in Tobol'sk and Novosibirsk, 2 degrees in Omsk, and 4 in Barnaul.

Warm weather continued in Central Asia. Rain fell in the mountainous areas. Daytime temperatures rose to 18-21 degrees.

The line up to which the soil is suitable for sowing has reached the areas around Pskov, Kalinin, Vladimir, Ul'yanovsk, and Chkalov. The soil in the southern portion of West Siberia is now also suitable for sowing.

[No weather report was published in the issue for 1 May 1952]

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