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4 March 1952

On 2 and 3 March, mostly cloudy weather with light snowfalls and light to moderate frosts was observed in most of the European USSR. It was slightly cloudy in Arkhangel'sk Oblast, Komi ASSR, and the Urals.

On 3 March, noon temperatures were -15 degrees in Velikiye Luki, -11 in Sverdlovsk and Minsk, -10 in Leningrad, -8 in Petrozavodsk and Chkalov, -7 in Vologda and Stalingrad, -6 in Saratov, -5 in Moscow, Ufa, Kursk, and Dnepropetrovsk, -4 in Gor'kiy and Kiev, -3 in Kirov, Tambov, and Simferopol', -2 in Arkhangel'sk, Kuybyshev, L'vov, and Rostov on the Don, -1 in Voronezh, 1 degree above zero in Voroshilovgrad, Odessa, and Yerevan, 2 degrees in Kishinev, 3 in Krasnodar, 5 in Makhachkala, and 7 in Tbilisi.

Clear and cold weather prevailed in West Siberia. Strong east winds of up to 7-9 ball intensity and snowstorms were recorded in most of Kazakhstan. Daytime temperatures were -20 degrees in Krasnoyarsk, -16 in Tobol'sk and Omsk, -15 in Akmolinsk, -13 in Novosibirsk, and -12 in Barnaul.

Cloudy and comparatively warm weather prevailed in Central Asia.

6 March 1952

On 4 and 5 March, mostly slightly cloudy weather continued in the northern half of the European USSR. It was cold, and light snow fell in Belorussia, most of the Ukraine, Rostov Oblast, and the Lower Volga Region.

On 5 March, daytime temperatures were -17 degrees in Stalingrad, -11 in L'vov, Chkalov, and Ufa, -9 in Rostov on the Don, Voroshilovgrad, and Saratov, -8 in Kishinev, -7 in Gor'kiy and Velikiye Luki, -6 in Kiev, -5 in Minsk, Vologda, and Arkhangel'sk, -4 in Moscow, -3 in Riga and Leningrad, 1 degree above zero in Odessa, 2 degrees in Krasnodar, and 4 in Simferopol'.

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During the last days, the snow-cover depth has increased in the south-eastern European USSR. Its depth is now 11-20 centimeters in most of Kuybyshev, Saratov, and Stalingrad oblasts and 21-30 centimeters in the northern portions of Saratov and Kuybyshev oblasts.

Cloudless and cold weather continued in West Siberia and most of Kazakhstan. On 5 March, daytime temperatures were -14 degrees in Omsk, -15 in Barnaul, -16 in Novosibirsk, -19 in Semipalatinsk, and -21 in Akmolinsk. Strong winds were observed in West Kazakhstan.

8 March 1952

On 6 and 7 March, mostly clear weather prevailed in most of the European USSR. At night, temperatures dropped to 15-20 degrees below zero, locally to 26 below; during the day, they rose to 3-6 degrees below zero.

Cloudless and cold weather continued in East Siberia and most of Kazakhstan. Daytime temperatures were 12-18 degrees below zero.

The strong winds observed in Kazakhstan during the last days have begun to abate gradually. Cloudy weather with precipitation prevailed in Central Asia. During the night of 7 March, it became cooler there and temperatures dropped to freezing levels.

11 March 1952

On 9 and 10 March, slightly cloudy, cold weather continued in most of the European USSR. It became warmer in the western and southern portions.

Frosts became considerably heavier in the Urals and Middle Volga Region. Strong northeast winds were recorded on the Ukrainian Black Sea shore and in the North Caucasus.

On 10 March, noon temperatures were -17 degrees in Sverdlovsk and Ufa, -15 in Chkalov, -11 in Saratov, -10 in Kuybyshev and Stalingrad, 5 degrees above zero in Krasnodar, 8 degrees in Tbilisi and Yerevan.

On 9 March, quite heavy rains, amounting to more than 10 millimeters locally, fell in Georgia. Light snowfalls occurred in the northwest and locally in the central regions. During the first half of 10 March, snow fell in the northeast and in the central regions.

Cold weather with snowfalls, snowstorms, and strong winds continued in West Siberia. At night, temperatures were 20-25 degrees below zero. On 10 March, noon temperatures were -19 degrees in Tobol'sk, -17 in Omsk, and -11 in Novosibirsk.

Slightly cloudy weather prevailed in East Siberia. Temperatures were about 25-30 degrees below zero at night, 8-12 degrees below zero during the day.

Rain fell locally in Central Asia. Noon temperatures rose to 10-12 degrees above zero.

13 March 1952

On 11 and 12 March, slightly cloudy weather without precipitation prevailed in most of the European USSR. It became cooler in the Ukraine and Volga Region. On 12 March, nighttime temperatures fell to 15-20, locally to 22-24, degrees below zero.

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Colder weather with snowfalls was also recorded in eastern Georgia and in Azerbaydzhan. There, nighttime temperatures fell to 1-3 degrees below zero locally.

On 12 March, noon temperatures were -22 degrees in Chkalov, -15 in Ufa, -11 in Sverdlovsk, -10 in Stalingrad, -9 in Kuybyshev, -8 in Saratov and Kazan', -7 in Tambov, 1 degree above zero in Moscow and Dnepropetrovsk, 2 degrees in Odessa and Riga, and 6 in Krasnodar and Yerevan.

During the first 12 hours of 12 March, snow fell in the Middle Volga Region and in Leningrad Oblast. Locally, snow-cover depth in the Ukraine exceeds 20 centimeters.

It became considerably colder in Kazakhstan, Altay Kray, and Novosibirsk Oblast. Even during the day, temperatures were 16-20, locally 25, degrees below zero. Snow is falling in the western portions of Siberia.

In Central Asia, the weather is cool and rainy.

There were no weather reports in the issues for 15 and 18 March

20 March 1952

On 18 and 19 March, overcast weather with snowfalls, strong winds, and snowstorms was observed in the central European USSR and Middle Volga Region. Slightly cloudy, cold weather prevailed in the Baltic countries, Belorussia, most of the Ukraine, as well as the northern and northeastern European USSR. During the night of 19 March, temperatures dropped to 32-37 degrees below zero in Komi ASSR, 14-17 below in the Baltic countries, Belorussia, and the northern Ukraine, and 6-8 below in the southern Ukraine.

On 19 March, noon temperatures were -12 degrees in Tambov and Kursk, -10 in Moscow, Orel, Voronezh, and Kiev, -9 in Leningrad and Stalingrad, -8 in Saratov, Minsk, and Voroshilovgrad, -7 in Gor'kiy, Kuybyshev, L'vov, Kishinev, and Odessa, -4 in Rostov on the Don, -2 in Simferopol', -1 in Krasnodar, 10 degrees above zero in Tbilisi, and 7 degrees in Yerevan.

Mostly clear weather with light frosts continued in West Siberia. On 19 March, daytime temperatures were 10 degrees below zero in Omsk and Novosibirsk and 4 below in Barnaul.

Warm and mostly dry weather continued in Central Asia and southern Kazakhstan. On 19 March, noon temperatures were 13 degrees in Stalinabad, 11 in Alma-Ata, 10 in Kzyl-Orda, and 6 in Ashkabad.

With weather conditions favorable, sowing of spring grains is in progress in most of Central Asia.

22 March 1952

On 20 and 21 March, cloudy, cold weather continued in most of the European USSR. Quite heavy snowfalls were observed in the Lower Volga Region. Light snow fell locally in the central regions, Ukraine, and North Caucasus.

Except in the extreme southern portion, the Ukraine is covered with snow cover to a depth of 5-10 centimeters.

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On 21 March, noon temperatures were -12 in Minsk, -11 in Kursk, -10 in Riga and Leningrad, -9 in Moscow, Gor'kiy, and Saratov, -8 in Vologda, -7 in Voronezh, Ufa, and Chkalov, -6 in Arkhangel'sk, Kiev, and Stalingrad, and -3 in Rostov on the Don.

Cloudy weather, with light frosts and snowfalls continued in most of Kazakhstan and West Siberia. Rain fell in Central Asia.

[There was no weather report in the issue for 25 March]

27 March 1952

On 25 and 26 March, cloudy weather with light and moderate frosts was observed in most of the European USSR. On 26 March, strong winds with snowfalls and snowstorms occurred in the eastern Ukraine, Saratov Oblast, and Mordva ASSR. Rain fell in the Crimea and southern Ukraine.

On 26 March, noon temperatures were -13 degrees in Leningrad, Velikiye Luki, and Chkalov, -12 in Petrozavodsk, Vologda, and Ufa, -11 in Minsk and Orel, -9 in Riga and Voronezh, -8 in Moscow, Kazan', Kursk, and Kuybyshev, -7 in Arkhangel'sk and Tambov, -3 in Kiev, 2 degrees above zero in Voroshilovgrad, 6 in Kishinev and Rostov on the Don, 7 in Krasnodar, 8 in Simferopol', and 12 in Nal'chik and Tbilisi.

Slightly cloudy weather continued in most of West Siberia and Kazakhstan. Warm and mostly dry weather continued in Central Asia. Temperatures rose to 10-12 degrees above zero.

Orchards are in flower everywhere in Central Asia. In some southern areas, apricots and almonds have finished flowering. It is reported from Tolotan' (southeastern Turkmen SSR) that planting of cotton has begun.

[There was no weather report in the issue for 29 March]

1 April 1952

On 30 and 31 March, mostly slightly cloudy weather with light and moderate frosts prevailed in most of the European USSR. It was cloudy in the northern regions and snow fell locally. Overcast weather with precipitation in the form of rain and snow was observed in the southern European USSR. During the 24 hours of 30 March, more than 10 millimeters of precipitation fell in the Ukraine, Rostov Oblast, and Lower Volga Region.

On 31 March, noon temperatures were -12 degrees in Chkalov, -10 in Ufa, -8 in Arkhangel'sk, Orel, Stalingrad and Sverdlovsk, -7 in Kazan', -6 in Gor'kiy, Minsk, Kursk, Voronezh, and Kuybyshev, -5 in Vologda and Saratov, -4 in Leningrad, Moscow, and Kiev, 5 degrees above zero in Kishinev, 8 in Odessa, 11 in Makhachkala, 17 in Simferopol', and 24 in Nal'chik.

Warm weather continued in West Siberia. Daytime temperatures were 1 degree below zero in Omsk, 4 degrees above zero in Novosibirsk, and 5 in Barnaul.

It was warm in Central Asia and most of Kazakhstan. Temperatures rose to 13 degrees in Alma-Ata, 16 in Stalinabad, 17 in Dzhambul, 21 in Kzyl-Orda, and 22 in Ashkhabad. With weather conditions favorable, planting of cotton is continuing in Central Asia.

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