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19 June 1952

On 17 and 18 June, hot weather with showers and thunderstorms prevailed in most of the European USSR. On 18 June, noon temperatures in most areas ranged between 20 and 22 degrees. [All degrees are in centigrade.]

Cooler weather with daytime temperatures of 16-17 degrees prevailed in the western regions, Urals, and Bashkir ASSR.

Ground moisture in most areas is good. Winter rye has headed in Molotov Oblast, is flowering in the central regions, and has reached the milky maturity stage in the Dnepropetrovsk area. Winter wheat has entered the milky maturity stage in the southern Ukraine.

21 June 1952

On 19 and 20 June, very warm, slightly cloudy, dry weather prevailed in most of the European USSR. In the western regions it was cool, and quite heavy rain fell. On 19 June, heavy downpours fell in the Caucasus and locally in the southern Urals.

Warm weather with precipitation has favored the growth and development of agricultural crops. Winter rye is flowering in Moscow Oblast. Grain is ripening in the eastern Ukraine.

Moderately warm weather continued in Western Siberia. On 19 June, rain fell in southern Krasnoyarsk, and eastern Altay krais and in eastern Kazakhstan.

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24 June 1952

On 22 and 23 June, overcast weather with rain was observed in the northwestern European USSR. Locally, precipitation there amounted to 20-30 millimeters for a 24-hour period. Cool weather with showers and thunderstorms was recorded in the central and southern regions and Urals.

On 23 June, temperatures were 14 degrees above zero in Riga, 16 in Minsk, 17 in Petrozavodsk and Leningrad, 19 in Vologda, 20 in Sverdlovsk, Orel, and Rostov on the Don, 21 in Moscow, 22 in Kirov and Kiev, 23 in L'vov, Dnepropetrovsk, and Krasnodar, 25 in Tambov, 28 in Kazan', 29 in Chkalov, 30 in Saratov, and 31 in Kuybyshev.

Moderately warm, dry weather continued in Western Siberia. During the day, temperatures reached 22-24 degrees above zero. Warm weather, mostly without precipitation, prevailed in Kazakhstan and Central Asia. Rain fell only in the mountain regions of Central Asia.

Warm weather and recent rains in most of the European USSR have created favorable conditions there for the growth and development of agricultural crops. Winter crops in most of the European USSR are, for the most part, in good or excellent condition. Winter rye has reached the milky maturity stage in most of the Ukraine and southern Stalingrad Oblast, and is flowering south of a line running approximately through Pskov, Kalinin, Ivanovo-Shar'ya, Molotovsk (Kirov Oblast), Omutninsk, and Nizhny Tagil.

26 June 1952

On 24 and 25 June, cool weather with showers and thunderstorms prevailed in the Baltic countries, western Belorussia, and the western Ukraine. Heavy rains fell locally in the eastern and southeastern USSR and Northern Caucasus.

On 25 June, noon temperatures were 12 degrees above zero in Kiev, 13 in L'vov and Kishinev, 16 in Minsk, 17 in Riga and Leningrad, 19 in Sverdlovsk, Orel, and Rostov on the Don, 20 in Voronezh and Odessa, 21 in Vologda, 24 in Moscow and Krasnodar, 27 in Ufa and Chkalov, 30 in Stalingrad, 30 in Kazan' and Kuybyshev, and 34 in Saratov.

It became slightly cooler in central Western Siberia and central Kazakhstan. Light rains fell in the east portion of Western Siberia and eastern Kazakhstan. Hot and dry weather continued in Central Asia and western Kazakhstan.

Winter wheat has entered the milky maturity stage in the southern and eastern Ukraine. It has reached the waxy maturity stage locally in Grozny Oblast.

Heading of spring wheat has begun in most of the Ukraine and southern Voronezh and southern Saratov Oblasts.

28 June 52

On 26 and 27 June, hot weather prevailed in the eastern half of the European USSR. It was cool in the western half. Downpours and thunderstorms were recorded in the Ukraine and northwestern and western regions. Quite heavy rains were recorded in the central Urals. On 27 June, noon temperatures were 11 degrees above zero in Minsk, 13 in L'vov, 15 in Velikiye Luki, 16 in Riga, 18 in

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Petrozavodsk, Leningrad, Kiev and Odessa, 19 in Sverdlovsk, Kishinev, and Simferopol', 20 in Rostov on the Don, 23 in Krasnodar, 25 in Vologda, Orel, and Voroshilovgrad, 28 in Moscow and Kirov, 30 in Gor'kiy, 32 in Kuybyshev, and 33 in Saratov.

Cool weather prevailed in Western Siberia and northern Kazakhstan. Showers were recorded in Novosibirsk, Tomsk, and Omsk oblasts and northern Altay Kray. On 26 June, daytime temperatures were 16 above zero in Barnaul, 18 in Krasnoyarsk and Semipalatinsk, and 21 in Omsk and Akmolinsk.

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

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