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3 Apr

Winter wheat has entered the tube stage in the Kuban' and southern Ukraine. Kok-sagyz has begun to sprout in Glukhov. Sunflowers have sprouted in the Crimea and Krasnodar Kray. Spring wheat, which was sown early, has sprouted in Krasnodar Kray, Izmail' Oblast, and Zakarpatskaya Oblast. In Georgia, grapes are beginning to develop leaves. Peaches and apricots are flowering in the North Caucasus and Crimea.

In the Central Asian republics, sowing of spring grains is being completed. Wheat, which was sown early, has begun to bush. In the south, apricots, almonds, peaches, and at some places pears and cherries are flowering.

Sowing of spring grains has begun in Kirgiz and Kazakh SSR's.

5 Apr

Sowing of spring grains is in progress throughout the Ukraine, North Caucasus, Lower Volga Region, and the southern areas of the central chernozem zone. In the areas farther north, harrowing of plowed land and supplemental-fertilization (podkormka) has begun.

Winter sowings have begun their growth in the central chernozem zone and southern central regions. In the southern Ukraine and North Caucasus, winter wheat is entering the tube stage.

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In Central Asia, winter sowings have entered the tube stage. Spring grains have begun bushing in the south, sprouting in the areas farther north.

7 Apr

Conditions for field work were good in the Caucasus, Lower Volga Region, and in the southern central zone.

Supplemental-fertilization and harrowing of spring grains is in progress in the central and eastern areas.

In the Ukraine, field work was delayed somewhat by rain.

Cotton is being sown in Azerbaydzhan. Sowing of cotton has also begun in Southern Kirgizia.

10 Apr

Rain moistened the soil considerably and created good conditions for the growth and development of agricultural crops in the North Caucasus. Weather conditions for field work were good in most areas of the Ukraine, the Lower Volga Region, the southern Urals, and in the central regions.

In Belorussia and the Baltic countries, some field work such as supplemental-fertilization of winter grains and plowing for spring wheat has begun locally.

12 Apr

Weather conditions for field work were favorable in most of the European and Asiatic USSR.

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On 11 April, the boundary of mass sowing of spring grains had reached a line running approximately through Vladimir-Volynsk (north-western Ukraine), Chernigov, and Voronezh.

14 Apr

The soil is approaching condition for working in Kirov Oblast. Sowing of spring grains is in progress in Saratov, Chkalov, Penza, and Bryansk oblasts, in the southern Urals, southern Belorussia, the Ukraine, and the North Caucasus. In the southern and western Ukraine, spring grains sown early are bushing, those sown later are sprouting.

Winter rye has begun its growth in Kalinin, Yaroslavl', Kirov, and Sverdlovsk oblasts. Winter wheat has entered the tube stage in the southwestern Ukraine, Crimea, and western areas of the North Caucasus. The condition of the sowings is good. Flowering of fruit trees has begun in the northern Ukraine, Kursk and Voronezh oblasts, and the Lower Volga Region.

Field work has begun in southern Tyumen' and Omsk oblasts. In all areas of the Central Asian republics, pit fruit trees have already finished flowering while seed fruit trees are in full flower.

17 Apr

On 15 April, the boundary up to which the soil is in condition for working had moved northward to a line running through Kaunas, Minsk, Kalinin, Gor'kiy, Ul'yanovsk, and southern Bashkir ASSR.

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The soil is also approaching condition for working in southern Tyumen' and Omsk oblasts, southern Krasnoyarsk Kray, and southern Altay Kray.

19 Apr

Weather conditions for field work are favorable in the Southeast, the eastern areas of the North Caucasus, in most of the Ukraine and Belorussia, and in Central Asia.

21 Apr

Weather conditions for field work are favorable in the Ukraine (except in the eastern areas), in the western regions of the European USSR, in the southern part of the central region, and in the Central Asian republics.

24 Apr

Good conditions for field work prevailed in the eastern and southeastern European USSR, eastern and southern Ukraine, North Caucasus, Central Asia, Kazakhstan, and in most areas of West Siberia.

26 Apr

Bushing of spring sowings has begun in the southern Ukraine, Crimea, and Rostov Oblast. Flowering of apples and cherries has been observed in these areas. Lemons have begun to develop leaves in Moldavia.

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It is reported from Minusinsk (Krasnoyarsk Kray) that sowing of spring grains is beginning there. Flowering of alfalfa has been noted in the Tashkent area.

28 Apr

The boundary up to which the soil is in condition for working has moved northward and now passes through the southern areas of Arkhangel'sk Oblast and Komi ASSR. Reports concerning the sowing of oats have been received from Valaga (Estonian SSR), Vyshniy Volochek (Kalinin Oblast), and Kargopol' (southern Arkhangel'sk Oblast).

It is reported from Kuybyshev and Bogdukhov (Khar'kov Oblast) that winter wheat is entering the tube stage, from Bel'tsy (Moldavia), Kirovograd, and Lozovaya that orchards are flowering. Plums and cherries have finished flowering in Rostov on the Don and Kherson.

It is reported from Sretensk (Chita Oblast) that sowing of spring wheat is beginning.

4 May

Winter wheat has entered the tube stage in the Voronezh area and around Bobruysk and Mogilev. Formation of the third leaf of spring crops is reported from southern Saratov and Voronezh oblasts and northern Khar'kov and Poltava oblasts. Bushing of spring wheat has been observed in the Dnepropetrovsk, Voroshilovgrad, and Chernovitsy areas.

5 May

Heading of winter rye has begun in Zaporozh'ye, Chernigov, and Kherson oblasts. Sowing of spring wheat and barley is beginning in southern

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Arkhangel'sk Oblast. Mass sowing of spring grains is in progress in the Baltic countries and in the central and Middle Volga regions.

Spring wheat is sprouting around Grodno, Ponyri, Saransk, Kuybyshev, and Aktyubinsk.

In most areas of West Siberia, mass sowing of spring wheat is in progress. Sowing of spring grains is also beginning in some areas of Irkutsk and Chita oblasts.

8 May

Spring wheat is sprouting in the southern central chernozem zone and in Saratov Oblast. It has entered the three-leaf stage in the Ukraine, the bushing stage in the southern Ukraine.

Winter rye has entered the tube stage in Gor'kiy Oblast. In Voronezh Oblast and in Belorussia, the planting of potatoes has begun.

Mass sowing of spring grains is proceeding satisfactorily in most areas of West Siberia.

15 May

Winter wheat in the Ukraine and the central regions has reached the tube stage and is in good condition. Spring wheat is bushing in most areas of Belorussia and the Ukraine as well as in the southern central regions and in the Middle Volga Region.

17 May

The hay harvest is approaching in southern areas. Alfalfa is entering the budding stage in southern Poltava and Khar'kov oblasts as well as

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in most areas of Stalingrad and Saratov oblasts. It is reported from southern Stavropol' Kray that flowering of alfalfa is beginning there. Potatoes are sprouting in southern Veronezh Oblast and in most of Kher'-kov and Foltava oblasts.

19 May

Heading of winter rye has begun in the southern central zone. Winter wheat is in good and excellent condition in most of the European USSR.

Weather conditions for the sowing of spring crops have improved in the northern regions.

22 May

Winter wheat has headed in the southern regions of the Ukraine. It has entered the flowering stage in Krasnodar and Stavropol'krays and Groznyy Oblast. Winter rye is heading in southern Belorussia and the southern central regions. Spring wheat has entered the tube stage in most of the Ukraine and in the North Caucasus. Spring crops have sprouted in most of Siberia, have entered the three-leaf stage at some places.

24 May

It is reported from Moldavia (Bel'tsy) that sugar beets and corn are being thinned. In southern Veronezh Oblast (Mitrofanovka), potatoes are beginning to develop secondary shoots and weeding has begun. In the North Caucasus (Maykop), potatoes are flowering.

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