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General Interest: It has indeed been an extremely slow start to notable thunderstorm activity across extreme western Kansas even for a drought year. Significant thunderstorms have been so scarce that by Wednesday, May 21, an entire month will have past since our last seeding day. If no storms occur by Wednesday, it will mark the first time in program history that no seeding flights have been carried out over a continuous 30-day period during the first half of the seeding season. Forecast maps do show a decent chance for storms, some possibly severe, late in the day Wednesday on into the weekend which hopefully will provide a short reprieve to the ongoing intense drought. Prior to late week storms chances, the area will experience some very hot temperatures in the mid to upper 90's Monday and Tuesday. The normal high temperatures for this time of year range from 79 degrees at Ulysses to 77 degrees at Scott City. The normal precipitation for the May 19th to 25th period ranges from 0.63 inches at Ulysses to 0.72 inches at Scott City.

Weather: Unseasonably cool temperatures prevailed for most of the week due to being on the back side of an upper level storm system slowly tracking through the central and eastern portions of the United States. A few periods of sprinkles to isolated brief light showers were noted Thursday and Friday.

Operations: There were no operational days this week.

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