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**General Interest:** Although some light rain has fallen this month, we are currently experiencing a lull in storm activity. Last year, the dry weather pattern for the first half of May was nearly the same as this year. Our first seeding day during May of 2011 came on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Thus far, our program has not flown a single seeding mission this month. There has been some response in the dry conditions due to low storm activity. The May 8<sup>th</sup> Drought Monitor shows some dryness inching into portions of southern Scott and eastern Kearny. Southern Lane also remains in a slightly dry condition. There is no cause for alarm as the long-term predictions do not call for any deepening or expansion of drought across the area just yet. That prediction may change should western Kansas go another week or two with no significant weather. However, history suggests storm activity will increase as we move into the second half of the May and then into June.

**Weather:** The area experienced temperatures in the near normal range for most of the week. A cold front pushed through early in the week with some scattered light rain. Otherwise, tranquil conditions prevailed with partly cloudy skies during the day and mostly clear to clear skies at night.

**Operations:** No operations occurred this week.

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