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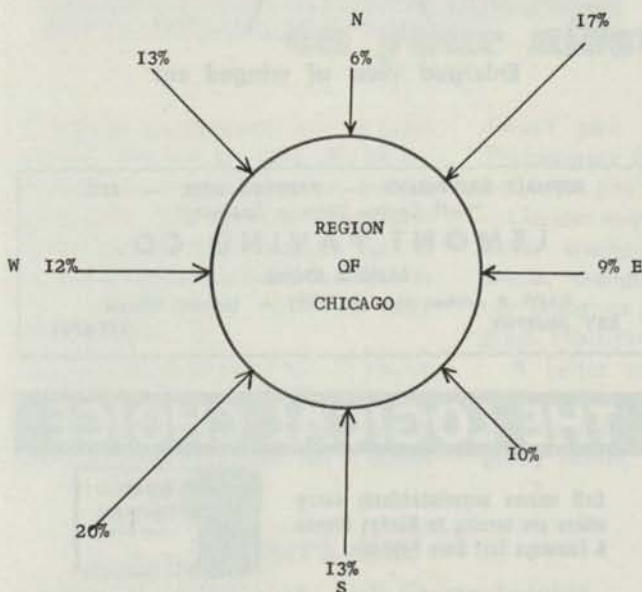
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WIND DIRECTIONS
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The above represents the average wind directions compiled over a 14 year period by the U.S. Weather Bureau.

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DON'T SCALP BLUEGRASS, FESCUE

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Misguided mowing in spring can be hard on that beautiful Kentucky bluegrass-fine fescue lawn. These erect-growing favorites perk up early in spring, often grow several inches (especially on south slopes) before anyone thinks of mowing. A sudden scalping, — close mowing nearly to soil level, — can be harmful even to the hardiest lawngresses.

Scalping is especially deleterious if the lawn has been heavily fertilized. Abundant nitrogen stimulates green leaf, and food resources are mostly "in the leaf" rather than stored below ground as in winter. When green leaf is totally removed, both stored food and food-making capacity are eliminated.

It is all right to clip off winter-singed foliage **before** new growth quickens in spring. This removes discolored old leaves and causes lawn to green up several days earlier. Don't wait until new growth is several inches high, then cut it down unmercifully. That is, unless your lawn is full of coarse field grasses which you want to get rid of and replace with their betters. Scalping the coarse grasses before overseeding with a fine-textured lawn blend should upgrade composition of poorish lawns.