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## CROP HI-LITES

- \*\*\* Corn - 93% harvested
- \*\*\* Wheat - 96% seeded
- \*\*\* Soil Moisture - 26% short  
69% adequate  
5% surplus

The CORN crop was 93% harvested as of Sunday, November 2. This compares to 71% last year and 75% for the 5-year (1975-79) average. Storage space for the Fall grains is generally adequate throughout the State.

Ninety-six percent of the 1981 WINTER WHEAT crop was seeded as of November 2. This compares to 95% last year and an average of 95%. Eighty-four percent of the crop was emerged compared to 78% last year. No average is available. Wheat seedlings condition on Friday, October 31 was reported as 14% excellent, 72% good, and 14% fair.

Fifty-six percent of the intended 1981 Corn and Soybean acreage was plowed (tilled) as of November 2. This compares to 36% last year and an average of 35%.

Ninety-five percent of the SORGHUM was harvested as of November 2.

PASTURES were providing 45% of the livestock roughage requirements as of November 2. This compares to 40% last year and an average of 55%. Pasture conditions on Friday, October 31 was reported as 1% excellent, 51% good, 46% fair, and 2% poor.

SOIL MOISTURE on October 31 was reported as 26% short, 69% adequate, and 5% surplus.

There were 4.50 DAYS SUITABLE for FIELDWORK for the week ending October 31.

MAIN ACTIVITIES for the week included harvesting corn, finishing wheat seeding, Fall plowing and fertilizer application, and general farmwork.

## WEATHER

TEMPERATURES for the period of October 26 through November 2 averaged 5 to 10 degrees below normal as a cool period continued for the 6th straight week over the northern two-thirds of the State. The week started rather warm with a sharp, cool trend at the end of the period.

PRECIPITATION ranged from .10 to .50 of an inch over the northern and central areas. The extreme South recorded nearly 1 inch. Up to 1½ inches of snow fell on the north-east section on the 28th.

The OUTLOOK for the period of November 4-11 is for above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation in Illinois.

## ILLINOIS CROP REPORTING DISTRICT SUMMARY

Op and Soil Characteristics	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE	STATE	5-YR. AVG.
Corn: % harvested (as of Nov. 2)	85	80	94	98	98	95	98	95	95	93	75
Days Suitable for fieldwork: (week ending Oct. 31)	5.0	6.0	5.5	4.0	4.5	4.5	3.5	3.5	4.0	4.50	
Soil Moisture %:											
(as of Oct. 31) Short	5	--	40	50	35	30	25	10	10	26	
Adequate	95	90	60	50	65	70	65	75	65	69	
Surplus	--	10	--	--	--	--	10	15	25	5	

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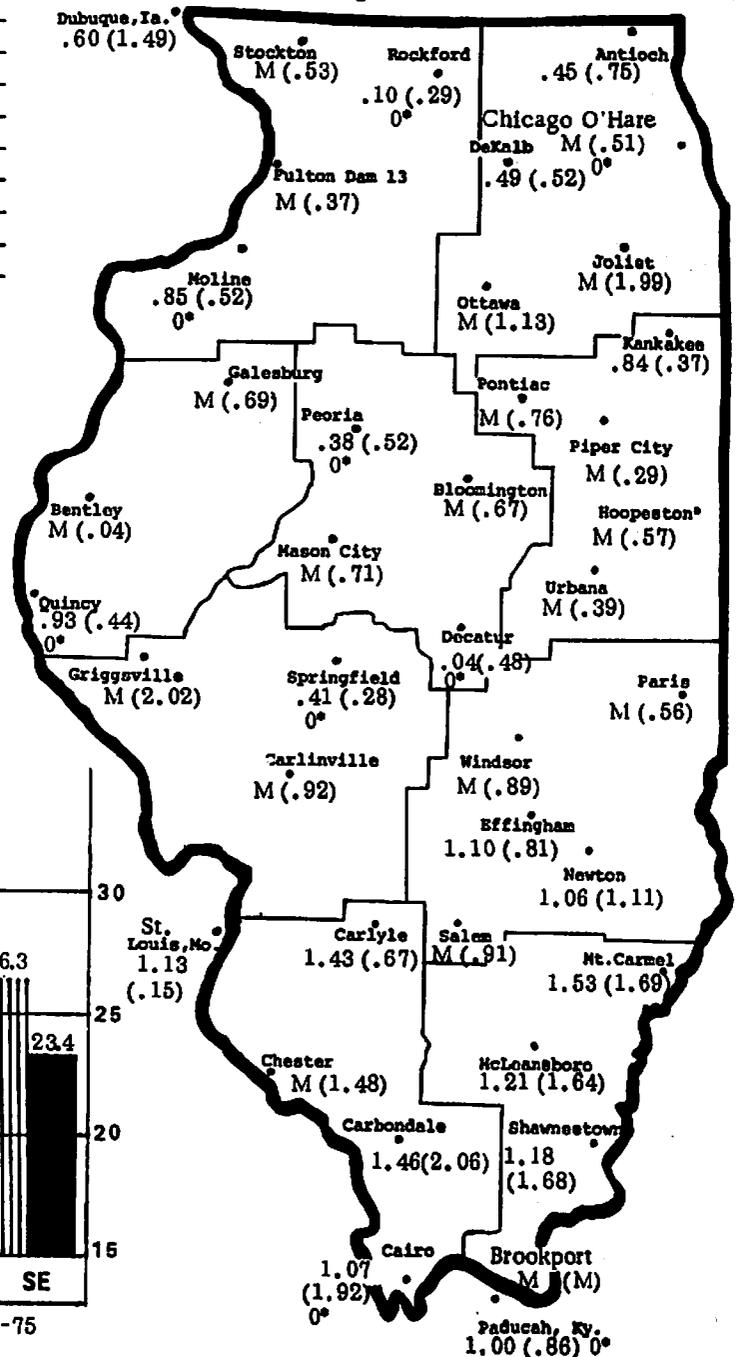
MONTHLY AND WEEKLY TEMPERATURE DEPARTURES IN DEGREES

	August	September	Sept. 29- Oct. 5	Oct. 6- 12	Oct. 13- 19	Oct. 20- 26	Oct. 27- Nov. 2
Chicago	+4	0	-5	-4	-2	-5	-9
Moline	+3	+2	-7	-2	-3	-5	-10
Springfield	+4	+2	-5	-1	+1	-4	-10
So. Central	+6	+5	-6	0	+1	-3	-7

October 31

STATION	Temperature		
	Week ending Friday 6 A.M.		
	Maximum	Minimum	Average
Moline	55	22	36
Rockford	53	21	36
Chicago O'Hare	60	24	39
Quincy	54	24	37
Decatur	54	28	40
Peoria	53	23	37
Springfield	59	25	40

PRECIPITATION:  
First figure--current week, Oct. 24-30  
Parentheses--previous week  
Asterisk--Friday-Sunday  
M--Missing, T--Trace.



ACCUMULATED PRECIPITATION  
(Inches)  
LEGEND: Normal | Actual  
April 1-Oct. 31 | April 1-Oct. 30

