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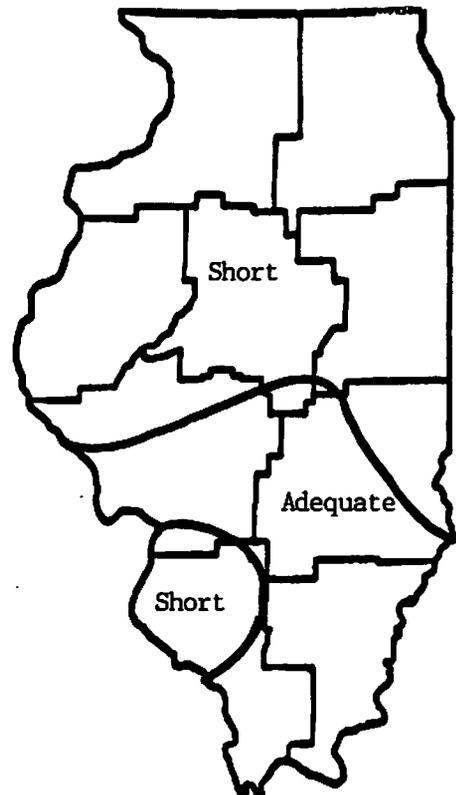
CROPS

Scattered light showers did little to dispell the concern over lack of moisture across most of the state. The dryness is adversely affecting weed control, seed germination, and chemical effectiveness. Some farmers are still postponing soybean planting in hopes of receiving adequate rainfall in the near future. Alfalfa condition declined slightly due to lack of moisture and continued weevil infestation. Reports of bean beetle damage are increasing as well. Last week farmers were planting soybeans, cutting hay, spraying and crop scouting, and caring for livestock. For the week of May 16-22, there was an average of six days suitable for fieldwork.

Condition of the CORN crop on May 22 was reported as 6% excellent, 71% good, and 23% fair. Emerged corn was reported as 86% of a full stand compared to 90% a year ago. About 7% of the corn acreage has been or will be replanted this year compared to 3% each of the last two years. WHEAT condition, as of May 22, was rated as 2% excellent, 42% good, 36% fair, 7% poor, and 13% very poor. Condition of the OAT crop was 2% excellent, 63% good, 33% fair, and 2% poor. ALFALFA condition was 1% excellent, 58% good, 30% fair, 9% poor, and 2% very poor. RED CLOVER condition was 2% excellent, 58% good, 30% fair, 9% poor, and 1% very poor. PASTURE condition was rated at 85% of normal. SOIL MOISTURE supplies were reported as 70% short, 26% adequate, and 4% surplus as of May 22.

CROP PROGRESS - MAY 24

Crop Stage	: 1992	: 1991	: 5-Year
	: Percent	: Percent	: Average
CORN:			
Planted	99	95	92
Height (Inches)			
Average	4	6	5
Most Advanced	8	11	9
SOYBEANS:			
Planted	87	66	65
WINTER WHEAT:			
Headed	79	78	85
Filled	30	31	34
Turning Yellow	1	1	1
OATS:			
Headed	7	20	9
Filled	3	5	1
SORGHUM:			
Planted	59	40	48
ALFALFA HAY:			
First Cutting	33	27	31
RED CLOVER:			
Cutting	15	24	24

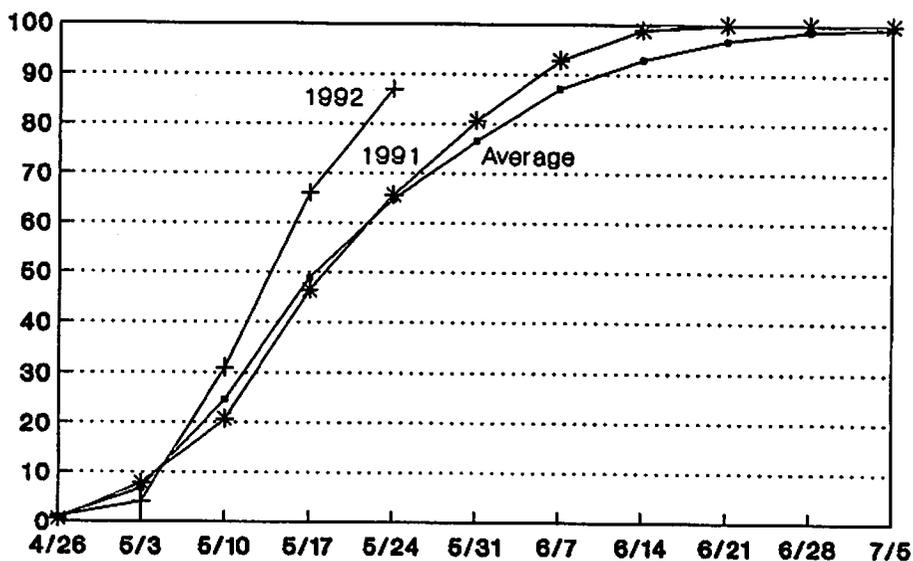


Soil Moisture Supply
May 22, 1992

ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMARY

District	Soybean	Corn	Days	Soil		
	Acreage	Acreage %	Suitable	Moisture Percent		
	% Planted	Replanted	For	Short:Adq.:Surplus		
			Fieldwork			
	As of May 24		May 16-22	As of May 22		
Northwest	94	3	6.5	90	10	0
Northeast	90	1	6.5	100	0	0
West	90	16	6.0	90	10	0
Central	93	12	6.5	100	0	0
East	95	4	6.5	90	10	0
W Southwest	93	9	6.0	60	40	0
E Southeast	82	6	6.0	20	65	15
Southwest	69	7	5.5	70	25	5
Southeast	61	7	3.5	0	80	20
State	87	7	6.0	70	26	4
5-Year Avg.	65					

Soybeans - Percent Planted Illinois



WEATHER

It was a week of extremes temperature-wise across Illinois. Unseasonably warm and humid weather developed during the work week as high pressure slowly moved east across the midwest. Highs reached into the 80's across the state. A strong cold front then came barreling through on Saturday triggering thunderstorms. Low temperatures Monday morning were around freezing in parts of northern Illinois, producing the latest spring freeze ever at Chicago since records began in 1872.

The extremes in temperatures tended to balance one another, however, and the week averaged out to be close to normal. Average highs were in the 70's with average lows from the upper 40's to lower 60's.

Precipitation was variable across the state. Weekly totals ranged from under one-quarter inch to over an inch. Most totals were below normal for the week as topsoils continued to show a net decline in available moisture.

Week ending 8 A.M. Monday, May 25, 1992

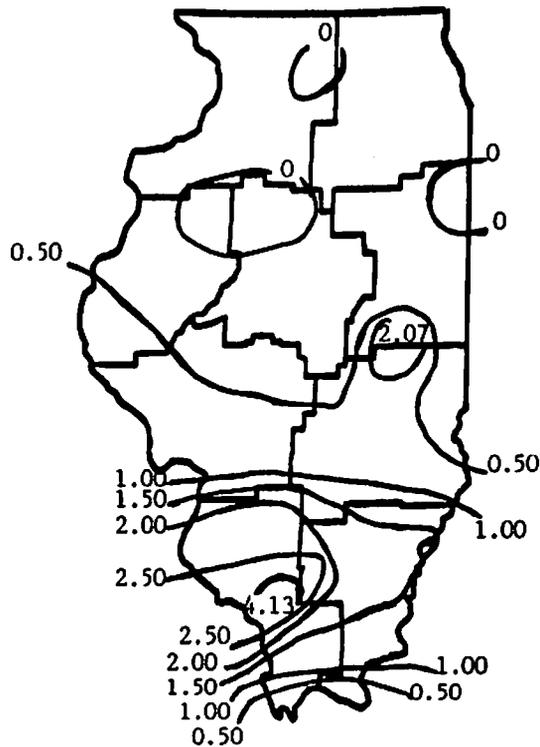
Location	Temperatures			Precipitation			Growing Degree Days(50F)		
	:Maxi- :mum	:Mini- :mum	:Depar- :ture	:Curr.: :week	:Since: :May 1:	:Departure :since May 1:	:Curr.: :week	:Since: :May 1:	:Departure :since May 1:
ELIZABETH	73	47	-1	0.50	-0.45	-2.62	97	320	54
ROCKFORD	75	51	1	0.36	-0.51	-2.65	110	361	115
CHICAGO	71	49	0	0.30	-0.45	-2.33	99	335	94
CHI BOTANICAL	69	48	-3	0.59	-0.16	-2.15	86	304	50
ELWOOD	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WATSEKA	77	50	0	0.00	-0.93	-3.36	116	370	88
PERU	74	49	-2	0.18	-0.71	-2.95	105	370	73
MOLINE	75	52	0	0.10	-0.86	-3.13	112	390	113
PEORIA	75	53	0	0.34	-0.53	-2.33	117	383	101
KILBOURNE	76	53	0	0.06	-0.91	-3.09	118	382	58
MONMOUTH	74	53	0	0.12	-0.75	-2.81	110	381	78
QUINCY	74	54	0	0.13	-0.86	-3.24	114	375	67
PERRY	75	54	-1	0.03	-0.90	-3.10	115	380	44
SPRINGFIELD	76	55	0	0.03	-0.74	-2.30	126	406	84
URBANA	76	54	0	1.53	0.71	-0.82	121	395	94
WINDSOR	77	57	1	0.28	-0.65	-1.87	129	416	86
TERRE HAUTE	79	53	1	1.35	0.44	-1.45	125	381	74
ST LOUIS	77	60	N/A	0.70	N/A	N/A	137	457	N/A
BELLEVILLE	76	58	0	0.67	-0.22	-1.81	129	429	70
BROWNSTOWN	77	56	0	0.49	-0.51	-1.65	127	398	58
IUKA	77	56	0	1.72	0.82	-0.28	127	396	39
LAWRENCEVILLE	76	58	N/A	0.56	N/A	N/A	130	392	N/A
VINCENNES	77	58	2	1.11	0.15	0.50	137	398	61
DIXON SPRINGS	77	59	0	0.43	-0.62	-3.07	135	428	14
PADUCAH	80	60	1	0.46	-0.58	-2.40	152	482	69
OLIVE BRANCH	78	61	1	0.11	-0.97	-3.28	145	466	77
CARBONDALE	75	58	0	1.63	0.66	-0.57	125	416	35
C GIRARDEAU	78	61	N/A	1.36	N/A	N/A	141	468	N/A

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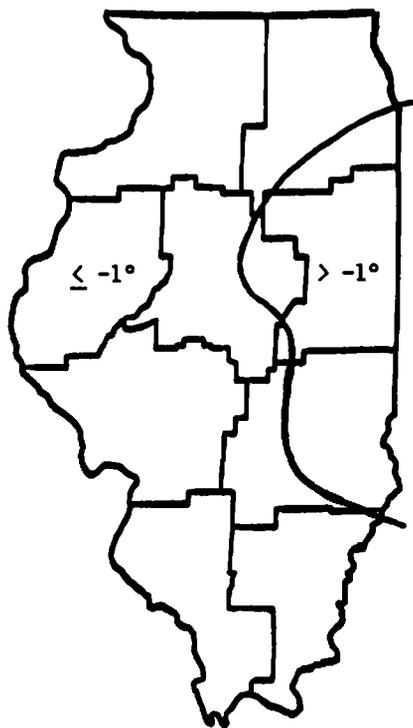
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