

# ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



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## CROPS

Corn and soybean harvest made little progress last week. Rain and snow caused farmers to delay fieldwork and concentrate on machinery and storage facility maintenance and caring for livestock. With the exception of some single crop soybeans in the Northeast District and double cropped soybeans in the southern part of the state, soybean harvest was nearly complete. Harvest had reached 96% complete by November 8, compared to the five-year average of 99% and was past 90% in all districts. Corn harvest progressed to 65% as of November 8. Corn moisture content decreased little this past week with some reports from the northern districts still exceeding 30%. Harvest was progressing in these districts as farmers who had been waiting decided to go ahead as snow began to fall last week. Reports indicate top soil moisture to be at least adequate in most areas, however, subsoil moisture remains short. While the soft ground delayed fieldwork, it also created problems for outside livestock. Muddy conditions and lower temperatures reduced rates of gain and brought about respiratory problems in feeder calves and young hogs. The added moisture did serve to boost the winter wheat condition. Ninety-five percent of the wheat acreage had been seeded and 89% was emerged as of November 8. Condition as of November 6 was 18% excellent, 72% good and 10% fair. Pasture condition also improved to 87% of normal. As weather permitted, farmers across the state proceeded with fertilizer and lime application and soybean harvest.

### CROP PROGRESS - NOVEMBER 8

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Crop Stage : 1992 : 1991 : 5-Year  
: : : Average  
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#### Percent

#### CORN:

Harvested 65 100 96

#### SOYBEANS:

Harvested 96 100 99

#### SORGHUM:

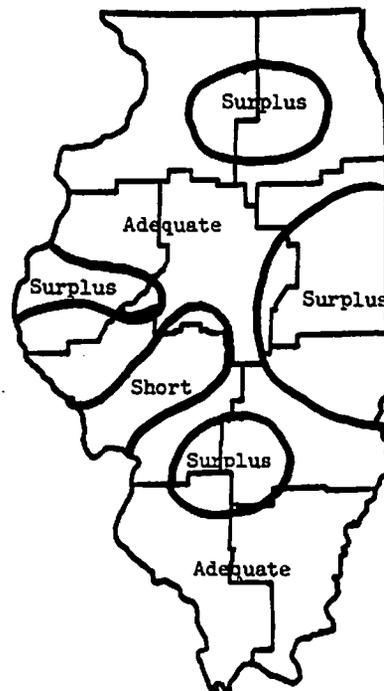
Harvested 84 100 92

#### WINTER WHEAT:

Seeded 95 98 98

Emerged 89 98 87

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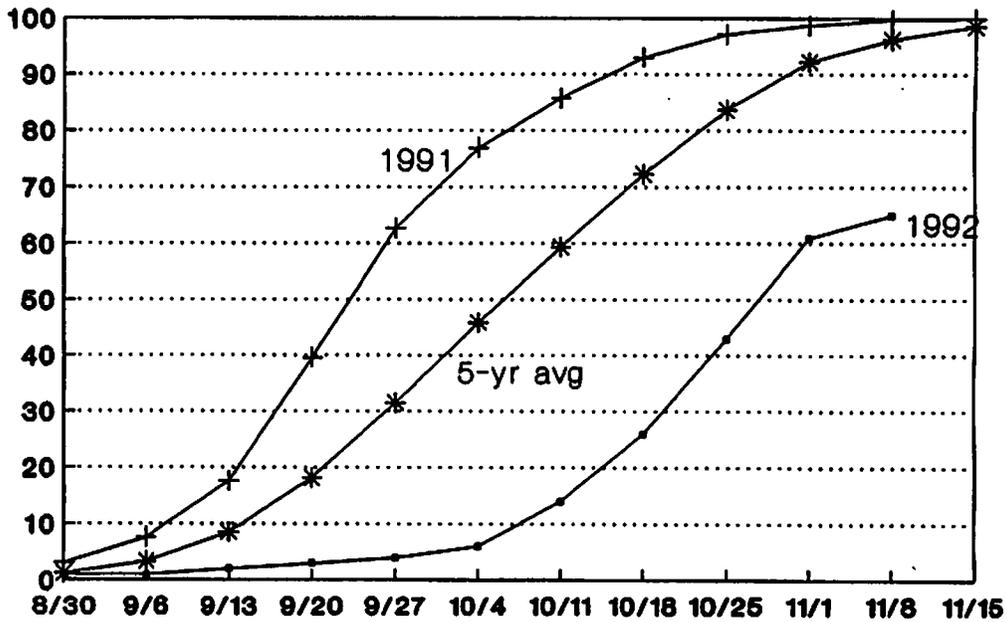


Soil Moisture Supply  
November 6, 1992

**ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMARY**

District	Soybean Acreage % Harvested	Corn Acreage % Harvested	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Soil Moisture Percent		
				Short	Adequate	Surplus
	As of November 8		Oct. 31-Nov. 6	As of November 6		
Northwest	96	35	2.0	5	85	10
Northeast	91	25	1.5	0	80	20
West	97	70	1.5	10	65	25
Central	99	85	1.5	5	75	20
East	99	70	1.0	0	45	55
W Southwest	97	90	1.5	35	60	5
E Southeast	98	80	4.0	0	60	40
Southwest	94	90	3.5	10	80	10
Southeast	90	90	4.0	10	90	0
State	96	65	2.25	8	72	20

## Corn-Percent Harvested Illinois



## WEATHER

Cloudy and often damp weather prevailed during the period. A cold front moved through Monday and then again around midweek. A persistent dip southward of the jet stream kept disturbances moving through the weekend. Snow briefly accumulated in parts of the north around midweek but quickly melted.

Unseasonably cool weather dominated the period with weekly temperatures generally averaging 5 to 10 degrees below normal. Average highs were in the low 40's to low 50's. Average lows ranged in the low and mid 30's. Precipitation totals were generally below normal with most areas getting two-tenths to one-half inch. Some areas of north and central Illinois picked up three-quarters of an inch or more.

A generally gray and often damp week is currently forecast for Illinois. There is a chance of showers Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Snow or flurries are possible in the north Friday. Highs will be in the mid 40's and 50's Wednesday and Thursday, but in the 30's to mid 40's Friday. Lows in the 30's and 40's around midweek are forecast, but also in the mid 20's to mid 30's Friday.

Week ending 8 A.M. Monday, November 9, 1992

Location	Temperatures		Departure	Current	Precipitation Since May 1	Growing Degree Days (50F)			
	Maximum	Minimum				Current	Departure	Current	Since May 1
Elizabeth	41	32	-5	0.49	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /	<u>1</u> /
Rockford	39	32	-5	0.55					
Chicago	42	33	-6	1.00					
Chi Botanical	41	32	-7	1.10					
Watseka	44	31	-6	0.72					
Peru	40	30	-8	0.92					
Moline	40	33	-6	0.31					
Peoria	41	33	-6	0.64					
Kilbourne	48	36	-3	0.19					
Monmouth	38	29	-10	0.28					
Quincy	41	32	-8	0.38					
Perry	40	30	-11	0.79					
Springfield	43	35	-6	0.93					
Urbana	47	32	-5	0.66					
Windsor	47	33	-6	0.52					
Terre Haute	49	33	-5	0.00					
St. Louis	43	36	N/A	0.62					
Belleville	48	33	-7	0.25					
Brownstown	48	37	-4	0.14					
Iuka	48	33	-7	0.17					
Lawrenceville	48	34	N/A	0.13					
Vincennes	48	32	-6	0.21					
Dixon Springs	54	35	-5	0.44					
Paducah	53	37	-5	0.25					
Olive Branch	50	34	-7	0.17					
Carbondale	49	33	-7	0.23					
C Girardeau	49	34	N/A	0.39					

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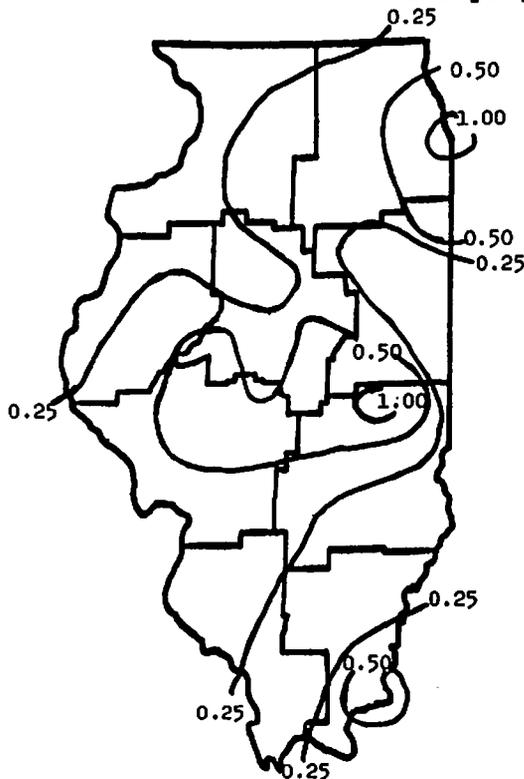
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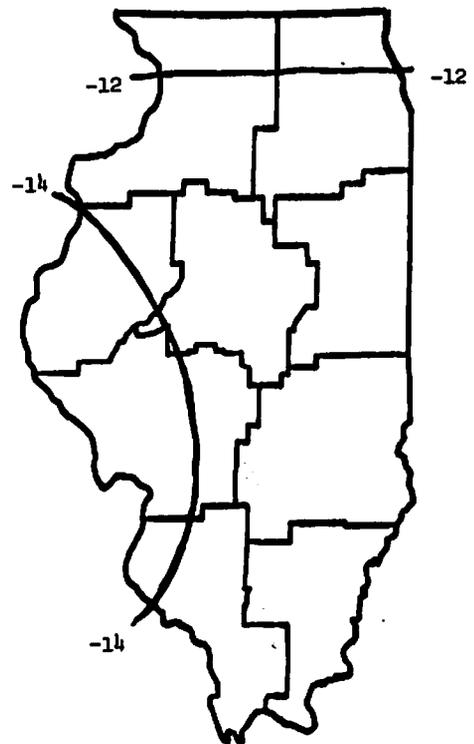
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PRECIPITATION (INCHES)  
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TEMPERATURE DEPARTURES FROM  
AVERAGE (°F) NOV. 3-9, 1992

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