

# ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



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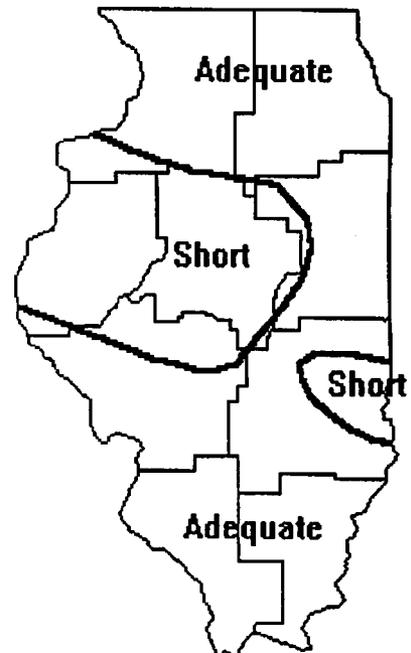
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## CROPS

Field activity was heavy last week as farmers had another good week for harvest and fieldwork. As of October 23, 60 percent of the corn had been harvested statewide compared to the average of 59 percent. Corn harvest was slowed in some areas of the Central and Northwest Districts this week as storage facilities were reaching capacity and were unable to handle the volume of grain as rapidly as it was being delivered. Soybean harvest as of October 23 was 90 percent complete compared to the average of 84 percent. The Southwest and Southeast Districts each have 20 percent of the soybean crop yet to be harvested while two to 15 percent remained in other districts. Wheat seeding progressed well last week and weather conditions were good for the emerging crop. Sixty one percent of crop was emerged by October 23 compared to the average of 42 percent. The wheat crop is reported to be in good to excellent condition. Other farm activities last week included completing conservation practices, harvesting sorghum and apples, fall fertilization (including anhydrous), and tillage.

### CROP PROGRESS - October 23, 1994

Crop Stage	1994	1993	5-Year Average
Percent			
<b>CORN:</b>			
Harvested	60	37	59
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>			
Harvested	90	81	84
<b>SORGHUM:</b>			
Harvested	62	36	52
<b>WINTER WHEAT:</b>			
Seeded	84	58	75
Emerged	61	28	42



**Soil Moisture Supply  
October 21, 1994**

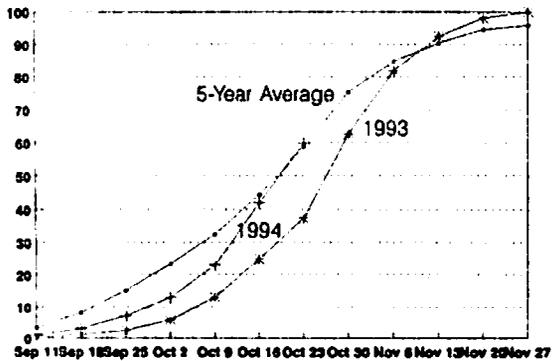
**CROP CONDITIONS OCTOBER 21, 1994**

Crop	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
Winter Wheat	23	67	10	-	-

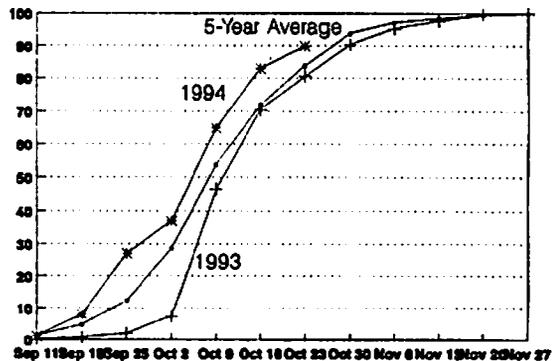
**ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMARY**

District	Soybean	Corn	Days	Soil Moisture		
	Acreage %	Acreage %	Suitable	Percent		
	Harvested	Harvested	For	Short	Adq.	Surplus
	As of Oct. 23	As of Oct. 23	Oct. 15-21	As of Oct. 21		
Northwest	90	40	6.5	25	75	-
Northeast	85	40	6.0	15	85	-
West	92	60	6.5	85	15	-
Central	94	80	6.0	60	40	-
East	98	80	6.0	25	75	-
W Southwest	91	70	5.5	25	75	-
E Southeast	90	60	5.5	30	70	-
Southwest	80	65	4.0	-	100	-
Southeast	80	50	5.0	5	95	-
State	90	60	5.75	30	70	-

**Corn - Percent Harvested**  
Illinois



**Soybeans - Percent Harvested**  
Illinois



## WEATHER

Drier and warmer than normal fall weather occurred the past seven days across much of Illinois. A surge of Canadian air produced rain in Illinois on Monday.

Daily high temperatures averaged from the upper 60's and lower 70's in the north to the low and mid 70's in the south. These readings were 7 to 10 degrees above normal in the north and central, and 4 to 6 degrees above normal in the south. Lows averaged mostly in the 40's in the central and north, and the mid 40's to mid 50's in the south, which was 5 to 9 degrees above normal across much of Illinois. Coldest readings ranged from the 30's to around 40 in the north to the 40's in the south.

Rainfall totals for the period averaged from up to 0.40 inch in the west central and northwest to 1.00 to 2.50 inches in the far south. This was below normal by around 0.30 to 0.60 inch, except for above normal by around 0.30 to 2.00 inches in the far south.

Dry weather is expected for the period Wednesday through Friday. Highs in the mid to upper 50's on Wednesday warming into the 60's and low 70's by Friday. Lows in the 30's midweek will increase into the 40's by Friday.

Week ending 8 A.M. Monday, October 24, 1994

Location	Temperatures		Departure	Precipitation
	Maximum	Minimum		
Elizabeth	69	39	5	0.35
Rockford	68	45	8	0.08
Chicago	70	49	9	0.15
Chi Botanical	69	47	9	0.02
Watseka	71	44	7	0.38
Peru	70	48	8	0.07
Moline	72	49	9	0.06
Peoria	71	50	9	0.20
Monmouth	73	46	7	0.09
Quincy	70	52	8	0.10
Perry	71	49	7	0.23
Springfield	72	50	8	0.24
Urbana	70	48	7	0.58
Windsor	72	50	7	0.53
Terre Haute	73	47	7	0.31
St. Louis	74	56	N/A	0.96
Belleville	73	54	8	0.37
Brownstown	71	49	7	0.72
Iuka	74	49	6	0.15
Lawrenceville	71	47	5	0.60
Vincennes	72	46	5	0.49
Dixon Springs	73	51	6	1.01
Paducah	74	53	7	1.34
Olive Branch	74	53	7	0.15
Carbondale	73	48	5	2.67
C Girardeau	73	54	N/A	2.22

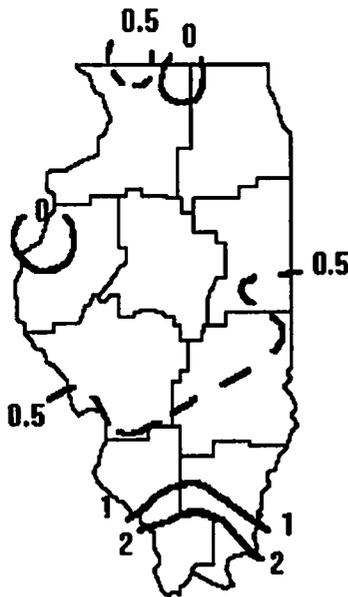
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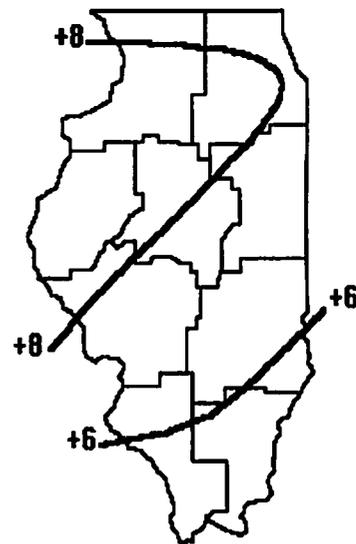
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Precipitation (Inches)  
October 18-24, 1994



Temperature Departure  
October 18-24, 1994

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