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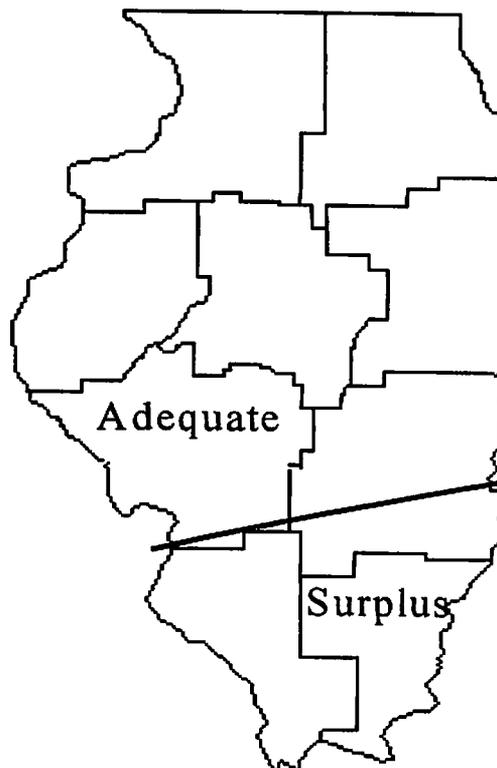
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Fieldwork varied drastically across the state last week as the wet areas in the south received more unwelcome rainfall and the dry areas to the north received only light scattered showers. Topsoil moisture, as of June 6, was nine percent short, 62 percent adequate and 29 percent surplus. Days suitable for fieldwork averaged 3.3 with a low of six-tenths in the southern two districts to a high of 6.3 in the Northeast. The continued wet weather in the wheat growing region has begun to raise concerns of possible wheat diseases that may attack the crop. Where weather permitted, farmers were spraying, hoeing beans, cultivating corn, harvesting hay, side dressing corn and preparing combines for wheat harvest.

## Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 1997	: 1996	: 5-Year Average
June 8			
<b>CORN:</b>			
Height (inches)	8	6	7
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>			
Planted	93	40	67
<b>SORGHUM:</b>			
Planted	75	32	50
<b>WINTER WHEAT:</b>			
Headed	90	90	95
Filled	58	43	67
Turning yellow	7	7	20
<b>OATS:</b>			
Headed	12	16	28
Filled	1/	2	6
<b>ALFALFA HAY:</b>			
First cutting:	48	25	56
<b>RED CLOVER:</b>			
Cutting:	31	32	51

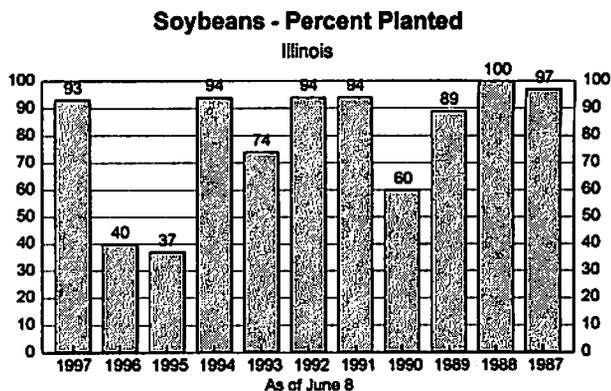
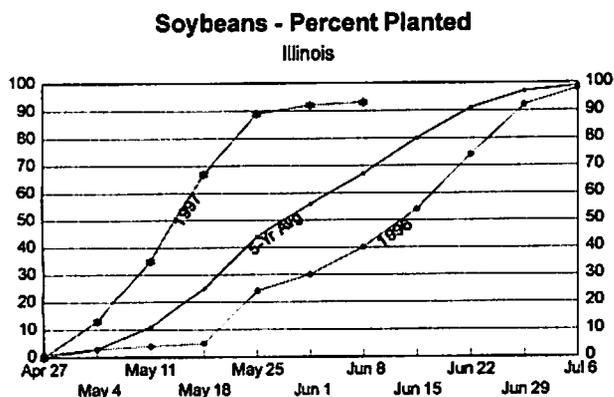
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**Topsoil Moisture  
June 6**

### Crop Conditions

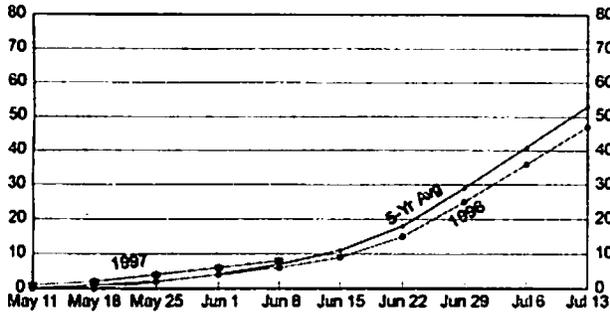
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
June 6					
Corn	1	3	31	54	11
Winter Wheat	2	5	21	63	9
Oats	-	2	21	69	8
Alfalfa	-	4	28	60	8
Red Clover	2	3	24	63	8
Pasture	1	3	24	62	10



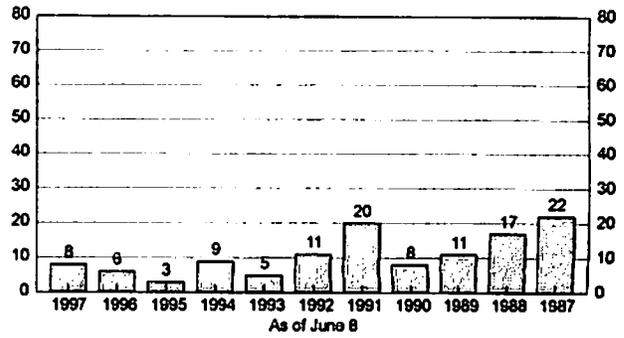
### Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
	May 31 - June 6	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
June 6					
Northwest	5.8	-	17	83	-
Northeast	6.3	4	30	62	4
West	4.9	-	7	92	1
Central	3.8	-	18	73	9
East	1.6	-	8	58	34
W Southwest	3.2	-	2	91	7
E Southeast	2.3	-	-	76	24
Southwest	.6	-	-	18	82
Southeast	.6	-	-	12	88
State	3.3	-	9	62	29

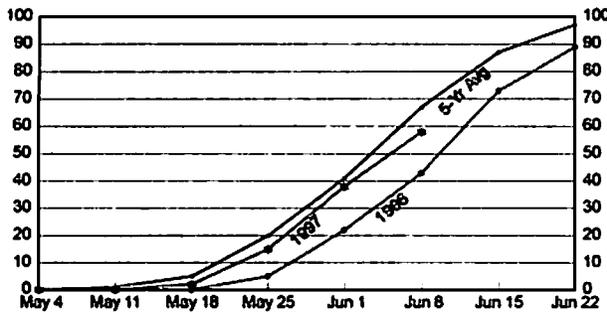
**Corn - Average Height (Inches)**  
Illinois



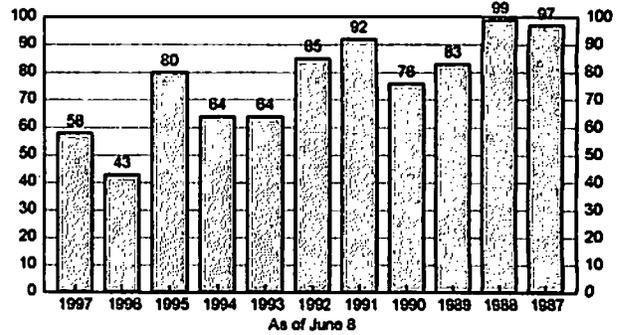
**Corn - Average Height (Inches)**  
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**Winter Wheat - Percent Filled**  
Illinois



**Winter Wheat - Percent Filled**  
Illinois



**Temperature and Precipitation**

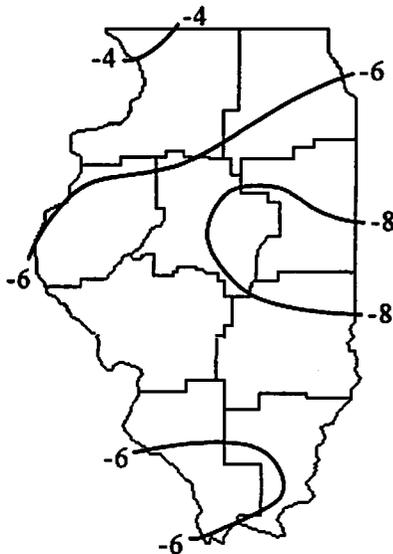
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
June 2 - June 8						
Northwest	63.3	68.4	-5.1	.82	.82	-.01
Northeast	61.2	67.4	-6.2	.72	.81	-.09
West	63.5	70.3	-6.8	.71	.92	-.21
Central	62.4	70.1	-7.8	1.06	.83	.23
East	61.7	69.8	-8.1	1.55	.90	.65
W Southwest	63.5	71.0	-7.5	.79	.93	-.14
E Southeast	63.6	71.2	-7.7	1.54	.84	.70
Southwest	65.7	71.9	-6.2	1.07	.92	.15
Southeast	65.4	72.4	-7.0	1.38	.97	.41
State	63.3	70.2	-6.9	1.06	.88	.18

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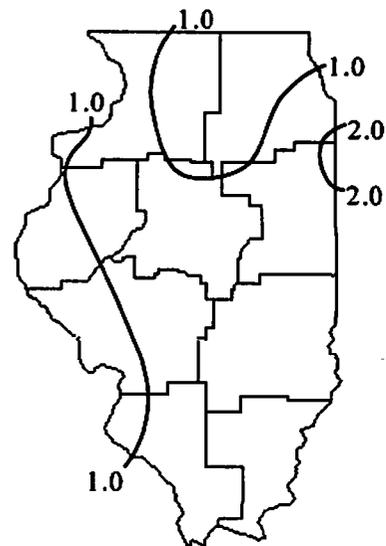
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Temperature Departure  
June 2-8



Precipitation Total  
June 2-8

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