

ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



**ILLINOIS
AGRICULTURAL
STATISTICS SERVICE**

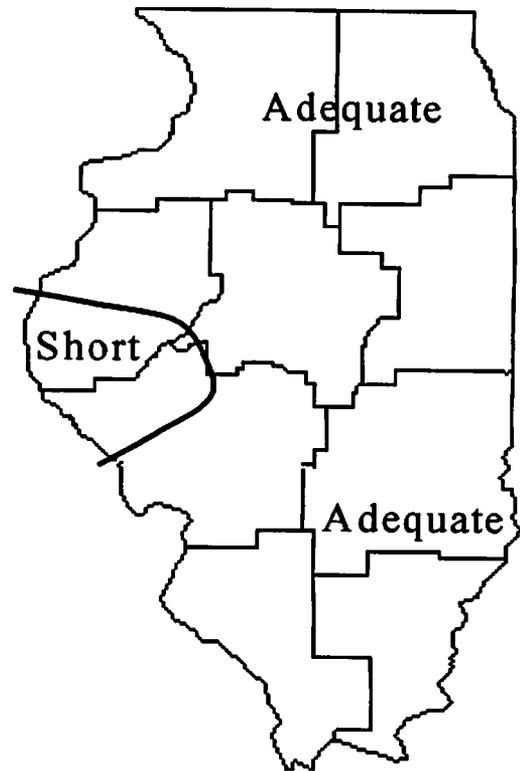
P.O. Box 19283, Springfield, IL 62794-9283
Phone: (217)492-4295
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
<http://www.state.il.us/agr/agstats.htm>

RELEASED: September 29, 1997 3 P.M., CT
VOL. 18, NO. 31

Soybean harvest gained momentum last week and by week's end, 11 percent of the soybean crop was harvested statewide. This compares to four percent last year at this time, and the average of 15 percent. Corn harvest was slower, which consisted mainly of high moisture corn and seed corn. Farmers in the north breathed a sigh of relief after last week's seasonable temperatures and less than normal precipitation. The forecast is for more of the same weather during the upcoming week. The final cutting of hay continued last week as did preparations and field testing of equipment for harvest. Other activities last week included chopping silage, harvesting apples and attending the Farm Progress Show.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 1997	: 1996	: 5-Year Average
September 28			
CORN:			
Dent	99	94	96
Mature	56	57	69
Harvested	4	6	8
SOYBEANS:			
Turning yellow	94	74	89
Shedding leaves	76	42	69
Harvested	11	4	15
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	3	2	3
SORGHUM:			
Coloring	90	92	88
Mature	38	45	52
Harvested	1	1	4
ALFALFA HAY:			
Third cutting:	97	95	93



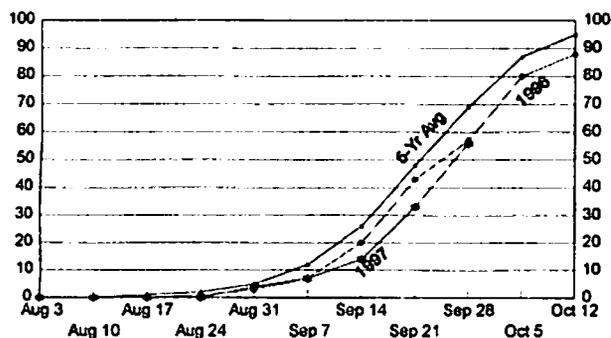
**Topsoil Moisture
September 26**

Crop Conditions

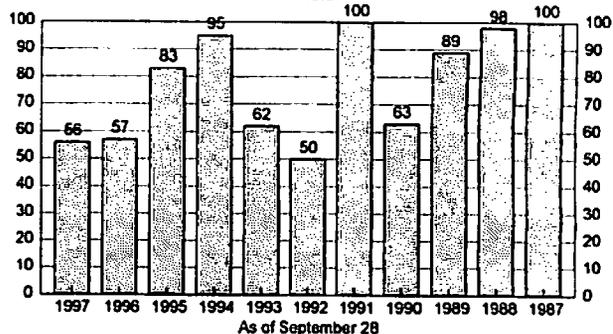
	:		:		:		:			
Crop	:	Very	:	Poor	:	Fair	:	Good	:	Excellent
	:	Poor	:		:		:		:	
	:	September 26								
Corn	:	3	:	10	:	37	:	44	:	6
Soybeans	:	2	:	9	:	34	:	48	:	7
Sorghum	:	2	:	9	:	30	:	56	:	3
Pasture	:	3	:	12	:	37	:	43	:	5

The charts on this page and the next are available from the World Wide Web site noted on the front page. There are also additional charts at the site that are not shown here.

Corn - Percent Mature
Illinois



Corn - Percent Mature
Illinois



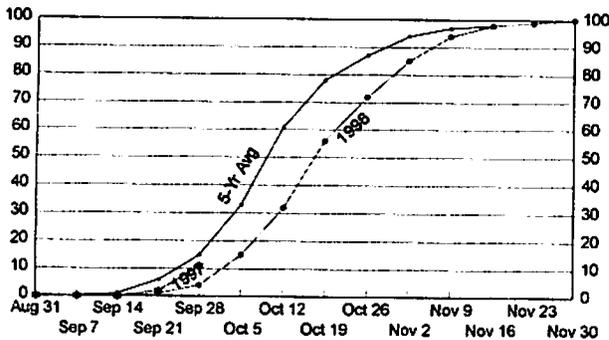
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

	:		:		:		:
District	:	Days Suitable	:	Topsoil Moisture			
	:	for	:				
	:	Fieldwork	:	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	:	September 20 - 26			September 26		
Northwest	:	5.0	-	7	92	1	
Northeast	:	4.5	-	13	87	-	
West	:	5.3	4	33	60	3	
Central	:	5.5	-	9	89	2	
East	:	5.0	-	13	83	4	
W Southwest	:	4.9	3	32	65	-	
E Southeast	:	5.7	5	23	72	-	
Southwest	:	4.8	-	23	75	2	
Southeast	:	5.3	1	32	61	6	
State	:	5.1	2	20	76	2	

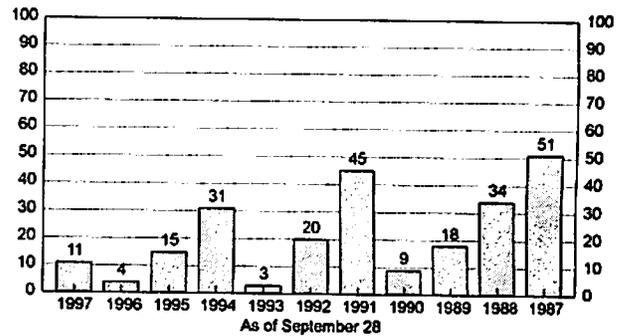
Crop Progress by District

District	Corn		Soybeans	
	Mature		Shedding Leaves	Harvested
September 28				
Northwest	41		66	2
Northeast	21		76	5
West	69		83	5
Central	66		77	7
East	49		84	16
W Southwest	84		90	11
E Southeast	60		75	23
Southwest	58		58	8
Southeast	63		38	4
State	56		76	11

Soybeans - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Temperature and Precipitation

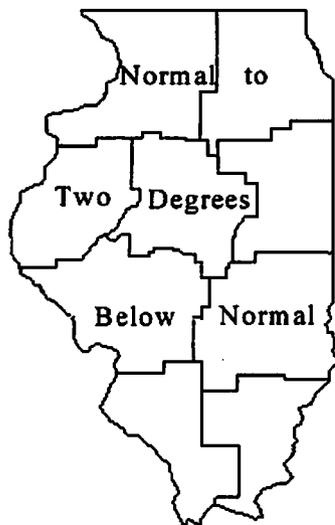
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
September 22 - 28						
Northwest	59.6	59.1	0.4	.33	.82	-.49
Northeast	59.5	59.4	0.1	.19	.89	-.70
West	62.2	61.6	0.6	.43	.93	-.50
Central	61.4	61.3	0.1	.32	.81	-.48
East	60.6	61.2	-0.6	.25	.72	-.47
W Southwest	62.9	62.7	0.2	.50	.74	-.24
E Southeast	62.2	63.0	-0.8	.40	.66	-.25
Southwest	63.8	64.2	-0.4	.50	.68	-.18
Southeast	63.3	64.6	-1.3	.41	.65	-.24
State	61.6	61.8	-0.1	.37	.77	-.40

NEWSPAPER TIME VALUE

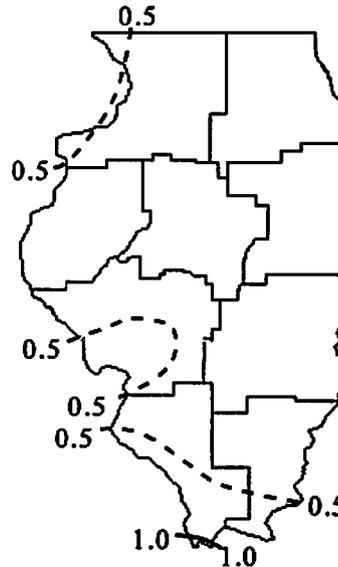
Illinois Weather & Crops
September 29, 1997

Illinois Weather & Crops (ISSN 0273-8635) is published weekly April-November, semimonthly in January, and monthly in December, February and March, by the Illinois Dept. of Agriculture, Illinois Agricultural Statistics Service, Room 54, Department of Agriculture Bldg., 801 Sangamon Ave., Springfield, IL 62702. For information on subscribing, send request to the above address. Periodical postage paid at Springfield, Illinois. Postmaster: Send Address Change to Illinois Weather & Crops, P.O. Box 19283, Springfield, IL 62794-9283.

Data and maps provided by the Illinois State Water Survey, Department of Natural Resources, 2204 Griffith Drive, Champaign, Il. 61820, (217)244-8226.



Temperature Departure
September 22 - 28



Precipitation Total
September 22 - 28

Crop PROGRESS INFORMATION in this report is provided voluntarily by local area officials of Farm Service Agency, Extension Service, National Resources Conservation Service, Farm Business Farm Management field staff, and agribusiness managers.

