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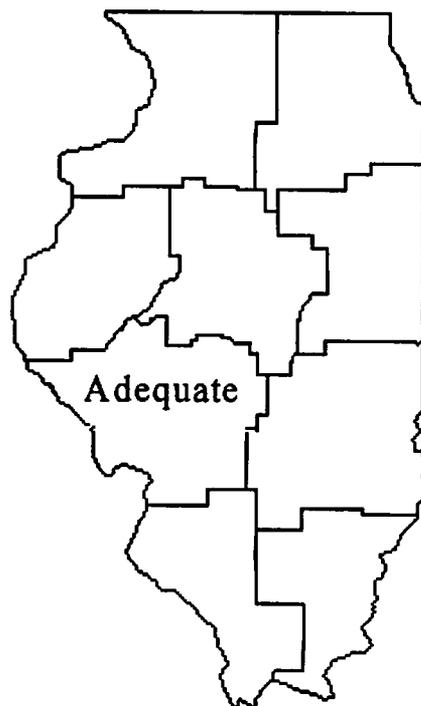
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Last week's weather of much cooler than normal temperatures and less than normal precipitation allowed farmers back into the fields with 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Days suitable ranged from under three in the south to over five in the north where the majority of the corn remains to be harvested. By November 16, 96 percent of the corn crop had been harvested compared to 91 percent last year and the five-year average of 90 percent. Sorghum harvest was 94 percent complete compared to 79 percent last year and the five-year average of 89 percent. Soybean harvest is virtually complete with only a few double crop acres remaining. Ninety-eight percent of the wheat crop has emerged and rated as three percent poor, 23 percent fair, 66 percent good and eight percent excellent. Farm activities last week included fall tillage and lime, fertilizer and anhydrous ammonia application. Topsoil moisture last week was rated at 13 percent short, 76 percent adequate and 11 percent surplus.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 1997	: 1996	: 5-Year Average

November 16			
CORN:			
Harvested	96	91	90
WINTER WHEAT:			
Emerged	98	93	90
SORGHUM:			
Harvested	94	79	89

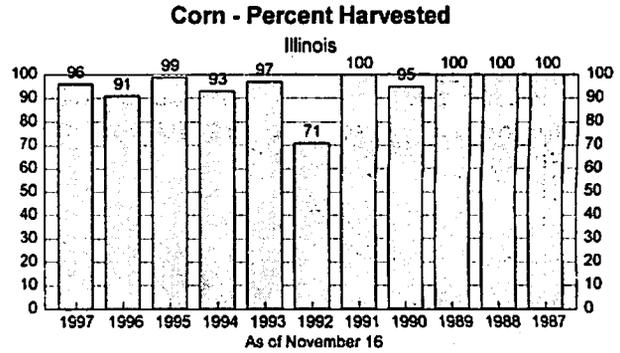
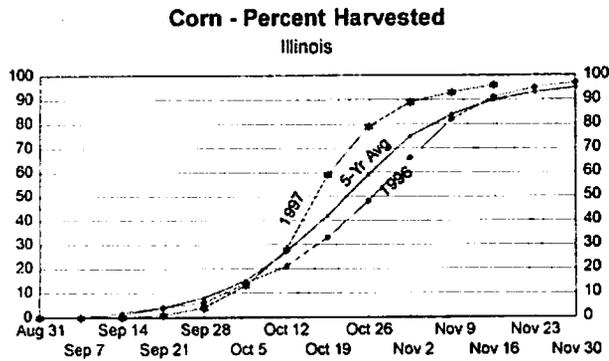


**Topsoil Moisture
November 14**

Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
	: Poor	:	:	:	:
	November 14				
Winter Wheat	: -	: 3	: 23	: 66	: 8

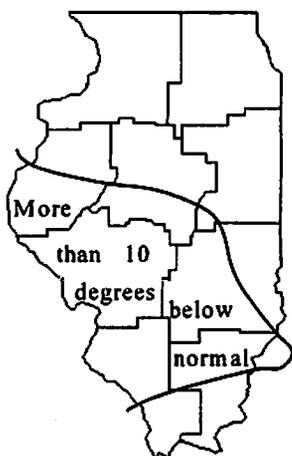
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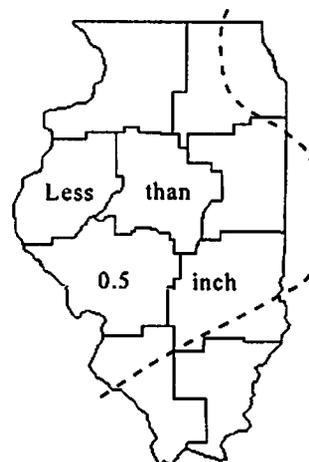
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	November 8 - 14	November 14			
Northwest	5.2	-	13	86	1
Northeast	6.2	-	16	84	-
West	4.9	3	32	65	-
Central	4.6	-	10	89	1
East	3.6	-	8	65	27
W Southwest	2.6	1	18	81	-
E Southeast	3.8	-	20	69	11
Southwest	2.5	-	1	56	43
Southeast	3.9	-	-	85	15
State	4.1	-	13	76	11

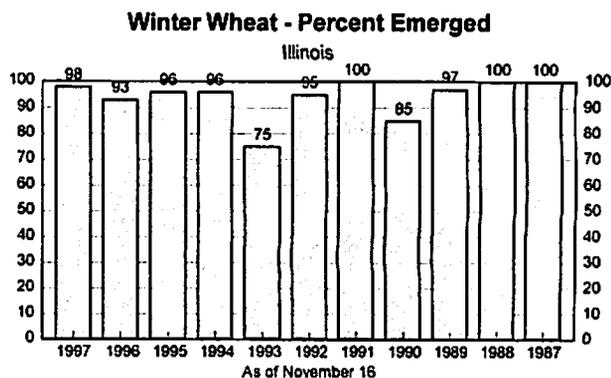
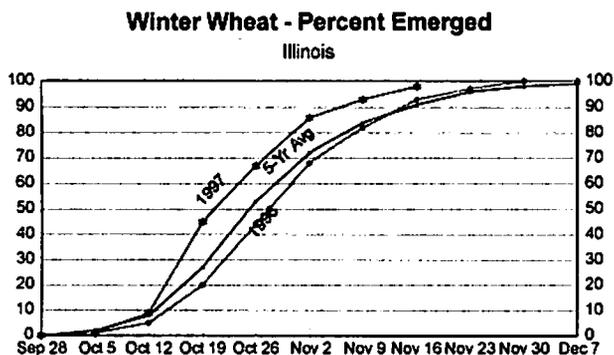
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Temperature Departure
November 10 - 16



Precipitation Total
November 10 - 16



Temperature and Precipitation

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
November 10 - 16						
Northwest	29.2	39.5	- 10.3	.41	.54	- .14
Northeast	29.8	40.2	- 10.5	.54	.56	- .02
West	30.4	42.7	- 12.3	.08	.59	- .51
Central	30.4	42.1	- 11.7	.17	.58	- .41
East	30.8	42.0	- 11.2	.27	.59	- .32
W Southwest	31.5	44.3	- 12.8	.25	.66	- .41
E Southeast	32.4	44.6	- 12.2	.38	.72	- .34
Southwest	33.8	46.7	- 12.9	.53	.68	- .15
Southeast	34.9	47.0	- 12.1	.63	.70	- .06
State	31.3	43.1	- 11.7	.36	.62	- .27

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