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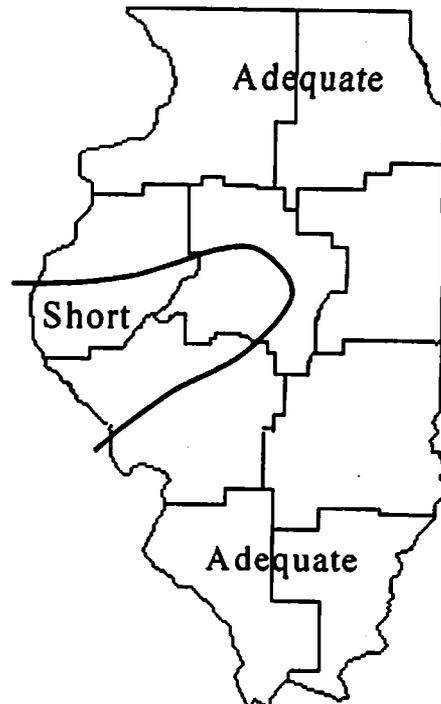
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Cooler than normal temperatures and less than normal precipitation again last week allowed farmers 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork, which they used to nearly complete harvesting the corn crop. Snow which fell on the 15th, however, delayed the harvesting of the remaining corn, which was carrying moisture in the upper 20's due to the wet snows. By November 23, 98 percent of the corn crop had been harvested compared to 95 percent last year and the five-year average of 93 percent. Sorghum harvest was 97 percent complete compared to 89 percent last year and the five-year average of 94 percent. Ninety-nine percent of the wheat crop has emerged and was rated as three percent poor, 23 percent fair, 64 percent good and ten percent excellent. The wheat crop is reportedly in good shape and has good growth going into the winter. Farm activities last week included fall tillage and application of lime, fertilizer and anhydrous ammonia. Topsoil moisture last week was rated at one percent very short, 20 percent short, 75 percent adequate and four percent surplus. Many farmers are reported to be hauling water due to dry wells and are concerned over the low subsoil moisture levels.

### Crop Progress

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Crop Stage	: 1997	: 1996	: 5-Year Average
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November 23			
<b>CORN:</b>			
Harvested	98	95	93
<b>WINTER WHEAT:</b>			
Emerged	99	97	94
<b>SORGHUM:</b>			
Harvested	97	89	94
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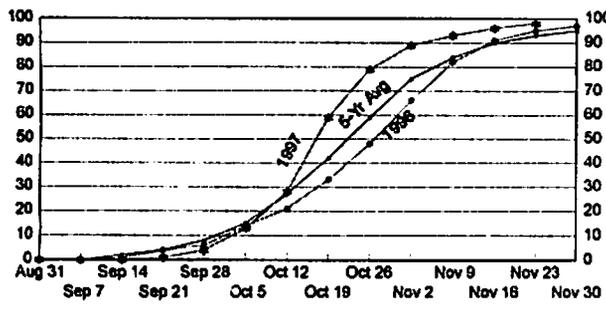
Topsoil Moisture  
November 21

**Crop Conditions**

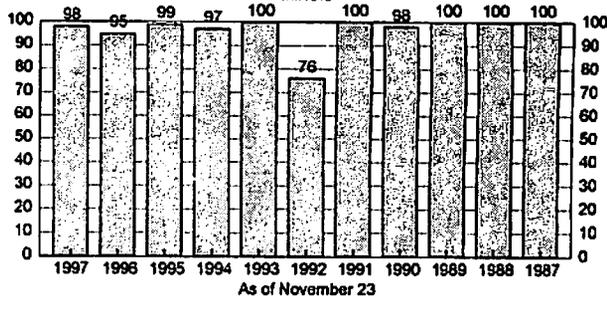
Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
Winter Wheat	: -	: 3	: 23	: 64	: 10

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 Harvested**  
Illinois



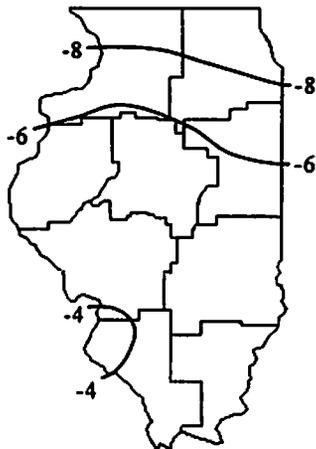
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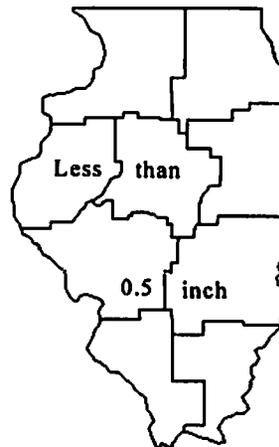
**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture**

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	November 15 - 21		November 21		
Northwest	4.7	-	13	85	2
Northeast	3.7	-	30	70	-
West	6.2	1	39	60	-
Central	5.0	-	24	75	1
East	2.8	-	11	86	3
W Southwest	3.8	2	32	66	-
E Southeast	4.8	2	20	78	-
Southwest	2.8	-	-	56	44
Southeast	5.2	-	1	93	6
State	4.5	1	20	75	4

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

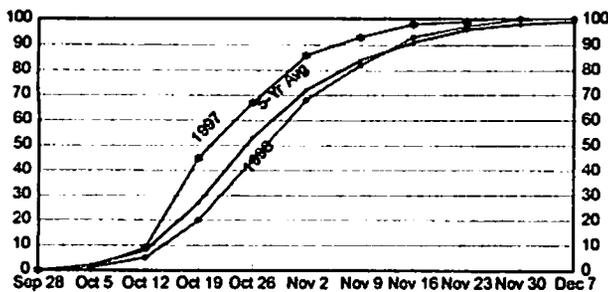


Temperature Departure  
November 17 - 23

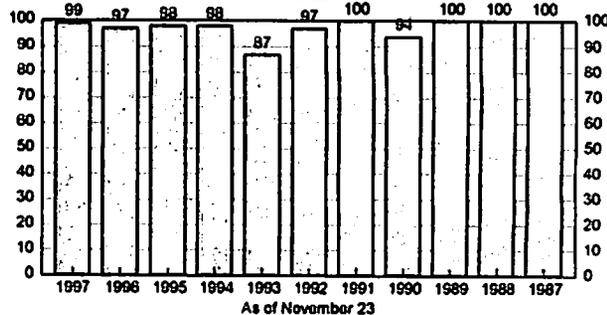


Precipitation Total  
November 17 - 23

Winter Wheat - Percent Emerged  
Illinois



Winter Wheat - Percent Emerged  
Illinois



Temperature and Precipitation

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
November 17 - 23						
Northwest	29.2	37.4	- 8.2	.01	.43	- .42
Northeast	29.4	38.1	- 8.7	.04	.53	- .49
West	34.4	40.3	- 5.9	.02	.50	- .48
Central	34.7	39.7	- 5.1	.08	.54	- .46
East	33.8	39.6	- 5.8	.13	.58	- .45
W Southwest	37.4	41.9	- 4.5	.18	.62	- .44
E Southeast	37.3	42.2	- 5.0	.15	.79	- .64
Southwest	40.1	44.5	- 4.4	.11	.98	- .87
Southeast	39.3	44.9	- 5.6	.14	1.01	- .87
State	34.9	40.8	- 5.9	.10	.65	- .55

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