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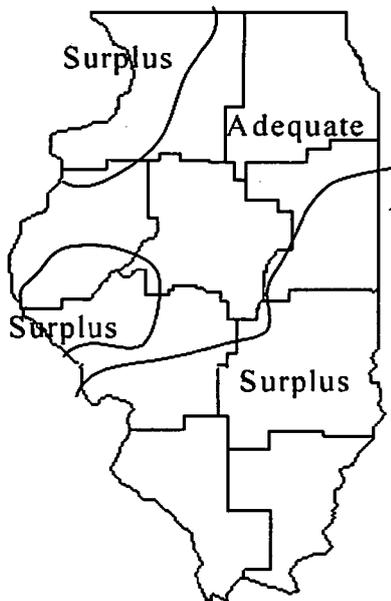


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Early week corn planting was significant in the central portion of the state last week, and was 30 percent complete statewide as of May 3, which still lags behind the five-year average of 35 percent. Farmers in the northernmost and southernmost districts have only around ten percent of their corn planted and made little progress last week. All field operations across the state were shut down by mid-week as showers and thunderstorms erupted, dumping two to three times the normal rainfall nearly everywhere. Spotty best describes the planting activity this year as some areas have farmers finished with corn planting and starting soybean planting while others are yet to plant their first row of corn. Planting of soybeans was one percent complete compared to 12 percent last year and the five-year average of three percent. There was an average of 2.0 days suitable for fieldwork statewide last week and ranged from just one in the southeast to over three in the east. Oat seeding progressed to 88 percent complete last week compared to 98 percent last year and the five-year average of 79 percent. Condition of the wheat crop was rated one percent very poor, three percent poor, 19 percent fair, 63 percent good and 14 percent excellent. As of May 1, 13 percent of the crop was heading, ahead of last year and the five-year average of one and two percent respectively. Some concerns were expressed regarding the excessive moisture to this point on the wheat crop. Alfalfa conditions were rated one percent poor, ten percent fair, 68 percent good and 21 percent excellent. Topsoil moisture increased significantly last week to 66 percent surplus with 34 percent adequate. Activities were limited to early in the week and included planting of corn, soybeans and oats, applying fertilizer and herbicides, and waiting for the rains to go away!



Topsoil Moisture  
May 1

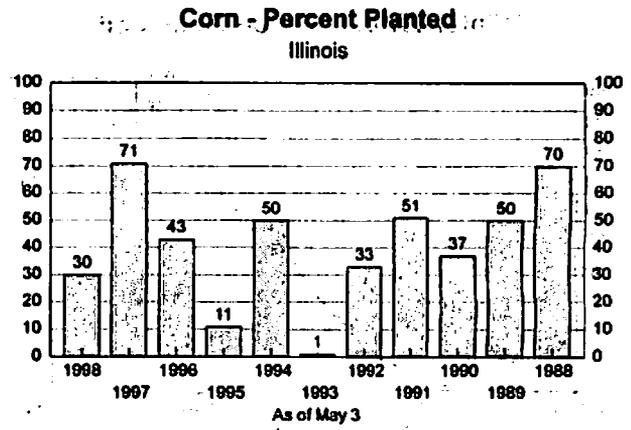
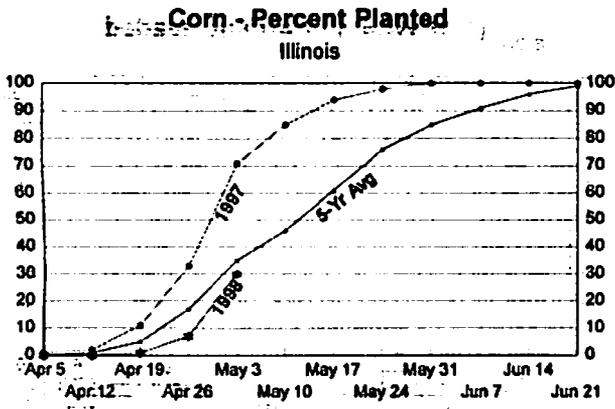
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**Crop Conditions**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	May 1				
Winter Wheat	1	3	19	63	14
Alfalfa	-	1	10	68	21
Red Clover	-	3	17	64	16
Pasture	-	2	11	66	21

The charts on this page 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.



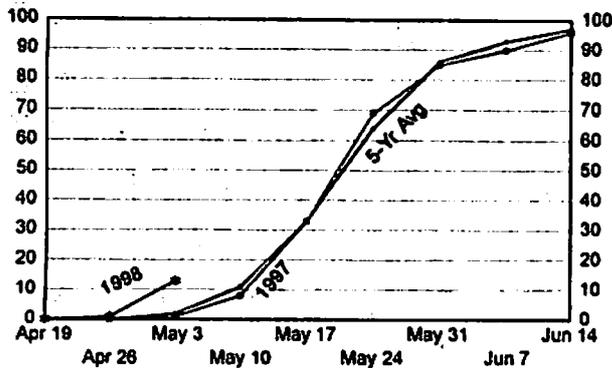
**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture**

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	April 25 - May 1	May 1			
Northwest	2.0	-	-	44	56
Northeast	1.1	-	-	62	38
West	2.4	-	-	46	54
Central	2.9	-	-	51	49
East	3.3	-	-	38	62
W Southwest	2.8	-	-	44	56
E Southeast	2.0	-	-	11	89
Southwest	1.2	-	-	14	86
Southeast	1.0	-	-	8	92
State	2.0	-	-	34	66

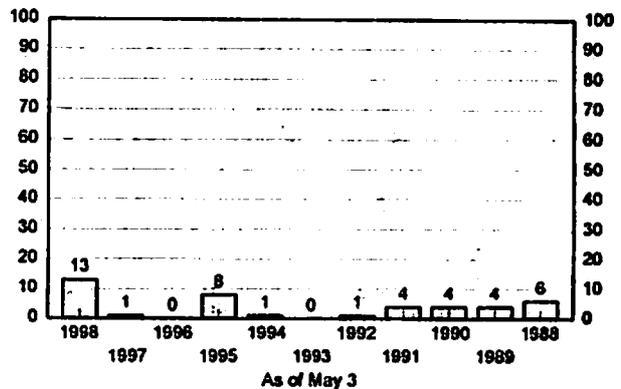
### Illinois District Summary

District	Corn Acreage Percent Planted
	May 3
Northwest	9
Northeast	13
West	25
Central	42
East	52
W Southwest	51
E Southeast	28
Southwest	15
Southeast	9
<b>State</b>	<b>30</b>

**Winter Wheat - Percent Headed**  
Illinois



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### Temperature and Precipitation

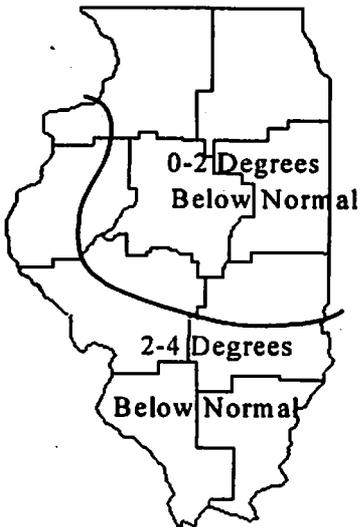
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
	April 27 - May 3					
Northwest	52.5	55.0	-2.4	.47	.81	-.34
Northeast	52.0	53.7	-1.7	.63	.89	-.26
West	54.8	57.6	-2.8	1.84	.77	1.08
Central	55.4	56.9	-1.5	2.03	.80	1.23
East	55.8	56.2	-0.5	2.25	.77	1.48
W Southwest	56.1	58.5	-2.4	2.70	.80	1.90
E Southeast	56.7	58.8	-2.1	2.70	.80	1.90
Southwest	58.0	60.3	-2.3	2.83	.96	1.87
Southeast	58.3	60.6	-2.3	3.05	1.08	1.97
<b>State</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>2.01</b>	<b>.84</b>	<b>1.17</b>

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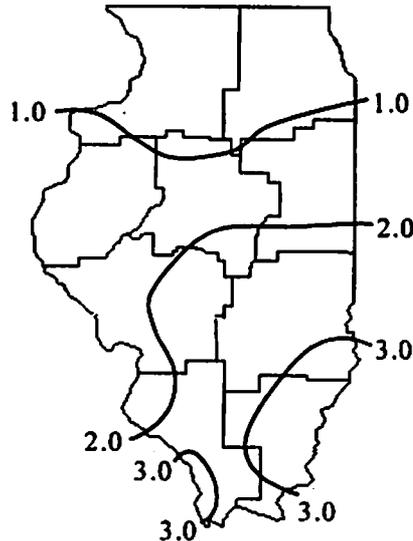
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Temperature Departure  
April 27 - May 3



Precipitation Total  
April 27 - May 3

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