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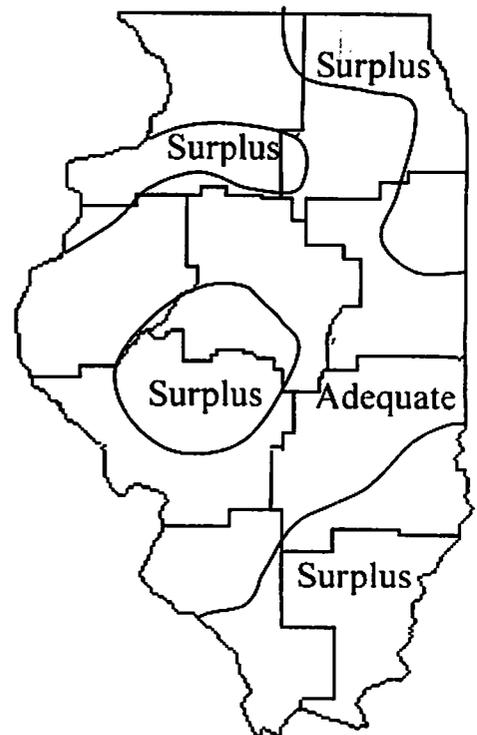
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Eager to get in their fields, farmers took advantage of the warm and dry conditions last week. The needed break from rain allowed an average of 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork, with much of the time devoted to the corn crop. There are numerous reports of corn fields being replanted, while other fields are being hoed to improve stands. As of May 17, 63 percent of the corn had been planted compared to 61 percent for the five-year average and 94 percent last year. Soybeans are at 12 percent planted compared to 22 percent for the five-year average and 62 percent last year. The wheat crop benefitted from the dry weather last week and was rated one percent very poor, three percent poor, 18 percent fair, 66 percent good and 12 percent excellent. Wheat continues to progress well ahead of normal this year, with 77 percent of the crop headed and 15 percent filled. This compares to 33 percent headed and three percent filled for the five-year average. Topsoil moisture improved last week and was rated one percent short, 57 percent adequate and 42 percent surplus. Other farming activities last week included applying fertilizer and herbicides, cutting and baling hay, preparing fields for planting and hauling manure.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 1998	: 1997	: 5-Year Average

May 17			
CORN:			
Planted	63	94	61
Emerged	29	NA	NA
SOYBEANS:			
Planted	12	62	22
Emerged	1	NA	NA
SORGHUM:			
Planted	2	17	5
WINTER WHEAT:			
Headed	77	33	33
Filled	15	2	3
OATS:			
Headed	1	8	6
ALFALFA HAY:			
First cutting	10	6	4
RED CLOVER:			
Cut	8	3	3

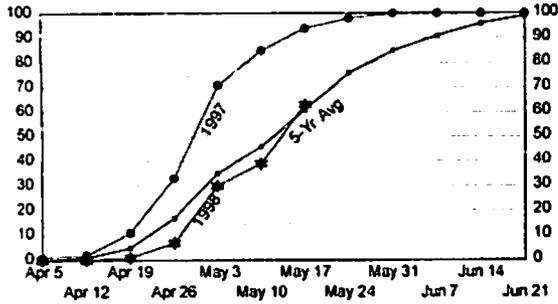


Topsoil Moisture
May 15

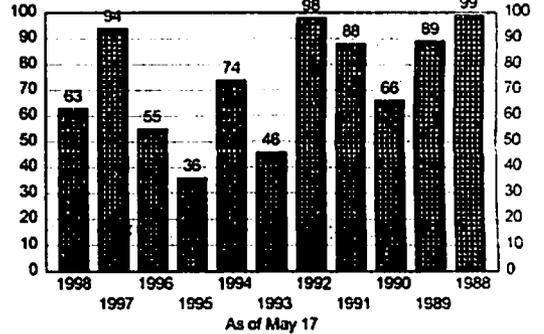
Crop Conditions

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
May 15					
Winter Wheat	1	3	18	66	12
Oats	-	2	21	68	9
Alfalfa	-	1	14	65	20
Red Clover	-	3	14	66	17
Pasture	-	2	12	66	20

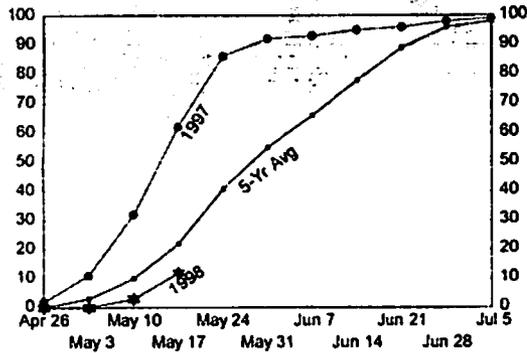
Corn - Percent Planted
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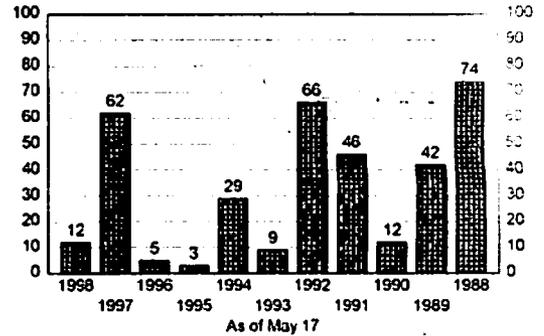
Corn - Percent Planted
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Soybeans - Percent Planted
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Soybeans - Percent Planted
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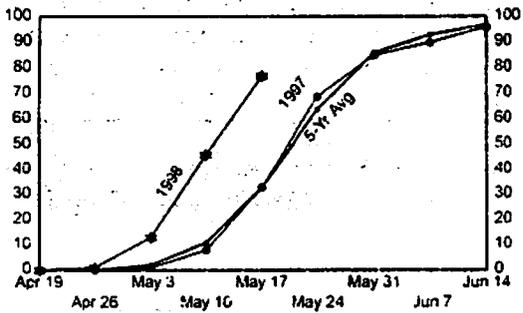
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	May 9 - 15	May 15			
Northwest	4.6	-	1	62	37
Northeast	3.7	-	-	52	48
West	3.8	-	3	60	37
Central	3.7	-	-	58	42
East	3.2	-	7	60	33
W Southwest	4.3	-	-	71	29
E Southeast	3.1	-	-	53	47
Southwest	4.2	-	-	45	55
Southeast	4.1	-	-	38	62
State	3.9	-	1	57	42

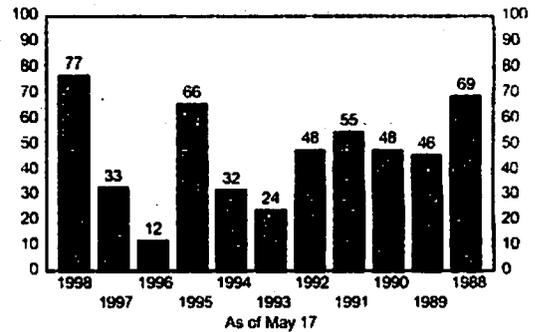
Illinois District Summary

District	Corn		Soybean	
	Acreage	Percent	Acreage	Percent
	Planted		Planted	
	May 17			
Northwest	67		13	
Northeast	35		7	
West	59		17	
Central	81		16	
East	82		11	
W Southwest	79		22	
E Southeast	43		5	
Southwest	29		7	
Southeast	19		3	
State	63		12	

Winter Wheat - Percent Headed
Illinois



Winter Wheat - Percent Headed
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Temperature and Precipitation

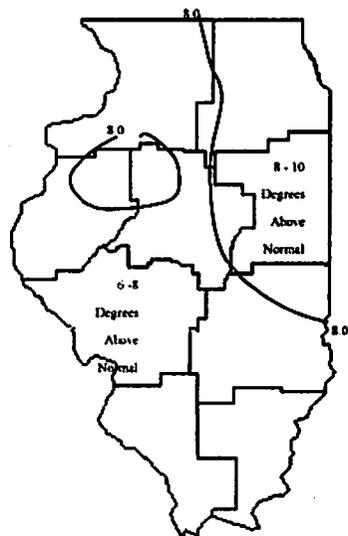
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
	May 11 - 17					
Northwest	67.3	60.2	7.1	.44	1.16	- .72
Northeast	67.2	58.9	8.3	.36	1.01	- .65
West	70.4	62.6	7.9	.76	1.04	- .28
Central	69.9	62.0	7.9	.85	.99	- .15
East	69.6	61.4	8.2	.38	1.01	- .63
W Southwest	70.9	63.2	7.6	.56	1.06	- .50
E Southeast	70.6	63.4	7.2	.07	1.19	-1.11
Southwest	71.8	64.8	7.0	.04	1.24	-1.20
Southeast	71.8	65.1	6.7	.01	1.31	-1.30
State	69.9	62.3	7.6	.39	1.11	- .71

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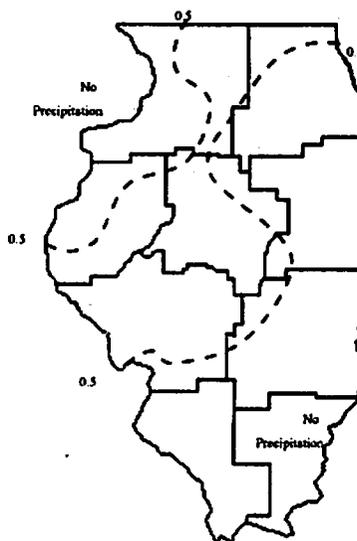
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Temperature Departure
May 11 - 17



Precipitation Total
May 11 - 17

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