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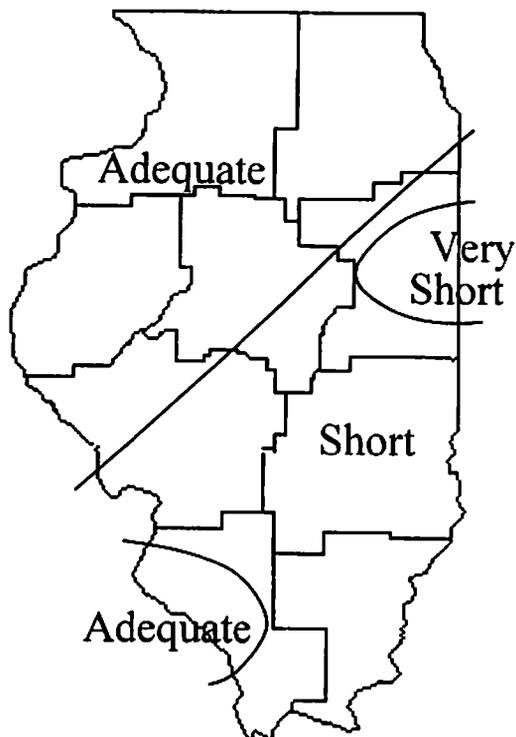
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Warm weather combined with scattered showers helped the corn and soybean crops advance toward maturity quickly last week. Corn is 65 percent mature compared to 30 percent last year, and a five-year average of 46 percent. Soybeans showed 50 percent shedding leaves, compared to 43 percent last year and a five-year average of 40 percent. With 5.1 days suitable for field work last week, corn harvest picked up across most of the state, and is ahead of normal. Eleven percent had been harvested as of September 20, compared to one percent last year and a five-year average of three percent. The corn condition was three percent very poor, nine percent poor, 24 percent fair, 50 percent good and 14 percent excellent. Soybean condition remains relatively unchanged as harvest is just getting started. The soybean crop was rated four percent very poor, nine percent poor, 26 percent fair, 42 percent good and 19 percent excellent. Activities for last week included tending livestock, mowing roadsides and preparing equipment for harvest.

### Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 1998	: 1997	: 5-Year Average
September 20			
<b>CORN:</b>			
Dented	93	94	93
Mature	65	30	46
Harvested	11	1	3
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>			
Turning yellow	81	79	72
Shedding leaves	50	43	40
Harvested	5	2	4
<b>SORGHUM:</b>			
Coloring	74	81	81
Mature	21	18	28
Harvested	1	0	1
<b>ALFALFA HAY:</b>			
Third cutting	94	93	90



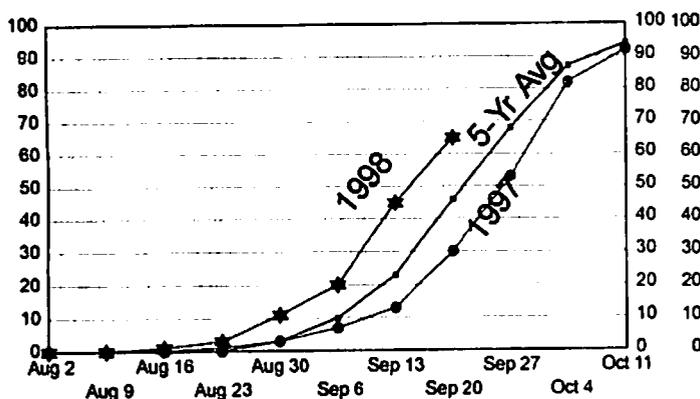
Topsoil Moisture  
September 18

**Crop Conditions**

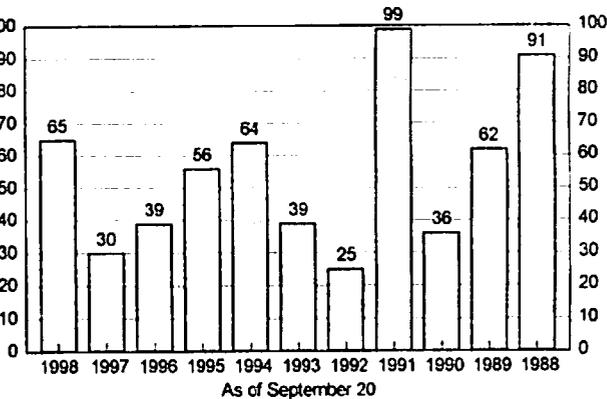
Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
September 18					
Corn	3	9	24	50	14
Soybeans	4	9	26	42	19
Sorghum	8	14	27	46	5
Pasture	4	11	32	46	7

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

**Corn - Percent Mature**  
Illinois



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**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture**

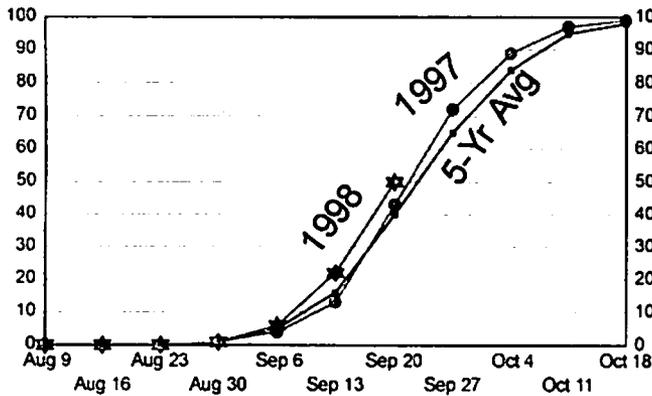
District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus
: September 12 - 18		September 18			
Northwest	3.9	-	-	93	7
Northeast	4.4	-	12	88	-
West	4.7	-	14	86	-
Central	5.6	-	64	36	-
East	6.7	24	61	15	-
W Southwest	4.9	3	33	64	-
E Southeast	6.6	19	75	6	-
Southwest	4.5	4	32	54	10
Southeast	6.2	26	63	11	-
State	5.1	7	37	54	2

**Illinois District Summary**

District	Corn		Soybean	
	Acreage % Mature	Acreage % Harvested	Acreage % Turning Yellow	Acreage % Shedding Leaves
September 20				
Northwest	46	3	69	33
Northeast	52	3	94	40
West	77	5	80	65
Central	69	21	85	43
East	67	11	97	74
W Southwest	92	15	80	53
E Southeast	67	12	82	48
Southwest	37	12	43	18
Southeast	66	29	65	57
State	65	11	81	50

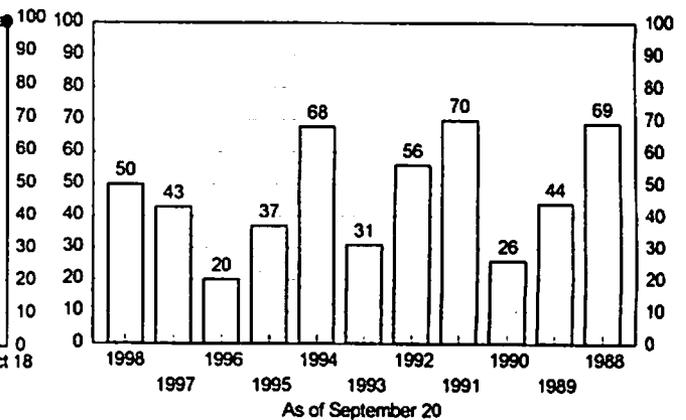
**Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves**

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**Temperature and Precipitation**

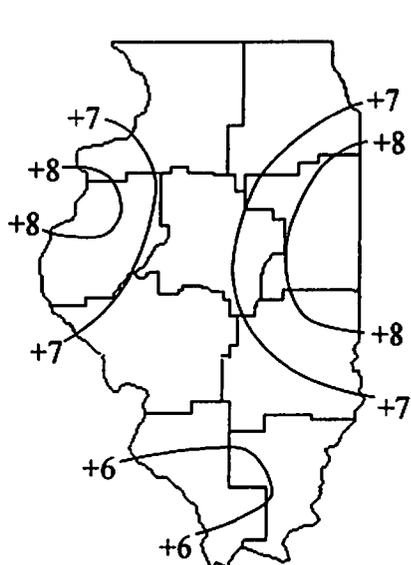
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
September 14 - 20						
Northwest	69.7	63.3	6.4	1.98	1.04	0.94
Northeast	70.6	63.7	6.9	0.78	0.99	-0.20
West	73.4	65.8	7.6	1.93	1.24	0.70
Central	72.9	65.8	7.1	0.68	1.15	-0.48
East	74.0	65.7	8.4	0.21	1.02	-0.81
W Southwest	73.9	67.0	6.9	1.04	1.13	-0.09
E Southeast	74.5	67.5	7.0	0.53	0.91	-0.37
Southwest	74.4	68.4	5.9	0.83	0.88	-0.05
Southeast	75.1	68.9	6.2	0.66	0.77	-0.11
State	73.1	66.1	7.0	0.98	1.02	-0.04

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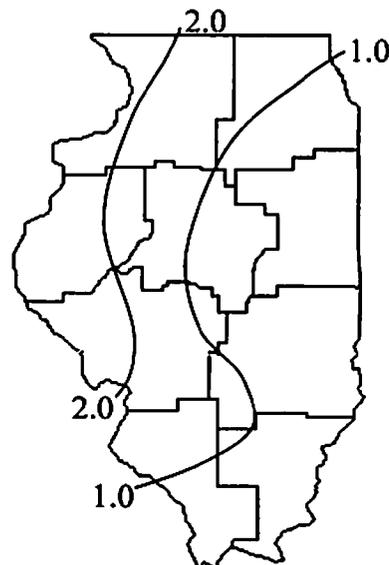
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Temperature Departure  
September 14 - 20



Precipitation Total  
September 14 - 20

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