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Last week, farmers continued to harvest their corn and soybean crops in between rain showers. Soybean harvest jumped ahead of the corn harvest with 37 percent of the acreage completed. This compares to 41 percent harvested at this time last year and a five-year average of 30 percent. The most significant change is in the East district, where soybean harvest doubled from last week to 76 percent completed. Statewide, corn harvest remains ahead of recent years with 33 percent harvested compared to 12 percent last year and a five-year average of 15 percent. Activities for last week included planting wheat, fall tillage and applying fertilizer.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 1998	: 1997	: 5-Year Average

October 4			
CORN:			
Mature	95	82	87
Harvested	33	12	15
SOYBEANS:			
Turning yellow	95	97	95
Shedding leaves	84	89	84
Harvested	37	41	30
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	7	11	10
Emerged	1	1	2
SORGHUM:			
Coloring	92	95	92
Mature	61	66	66
Harvested	7	4	6



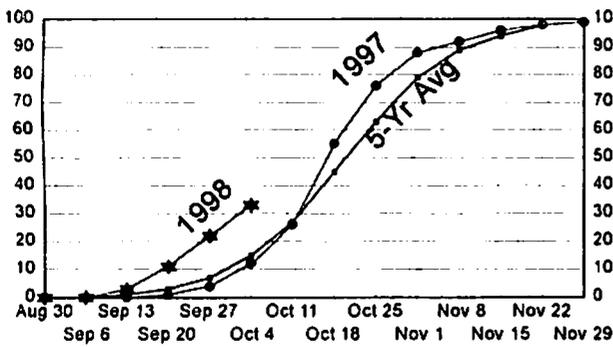
**Topsoil Moisture
October 2**

Crop Conditions

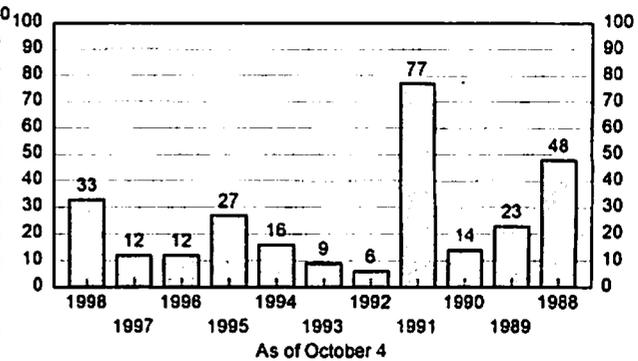
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	October 2				
Pasture	6	17	34	39	4

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 Harvested
Illinois



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Illinois



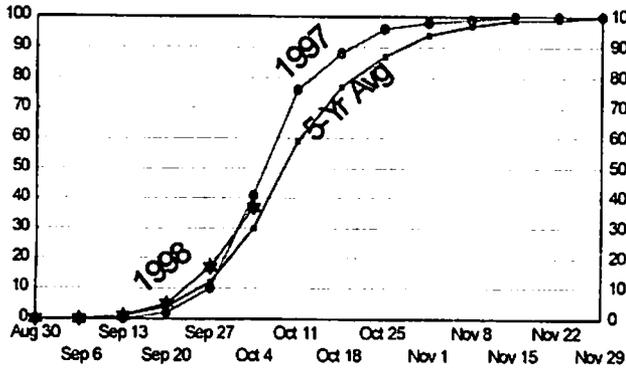
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Sept. 26 - Oct. 2	October 2			
Northwest	4.7	-	8	89	3
Northeast	4.2	-	7	93	-
West	4.8	-	9	85	6
Central	5.8	3	62	35	-
East	6.3	14	59	27	-
W Southwest	5.5	-	20	80	-
E Southeast	6.2	5	58	37	-
Southwest	6.6	14	31	55	-
Southeast	6.9	25	44	30	1
State	5.6	8	30	61	1

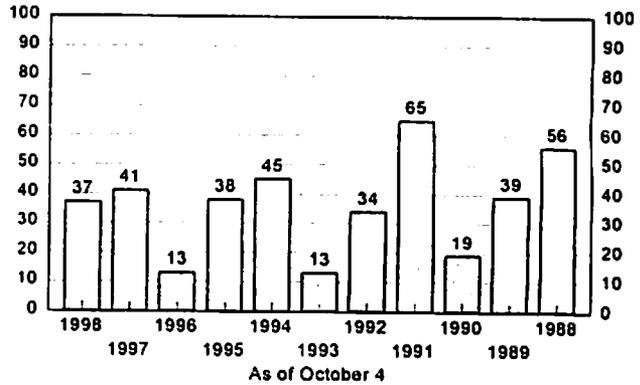
Illinois District Summary

District	Corn		Soybean	
	Acreage % Mature	Acreage % Harvested	Acreage % Shedding Leaves	Acreage % Harvested
October 4				
Northwest	96	15	91	14
Northeast	79	20	88	37
West	98	26	90	17
Central	99	44	92	50
East	98	53	94	76
W Southwest	99	44	87	39
E Southeast	96	30	74	38
Southwest	75	39	57	19
Southeast	93	34	73	23
State	95	33	84	37

Soybeans - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Temperature and Precipitation

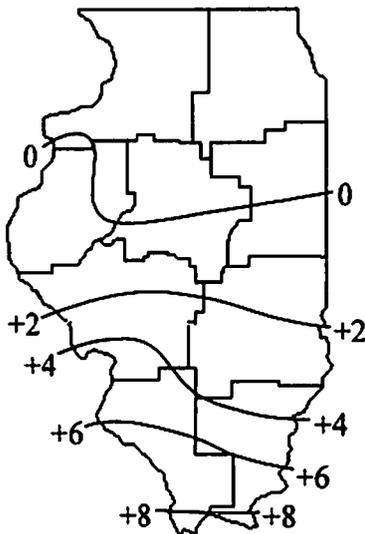
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
Sept. 28 - Oct. 4						
Northwest	56.8	58.2	-1.5	1.60	0.55	1.05
Northeast	57.5	58.4	-0.9	1.10	0.59	0.51
West	61.0	60.8	0.2	1.12	0.80	0.33
Central	59.8	60.3	-0.5	0.88	0.66	0.22
East	59.7	59.9	-0.2	0.59	0.60	-0.01
W Southwest	64.1	61.5	2.6	0.45	0.60	-0.16
E Southeast	64.0	61.5	2.5	0.30	0.57	-0.27
Southwest	68.9	62.6	6.3	0.10	0.54	-0.44
Southeast	68.7	63.0	5.7	0.18	0.60	-0.42
State	62.0	60.6	1.4	0.72	0.61	0.12

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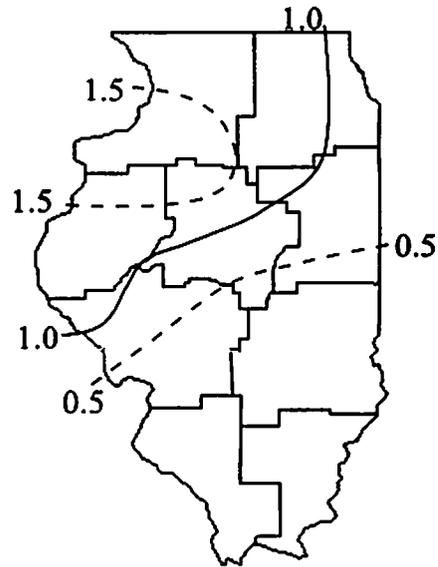
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Temperature Departure
September 28 - October 4



Precipitation Total
September 28 - October 4

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