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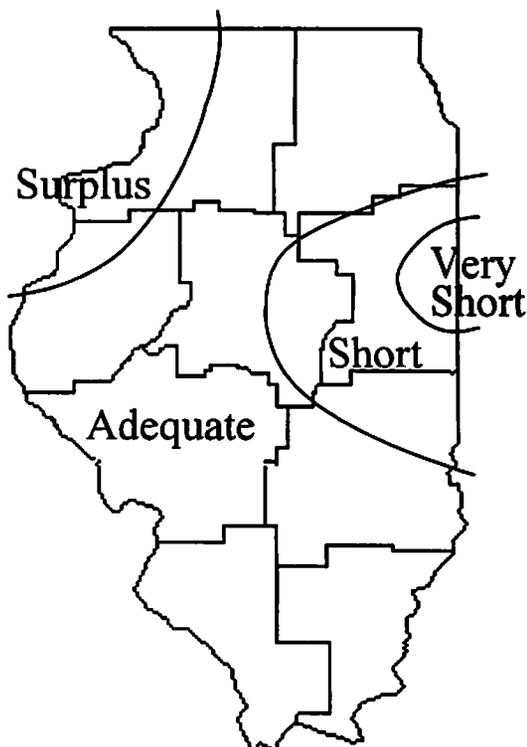


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Soybean harvest is nearing completion with 85 percent of the crop harvested. Corn harvest progress varies across the state with approximately 45 percent completed in the northern districts and almost 95 percent completed in the East District. Statewide, corn harvest is at 73 percent complete. With 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork this past week, farmers continued to seed the wheat crop. As of October 23, 84 percent of the crop had been planted, compared to 92 percent last year and a five-year average of 80 percent. The East District leads the way with 99 percent of the wheat crop planted, followed by the Northeast District with 98 percent planted. Scattered rains last week promoted emergence of the wheat crop and as of October 23, 52 percent of the crop had emerged. This compares to 64 percent at this time last year and a five-year average of 51 percent. Other activities for last week included fall tillage and applying fertilizer.

Crop Progress			
Crop Stage	: 1998	: 1997	: 5-Year Average
October 25			
CORN:			
Harvested	73	76	63
SOYBEANS:			
Harvested	85	96	87
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	84	92	80
Emerged	52	64	51
SORGHUM:			
Mature	95	98	94
Harvested	56	75	53



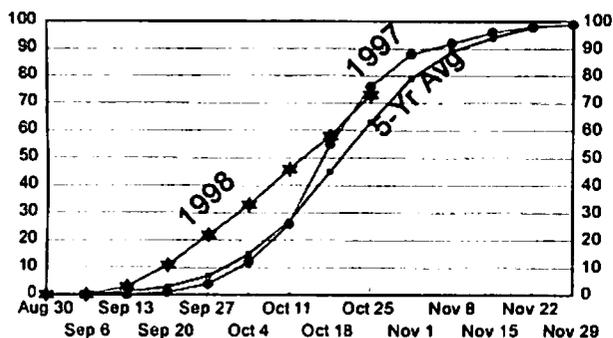
Topsoil Moisture
October 23

Crop Conditions

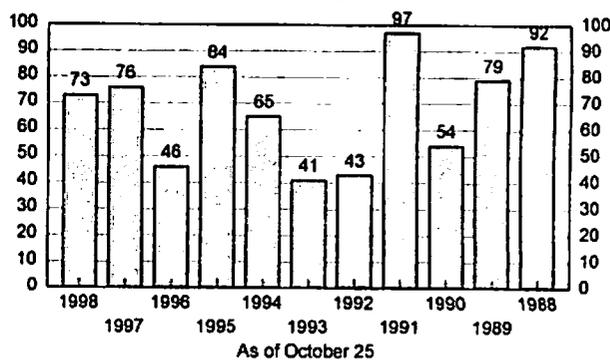
Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
			October 23		
Winter Wheat	-	3	24	66	7
Pasture	4	8	33	47	8

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



Corn - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork		Topsoil Moisture			
	for	Fieldwork	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	October 17-23		October 23			
Northwest	3.6	-	-	71	29	
Northeast	4.1	-	-	95	5	
West	4.8	-	-	97	3	
Central	6.3	6	38	55	1	
East	6.8	23	30	44	3	
W Southwest	5.1	-	4	95	1	
E Southeast	5.9	2	15	79	4	
Southwest	5.6	-	6	92	2	
Southeast	5.3	-	-	93	7	
State	5.3	3	10	80	7	

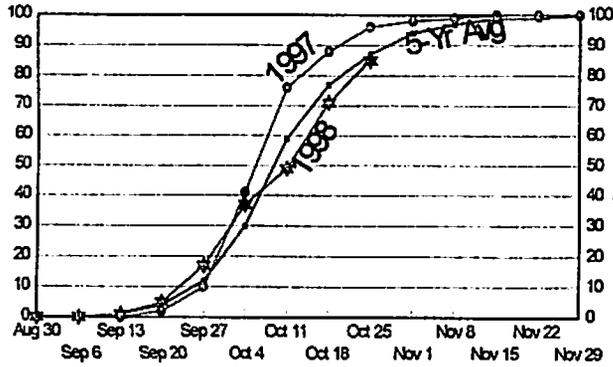
Illinois District Summary

District	Corn		Soybean	
	Acreage %	Harvested	Acreage %	Harvested

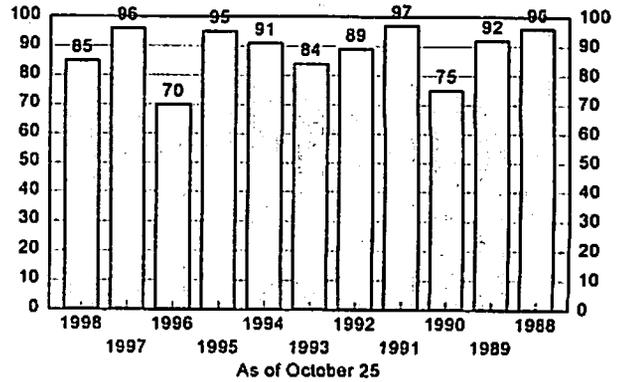
October 25				
Northwest	49		70	
Northeast	44		78	
West	77		83	
Central	84		89	
East	94		98	
W Southwest	81		86	
E Southeast	75		82	
Southwest	72		85	
Southeast	86		80	

State	73		85	

Soybeans - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Temperature and Precipitation

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure

October 19 - 25						
Northwest	48.5	49.8	-1.4	0.01	0.53	-0.52
Northeast	49.3	49.9	-0.6	0.01	0.49	-0.47
West	51.0	52.3	-1.3	0.19	0.60	-0.42
Central	50.0	51.5	-1.5	0.06	0.56	-0.50
East	49.7	51.0	-1.4	0.05	0.59	-0.54
W Southwest	51.0	53.2	-2.2	0.08	0.61	-0.53
E Southeast	50.4	53.2	-2.8	0.42	0.67	-0.25
Southwest	51.8	54.7	-2.9	0.31	0.60	-0.29
Southeast	51.5	55.0	-3.4	0.45	0.63	-0.18

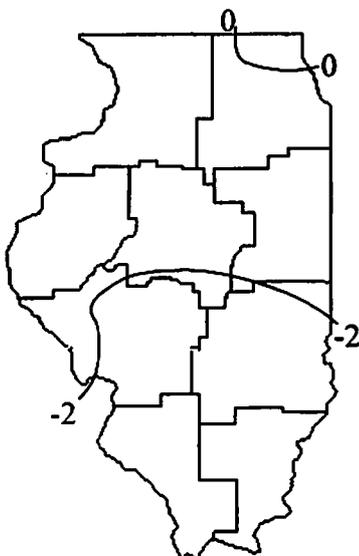
State	50.3	52.2	-1.9	0.17	0.59	-0.42

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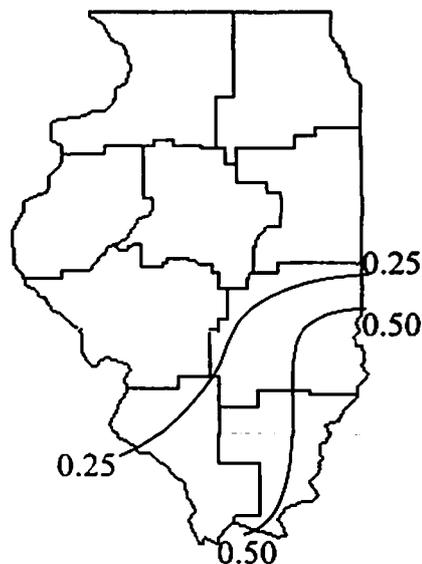
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Temperature Departure
October 19 - 25



Precipitation Total
October 19 - 25

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