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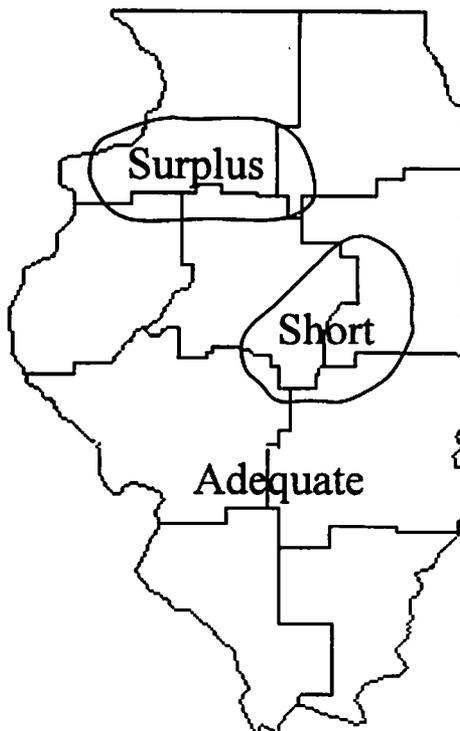
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Rain slowed harvest last week in the northern part of the state. In other areas, dry conditions allowed farmers to make progress harvesting the late corn and soybeans. Statewide, corn harvested advanced to 82 percent complete by November 1 and soybeans harvested is up to 92 percent complete. The Central district leads the way in corn harvested with 97 percent, followed by the Southeast district at 95 percent. Soybeans harvested is 99 percent complete in the East district and 98 percent complete in the Central district. Winter wheat seeded is at 94 percent complete, slightly behind last year's 96 percent but ahead of the five year average of 90 percent. The winter wheat condition was rated three percent poor, 19 percent fair, 69 percent good and nine percent excellent. Other activities last week included cleaning equipment, applying anhydrous ammonia, hauling grain, and caring for livestock.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	1998	1997	5-Year Average
November 1			
CORN:			
Harvested	82	88	79
SOYBEANS:			
Harvested	92	98	94
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	94	96	90
Emerged	71	83	71
SORGHUM:			
Harvested	86	88	70



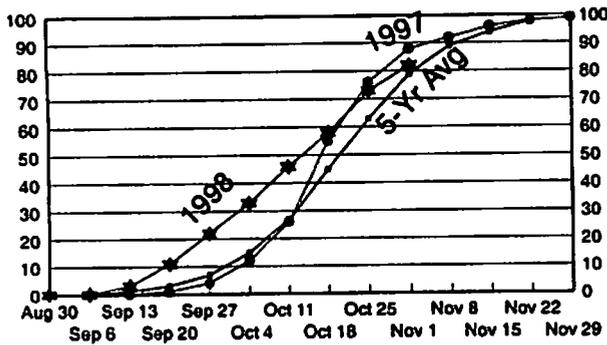
**Topsoil Moisture
October 30**

Crop Conditions

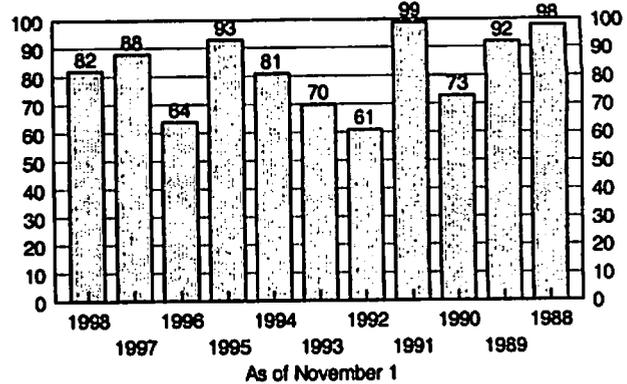
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	October 30				
Winter Wheat	-	3	19	69	9
Pasture	2	5	33	54	6

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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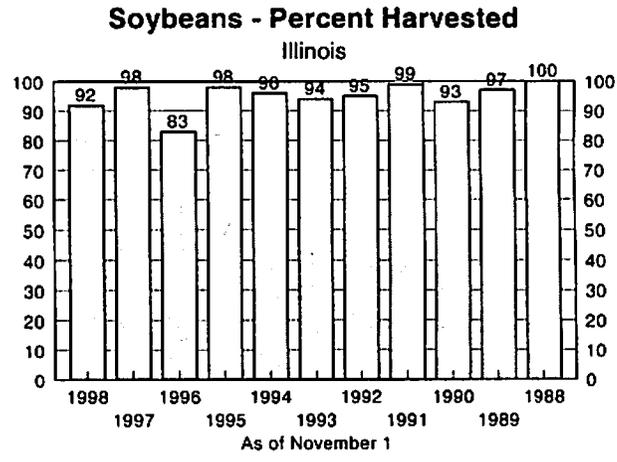
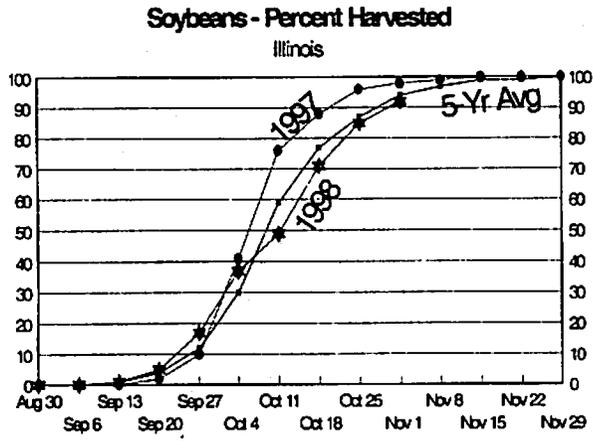


Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	October 24-30		October 30		
Northwest	3.8	-	71	29	
Northeast	4.8	-	85	10	
West	4.2	-	89	11	
Central	3.8	-	50	12	
East	6.5	5	40	-	
W Southwest	5.3	-	91	4	
E Southeast	6.7	2	82	1	
Southwest	5.8	-	93	7	
Southeast	6.9	-	80	-	
State	5.2	1	78	10	

Illinois District Summary

District	Corn		Soybean	
	Acreage %	Harvested	Acreage %	Harvested
November 1				
Northwest	66		84	
Northeast	63		95	
West	87		91	
Central	97		98	
East	94		99	
W Southwest	93		91	
E Southeast	90		95	
Southwest	90		95	
Southeast	95		85	
State	82		92	



Temperature and Precipitation

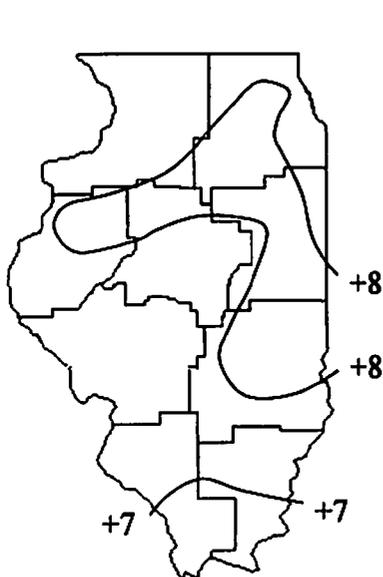
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
October 26 - November 1						
Northwest	56.0	48.5	7.5	0.77	0.76	0.01
Northeast	56.7	48.8	7.9	0.73	0.67	0.06
West	58.5	51.2	7.3	0.89	0.75	0.14
Central	58.1	50.5	7.7	1.23	0.63	0.60
East	58.2	50.0	8.2	1.02	0.54	0.48
W Southwest	60.0	52.3	7.7	1.19	0.62	0.57
E Southeast	60.2	52.3	7.9	0.39	0.61	-0.22
Southwest	61.1	54.0	7.1	0.28	0.69	-0.41
Southeast	61.0	54.2	6.8	0.10	0.71	-0.61
State	58.8	51.2	7.6	0.75	0.66	0.09

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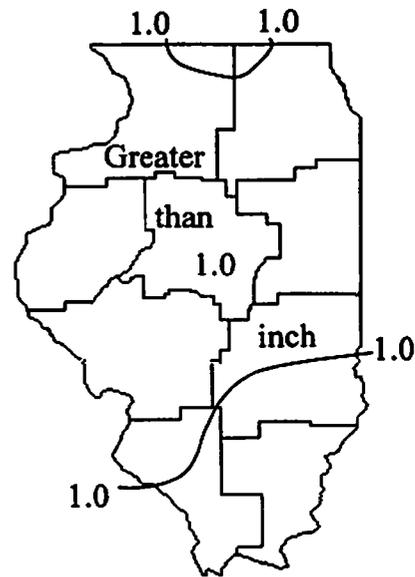
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Temperature Departure
October 26 - November 1



Precipitation Total
October 26 - November 1

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