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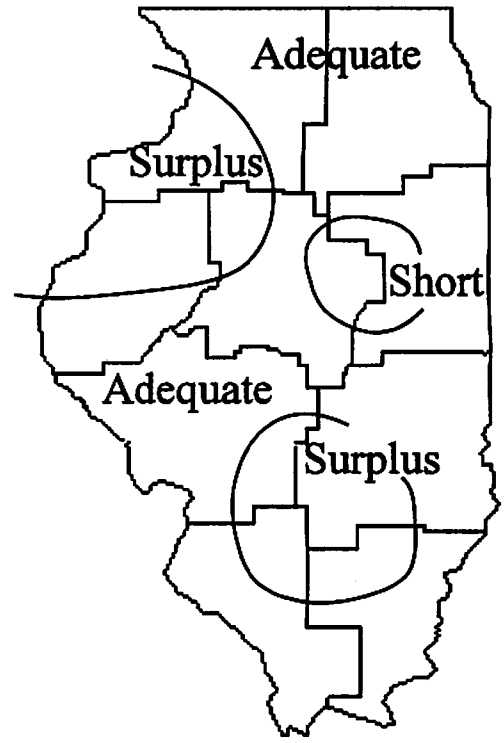
Rain last week prevented farmers from finishing harvest and as of November 15, 95 percent of the corn and 97 percent of the soybean crop had been harvested. Strong winds damaged some of the remaining corn in the northern part of the state. With 95 percent of the wheat crop emerged, the condition was rated four percent poor, 17 percent fair, 66 percent good and 13 percent excellent. Other activities for the week included hauling grain and storing equipment.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	1998	1997	5-Year Average
	November 15		
CORN:			
Harvested	95	96	94
SOYBEANS:			
Harvested	97	99	99
WINTER WHEAT:			
Emerged	95	97	90
SORGHUM:			
Harvested	98	94	90



Topsoil Moisture
November 13

Crop Conditions

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			November 13		
Winter Wheat	-	4	17	66	13

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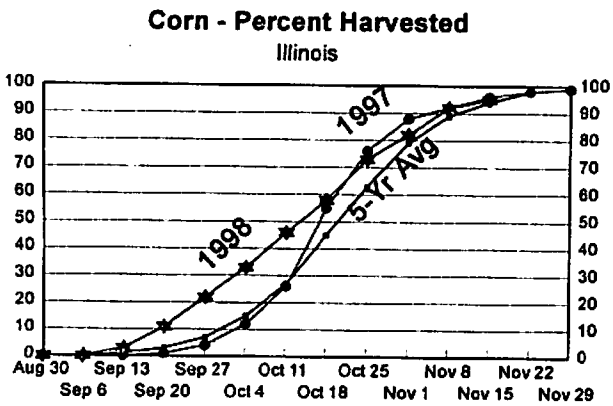
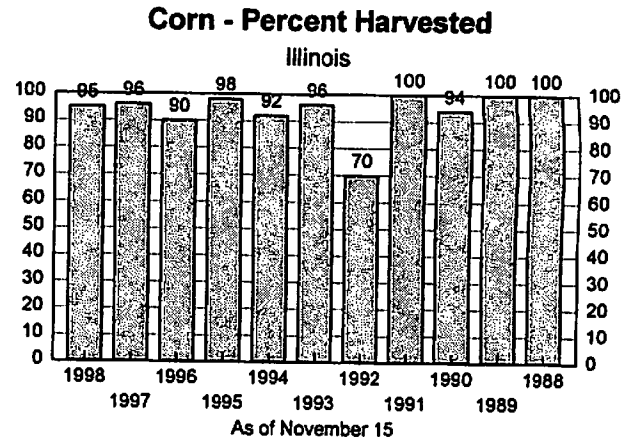


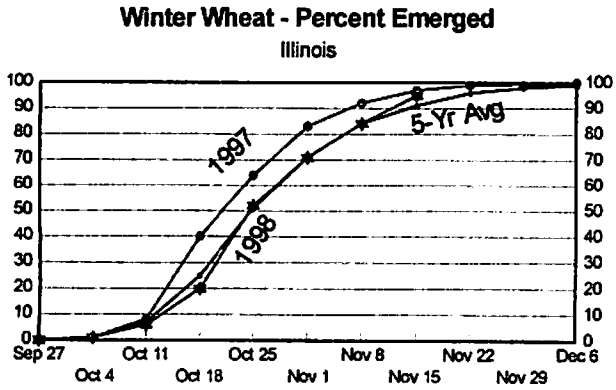


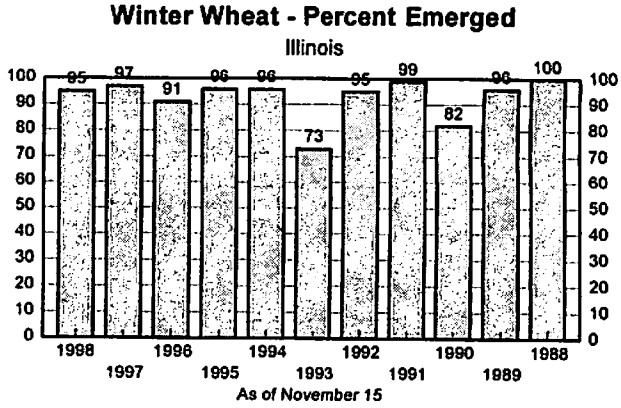
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture: Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	November 7 - 13		November 13		
Northwest	3.8	-	1	61	38
Northeast	3.6	-	-	98	2
West	1.8	-	-	50	50
Central	3.1	-	5	88	7
East	4.3	-	16	72	12
W Southwest	3.8	-	-	87	13
E Southeast	3.5	-	3	67	30
Southwest	5.5	-	-	80	20
Southeast	5.6	-	-	90	10
State	3.7	-	3	78	19

Illinois District Summary

District	Corn Acreage % Harvested	Soybean Acreage % Harvested
	November 15	
Northwest	90	90
Northeast	84	98
West	89	92
Central	99	99
East	99	99
W Southwest	97	97
E Southeast	99	99
Southwest	98	99
Southeast	99	95
State	95	97





Temperature and Precipitation

District	Temperature: Average	Temperature: Normal	Temperature: Departure	Precipitation: Total	Precipitation: Normal	Precipitation: Departure
	November 9 - 15					
Northwest	42.0	39.8	2.2	1.46	0.55	0.91
Northeast	44.0	40.6	3.5	1.34	0.59	0.75
West	45.3	43.2	2.1	1.32	0.61	0.71
Central	45.2	42.5	2.7	1.14	0.60	0.54
East	45.9	42.5	3.4	1.05	0.61	0.44
W Southwest	47.0	44.8	2.2	0.76	0.64	0.12
E Southeast	47.1	45.1	2.0	1.18	0.73	0.45
Southwest	49.4	47.2	2.2	0.81	0.69	0.12
Southeast	49.2	47.4	1.8	0.88	0.72	0.16
State	46.0	43.5	2.5	1.11	0.64	0.48

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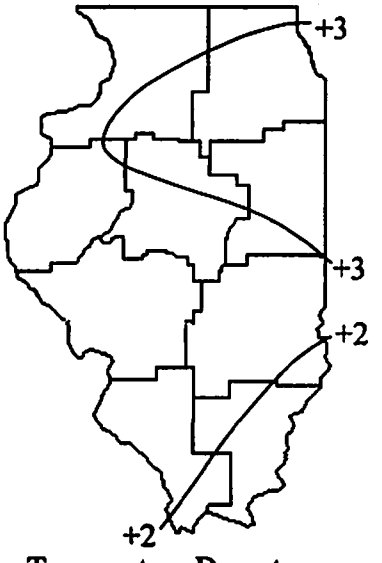
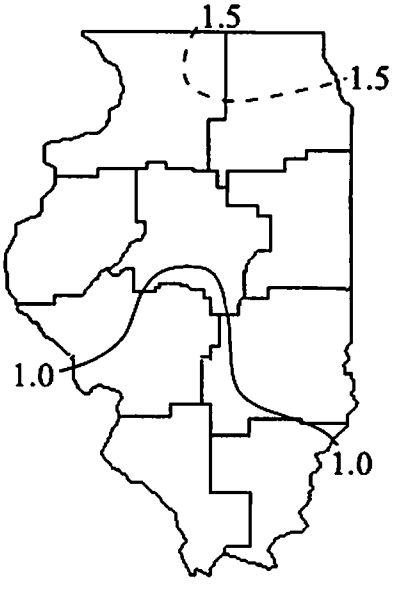


Temperature Departure
November 9 - 15



Precipitation Total
November 9 - 15

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