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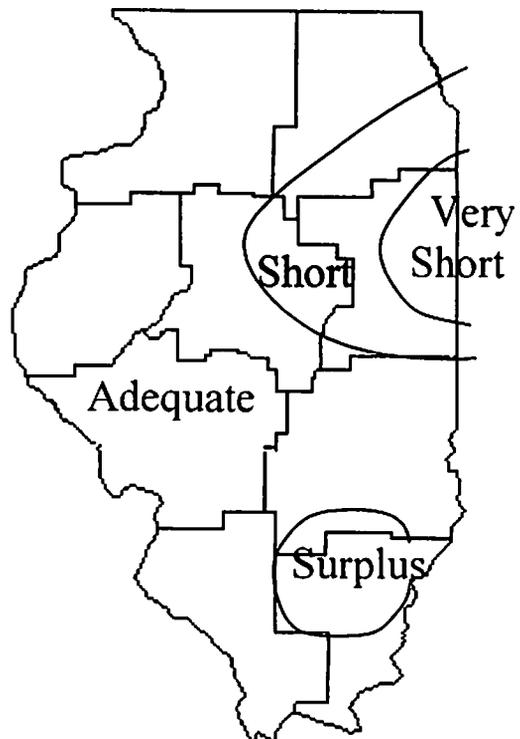
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With 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork, farmers continued to apply anhydrous and lime to their crop land. The warm weather has pushed the development of the winter wheat crop, increasing concern of winter kill this year. As of November 27, the crop was rated five percent poor, 18 percent fair, 58 percent good and 19 percent excellent. Topsoil moisture condition was rated one percent very short, eight percent short, 84 percent adequate and seven percent surplus. Farmers are also busy finishing fall tillage and hauling grain before storing their equipment for the winter season.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 1998	: 1997	: 5-Year Average
November 29			
CORN:			
Harvested	99	99	99
SORGHUM:			
Harvested	100	100	99



Topsoil Moisture
November 27

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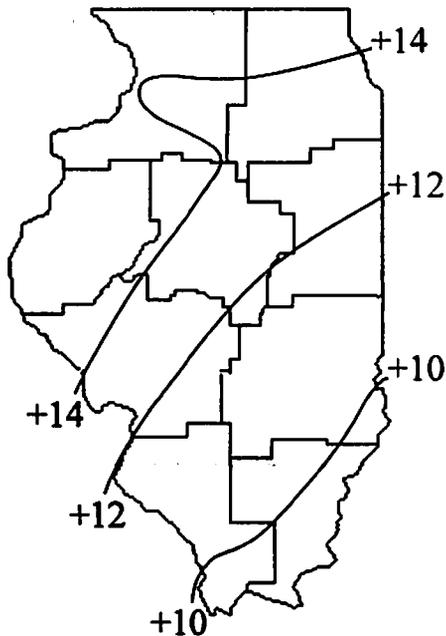
Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
			November 27		
Winter Wheat	-	5	18	58	19

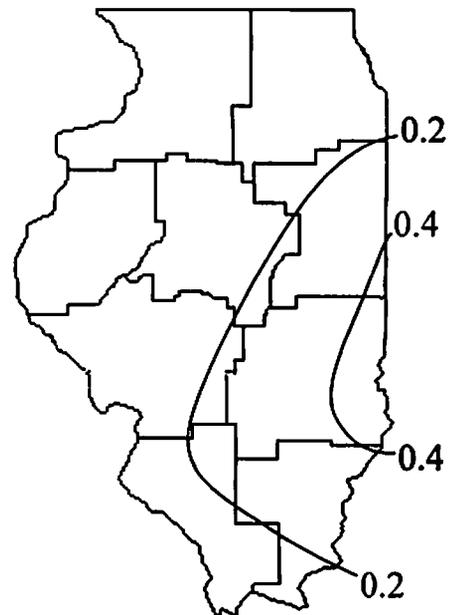
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	: Days Suitable for Fieldwork	: Topsoil Moisture			
		: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus
	November 21 - 27		November 27		
Northwest	6.6	-	6	82	12
Northeast	7.0	-	20	80	-
West	6.9	-	-	99	1
Central	6.3	-	23	77	-
East	6.0	16	17	67	-
W Southwest	6.4	-	3	97	-
E Southeast	5.5	-	2	87	11
Southwest	6.0	-	-	100	-
Southeast	5.0	-	6	68	26
State	6.3	1	8	84	7

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Temperature Departure
November 23 - 29



Precipitation Total
November 23 - 29

Temperature and Precipitation

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
November 23 - 29						
Northwest	47.7	33.9	13.9	0.01	0.64	-0.63
Northeast	48.7	35.1	13.7	0.02	0.81	-0.79
West	52.1	36.9	15.1	0.01	0.66	-0.64
Central	50.2	36.7	13.4	0.03	0.81	-0.78
East	49.4	37.0	12.4	0.20	0.92	-0.71
W Southwest	51.8	39.0	12.8	0.03	0.91	-0.88
E Southeast	51.1	40.0	11.0	0.34	1.09	-0.75
Southwest	52.6	42.1	10.5	0.08	1.25	-1.17
Southeast	52.5	42.7	9.7	0.20	1.30	-1.10
State	50.6	38.0	12.6	0.10	0.92	-0.81

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