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Across the state, rain and below normal temperatures halted nearly all fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture was rated one percent short, 39 percent adequate and 60 percent surplus. Farmers used the 0.7 days suitable for fieldwork to continue planting corn and oats and to barely begin planting soybeans. As of April 25, seven percent of the corn had been planted compared to six percent at this time last year and a five-year average of 15 percent. Early planting and adequate soil temperatures have led to the emergence of two percent of the corn. Those that have not started planting corn have been preparing equipment and are ready to go when the fields dry. Oats sown reached 93 percent, well ahead of last year and the five-year average which were 66 percent and 80 percent, respectively. Winter wheat condition was rated three percent poor, 20 percent fair, 65 percent good and 12 percent excellent. Other activities for last week include hauling grain and manure.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 1999	: 1998	: 5-Year Average
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April 25

CORN:

Planted	7	6	15
Emerged	2	1/	N/A

SOYBEANS:

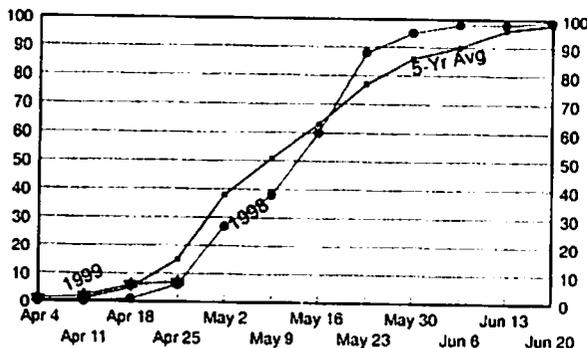
Planted	1/	1/	1/
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OATS:

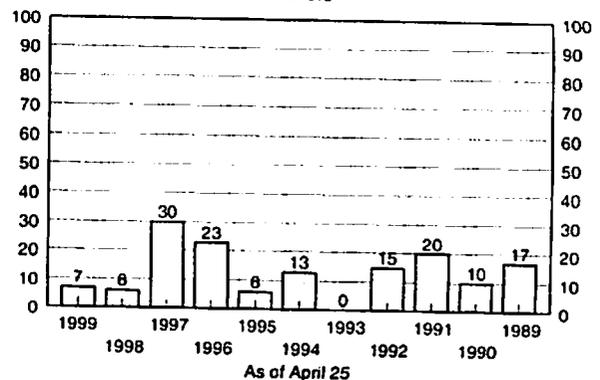
Planted	93	66	80
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1/ Less than one percent.
N/A Not available.

Corn - Percent Planted
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Crop Conditions

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			April 23		
Winter Wheat	-	3	20	65	12
Alfalfa	1	1	16	68	14
Pasture	1	2	20	63	14

Crop Progress by Districts

District	Corn Acreage Percent Planted	
	April 25	
Northwest	2	
Northeast	4	
West	4	
Central	7	
East	8	
W Southwest	19	
E Southeast	12	
Southwest	6	
Southeast	6	
State	7	

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	April 17 - 23		April 23		
Northwest	0.8	-	-	58	42
Northeast	0.4	-	-	9	91
West	0.1	-	2	37	61
Central	0.6	-	1	56	43
East	0.1	-	-	25	75
W Southwest	0.4	-	-	48	52
E Southeast	0.7	-	-	33	67
Southwest	2.9	-	-	49	51
Southeast	3.7	-	-	39	61
State	0.7	-	1	39	60

Weather Summary

Location	: Maximum	: Minimum	: Departure	: Precipitation:	: Growing Degree Days
April 19 - 25					
Aurora	64	28	-5.0	2.85	10
Bentley	75	36	0.0	0.99	31
Bloomington	79	28	-6.0	0.48	26
Brownstown	79	42	4.0	0.28	69
Carbondale	79	41	5.0	0.03	86
Carlinville	78	38	-1.0	0.41	48
Champaign	77	34	1.0	0.56	42
Chicago	61	31	-7.0	2.75	5
De Kalb	62	34	-4.0	2.24	4
Decatur	75	36	0.0	0.64	46
Flora	80	35	4.0	0.09	79
Freeport	58	30	-6.0	2.47	0
Galesburg	72	34	-2.0	1.82	20
Hutsonville	74	37	-3.0	0.27	40
Iuka	79	37	2.0	0.02	69
Kewanee	74	30	-5.0	1.93	14
Lake Villa	58	32	-6.0	2.54	1
Lawrenceville	81	36	-1.0	0.01	56
Lebanon	81	37	2.0	0.36	67
Lincoln	75	33	-4.0	0.60	23
McHenry	57	30	-7.0	2.72	1
Moline	75	31	-4.0	1.40	18
Morris	73	31	-4.0	1.03	21
Morrisonville	77	35	-1.0	0.43	48
Mount Carroll	60	27	-6.0	2.00	3
Mt Vernon	76	37	0.0	0.15	53
Newton	78	37	2.0	0.17	55
Olive Branch	80	37	2.0	0.11	81
Ottawa	65	33	-5.0	1.54	12
Paris	77	36	-2.0	0.57	41
Park Forest	69	32	-4.0	1.93	11
Paw Paw	63	33	-4.0	1.58	7
Peoria	75	35	-2.0	0.31	28
Pontiac	75	37	-3.0	1.04	22
Quincy	77	39	1.0	1.06	46
Rochelle	60	33	-6.0	1.48	4
Rockford	59	30	-5.0	2.94	3
Springfield	77	36	-2.0	0.17	43
Windsor	79	38	0.0	0.27	47

Departure is from the overall average for the week during the 1961-90 period.

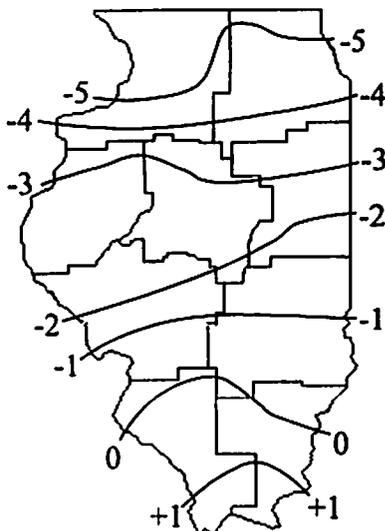
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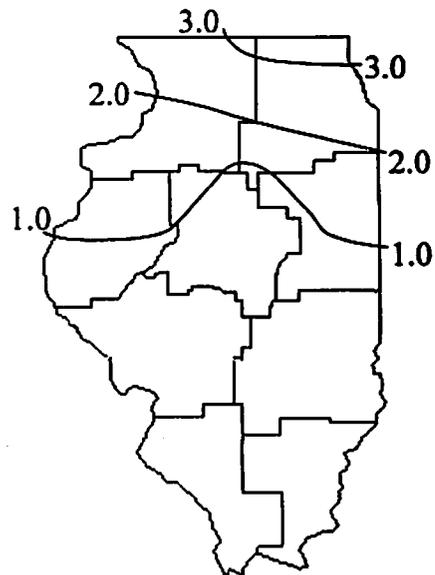
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Temperature Departure
April 19 - 25



Precipitation Total
April 19 - 25

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