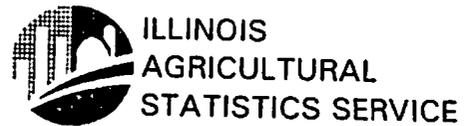


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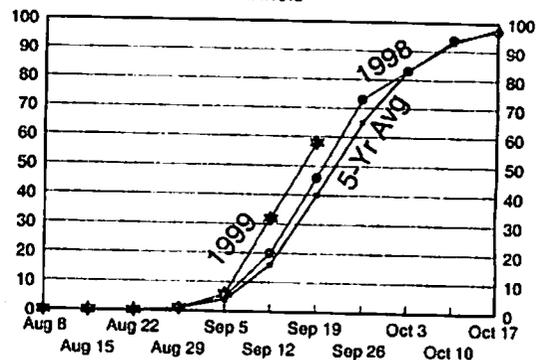
Farmers took advantage of the dry, cool conditions to make good progress harvesting corn last week. As of September 19, 13 percent of the crop had been harvested. This is well ahead of the five-year average of four percent, and is the highest level since 1991. The Southwest district made the most progress last week and advanced to 49 percent complete. Although soybean harvest is not expected to be in full swing for another week or two, this year's pace is still slightly above last year and the five-year average. As of September 19, five percent of the crop had been harvested, compared to four percent for both last year and the five-year average. The East district leads the way with 12 percent of the crop harvested. Pasture conditions continued to decline and as of September 17 was rated 24 percent very poor, 31 percent poor, 31 percent fair and 14 percent good. Other activities last week included preparation for seeding wheat and hauling grain.

Crop Progress

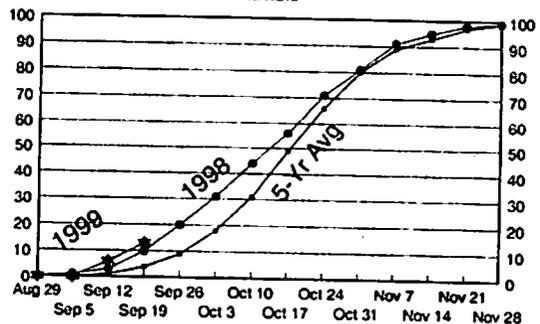
Crop Stage	1999	1998	5-Year Average
September 19			
CORN:			
Dented	99	92	92
Mature	83	62	47
Harvested	13	10	4
SOYBEANS:			
Turning yellow	89	78	71
Shedding leaves	58	46	40
Harvested	5	4	4
SORGHUM:			
Coloring	97	74	78
Mature	51	21	26
Harvested	3	1	1
ALFALFA HAY:			
Third cutting	97	94	92
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	1/	0	1

1/ Less than one percent

Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
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Corn - Percent Harvested
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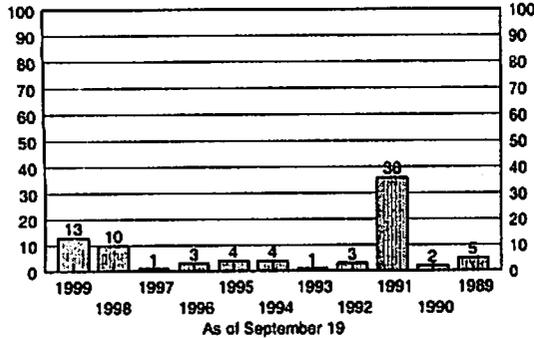


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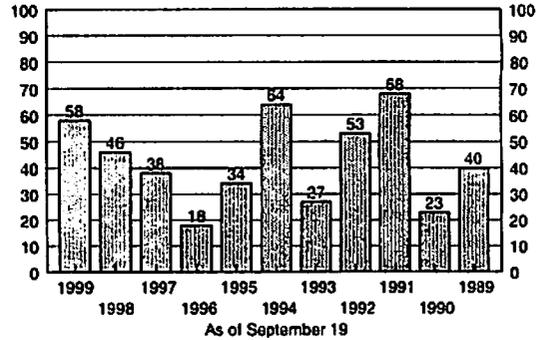
Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
September 17					
Corn	5	13	39	38	5
Soybeans	6	12	38	37	7
Sorghum	7	8	19	66	-
Pasture	24	31	31	14	-

These and additional charts are available on our World Wide Web site.

Corn - Percent Harvested
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Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
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Crop Progress by District

District	: Corn : : Mature	: Corn : : Harvested	: Soybeans : : Turning : : Yellow	: Soybeans : : Shedding : : Leaves	: Soybeans : : harvested
September 19					
Northwest	69	6	97	66	2
Northeast	81	5	84	57	4
West	81	7	88	61	5
Central	95	13	96	58	2
East	81	12	99	74	12
W Southwest	95	30	90	66	9
E Southeast	82	16	83	47	7
Southwest	77	49	70	32	4
Southeast	81	20	70	46	5

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	: Days Suitable : : for Fieldwork	: Topsoil Moisture : : Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus
Sept. 11 - 17					
Northwest	6.8	13	60	27	-
Northeast	5.9	24	67	9	-
West	6.9	58	34	8	-
Central	6.5	11	47	42	-
East	7.0	38	50	12	-
W Southwest	6.8	33	55	12	-
E Southeast	7.0	67	32	1	-
Southwest	6.6	52	48	-	-
Southeast	7.0	91	9	-	-
State	6.7	40	46	14	-

Weather Summary

Location	Temperature			Precipitation			Growing Degree Days		
	: Maxi- : mum	: Mini- : mum	: Deapar- : ture	: Current : week	: Since : May 1	: Deapar- : ture	: Current : week	: Since : May 1	: Deapar- : ture
----- September 13 - 19 -----									
Northwest:									
Freeport	77	39	-6	0.14	18.07	0.54	46	2532	84
Kewanee	78	39	-8	0.08	18.83	0.61	49	2679	8
Moline	81	40	-7	0.10	13.75	-6.63	63	3014	222
Mount Carroll	82	32	-8	0.03	16.46	-2.74	33	2567	223
Paw Paw	75	39	-7	0.56	16.37	-2.39	43	2477	81
Rochelle	78	37	-8	0.25	18.96	0.38	43	2606	8
Rockford	77	38	-7	0.15	15.68	-3.29	51	2711	199
Northeast:									
Aurora	76	36	-8	0.08	11.06	-7.50	42	2690	154
Chicago	79	43	-6	0.24	15.67	-1.90	67	2881	328
De Kalb	78	43	-6	0.42	19.72	0.83	57	2742	239
Lake Villa	79	44	-4	0.58	14.21	-3.87	70	2699	409
McHenry	76	39	-5	0.45	18.39	-0.43	52	2603	193
Morris	78	43	-6	0.24	20.58	3.54	66	2928	289
Ottawa	83	39	-7	0.49	13.14	-4.85	72	3010	163
Park Forest	77	44	-6	0.00	15.11	-2.90	68	2885	275
West:									
Bentley	82	44	-5	0.26	16.12	-3.24	75	3111	309
Galesburg	75	42	-7	0.17	17.62	-0.78	60	2995	190
Quincy	81	44	-5	0.00	9.29	-10.38	84	3151	153
Central:									
Bloomington	85	40	-7	0.28	19.25	1.30	83	2916	-92
Decatur	82	42	-8	0.20	19.87	1.09	81	3043	13
Lincoln	82	42	-7	0.00	19.21	1.12	73	2972	59
Peoria	77	45	-7	0.45	15.60	-1.89	72	3013	140
East:									
Champaign	86	41	-6	0.14	17.33	-1.42	81	2995	111
Pontiac	80	42	-7	0.27	16.95	-0.29	67	2840	42
West Southwest:									
Carlinville	83	44	-7	0.52	13.70	-3.61	87	3159	56
Morrisonville	85	41	-7	0.35	13.08	-4.66	84	3040	45
Springfield	81	39	-7	0.28	12.90	-3.12	80	3090	56
East Southeast:									
Brownstown	86	42	-4	0.19	18.49	1.28	99	3299	283
Flora	80	41	-7	0.10	17.15	-0.46	85	3184	42
Hutsonville	82	43	-6	0.00	16.08	-2.41	85	3114	-6
Iuka	90	41	-6	0.17	16.79	-0.46	93	3211	-22
Lawrenceville	83	45	-6	0.00	21.49	4.22	101	3328	178
Newton	86	42	-7	0.03	16.47	-1.14	78	2973	-36
Paris	90	44	-6	0.11	10.99	-7.78	93	3173	124
Windsor	79	43	-7	0.12	15.86	-1.03	86	3250	200
Southwest:									
Carbondale	86	40	-6	0.02	9.85	-8.75	96	3336	135
Lebanon	88	45	-6	0.35	14.32	-2.39	96	3291	104
Olive Branch	88	43	-6	0.16	11.93	-7.00	103	3436	99
Southeast:									
Mt Vernon	88	43	-5	0.05	10.74	-6.36	96	3172	45

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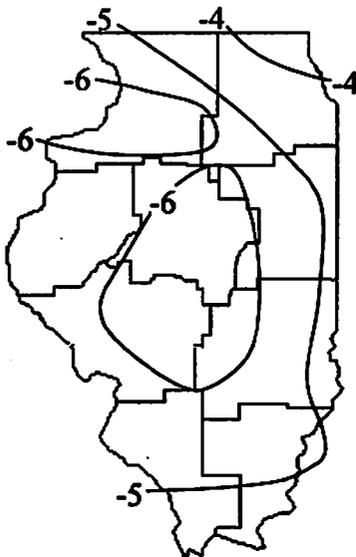
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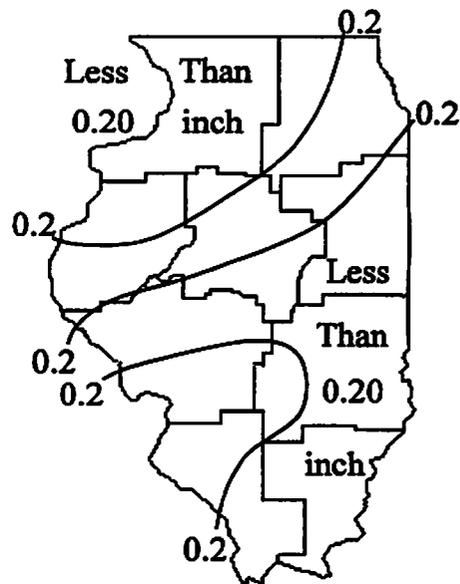
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Precipitation Total
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