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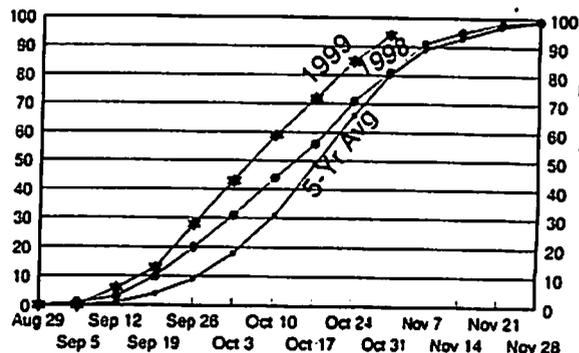
With 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week, farmers were able to nearly wrap up harvest ahead of normal. As of October 31, 94 percent of the corn had been harvested, well ahead of last year's 81 percent complete and the five-year average of 80 percent. Ninety-eight percent of the soybean crop has been harvested. This compares to 91 percent complete at this time last year and a five-year average of 93 percent. The warm weather has helped winter wheat emergence and growth, however, concern for the crop increases as the lack of moisture continues. As of October 31, 71 percent of the crop had emerged and was rated six percent excellent, 42 percent good, 42 percent fair and ten percent poor. The pasture condition continues to suffer due to the dry weather and was rated two percent excellent, 16 percent good, 37 percent fair, 32 percent poor and 13 percent very poor. As harvest comes to an end, more farmers are collecting LDPs, applying fertilizer and anhydrous ammonia, completing fall tillage and cleaning equipment for next season.

Crop Progress

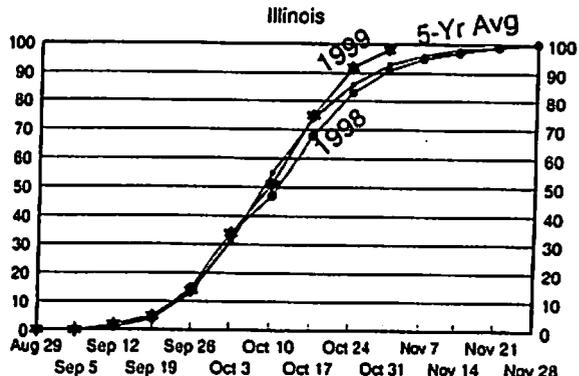
Crop Stage	: 1999	: 1998	: 5-Year Average

October 31			
CORN:			
Harvested	94	81	80
SOYBEANS:			
Harvested	98	91	93
SORGHUM:			
Harvested	94	82	73
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	94	93	92
Emerged	71	68	72

Corn - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Harvested
Illinois

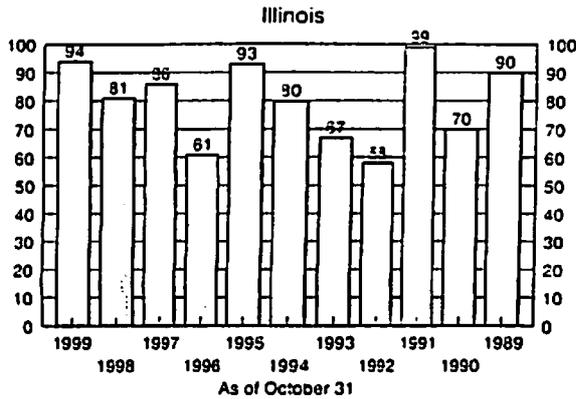


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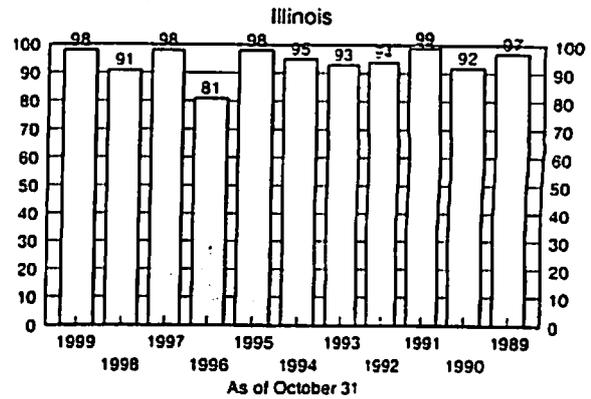
Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
	October 29				
Winter Wheat	-	10	42	42	6
Pasture	13	32	37	16	2

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

Corn - Percent Harvested



Soybeans - Percent Harvested



Crop Progress by District

District	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Harvested
	October 31	
Northwest	93	98
Northeast	83	99
West	95	98
Central	98	99
East	97	99
W Southwest	97	97
E Southeast	96	95
Southwest	99	98
Southeast	97	97

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus
	October 23 - 29		October 29		
Northwest	6.9	14	34	52	-
Northeast	7.0	36	42	22	-
West	7.0	54	35	11	-
Central	7.0	14	56	30	-
East	7.0	15	41	44	-
W Southwest	6.8	27	56	17	-
E Southeast	7.0	16	59	25	-
Southwest	7.0	16	64	20	-
Southeast	7.0	60	28	12	-
State	6.9	29	46	25	-

Weather Summary

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation

October 25 - 31				
Northwest:				
Freeport	76	22	5	0.00
Kewanee	79	24	7	0.01
Moline	79	34	10	0.00
Mount Carroll	78	23	5	0.00
Paw Paw	79	21	6	0.05
Rochelle	80	22	8	0.01
Rockford	77	30	8	0.00
Northeast:				
Aurora	79	26	8	0.02
Chicago	80	35	9	0.09
De Kalb	80	27	8	0.00
Lake Villa	75	26	8	0.00
McHenry	76	26	5	0.00
Morris	81	27	9	0.00
Ottawa	83	24	8	0.00
Park Forest	79	31	9	0.00
West:				
Bentley	79	27	10	0.00
Galesburg	78	34	11	0.00
Quincy	79	34	11	0.00
Central:				
Bloomington	82	24	7	0.03
Decatur	80	27	6	0.00
Lincoln	81	26	7	0.00
Peoria	79	31	10	0.00
East:				
Champaign	81	28	8	0.00
Pontiac	79	28	8	0.07
West Southwest:				
Carlinville	81	28	8	0.00
Morrisonville	82	27	7	0.00
Springfield	80	33	9	0.00
East Southeast:				
Brownstown	82	28	9	0.00
Flora	83	28	8	0.00
Hutsonville	81	26	5	0.00
Iuka	84	30	8	0.00
Lawrenceville	80	29	4	0.00
Newton	80	27	5	0.00
Paris	81	29	7	0.00
Windsor	80	33	8	0.00
Southwest:				
Carbondale	82	35	7	0.00
Lebanon	83	30	6	0.00
Olive Branch	82	29	4	0.00
Southeast:				
Mt Vernon	81	26	5	0.00

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

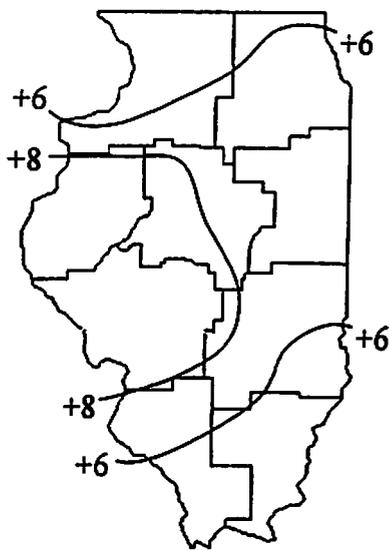
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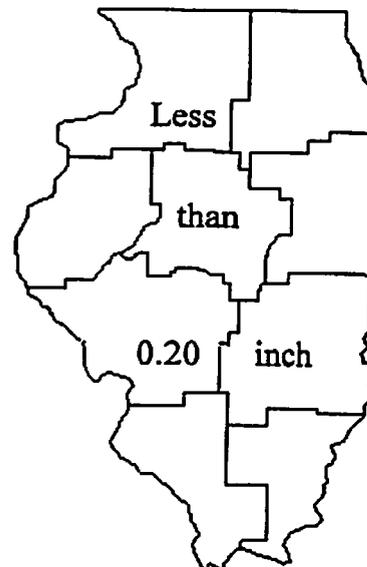
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Temperature Departure
October 25 - 31



Precipitation Total
October 25 - 31

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