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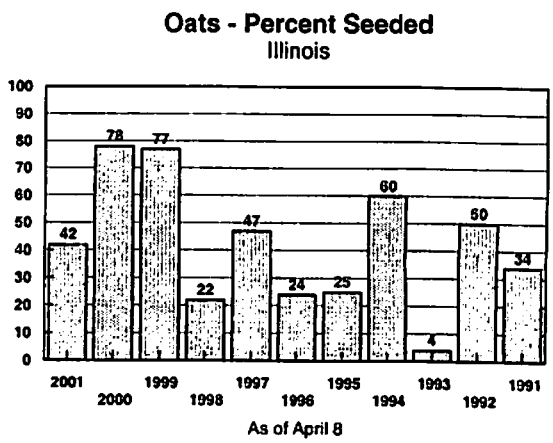
Agricultural Summary

The warmer temperatures last week helped wheat fields and pastures "green up", but showers across most of the state have prevented soils from drying enough for farmers to get an early start planting corn. During the 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork, some progress was made seeding oats, applied anhydrous ammonia and with light spring tillage. As of April 8, 42 percent of the oat acreage had been seeded, still eight percent behind the five-year average and well below the 2000 early crop that was 78 percent planted by April 8. Topsoil moisture was rated seven percent short or very short, 81 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus. The condition of the wheat crop was rated ten percent excellent, 57 percent good, 28 percent fair, four percent poor and one percent very poor. The cost of anhydrous is still a concern, but reports indicate that supplies are adequate. Other activities on the farm last week included shop work and planter preparation, pruning fruit trees, some grain hauling, caring for livestock and hauling manure.

Crop Progress Table

Crop Stage	2001	2000	5-Year Average
		April 8	
CORN:			
Planted	1	3	2
OATS:			
Planted	42	78	50



Crop Conditions

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			April 6		
Winter Wheat	1	4	28	57	10
Alfalfa	3	3	32	56	6
Pasture	2	6	38	50	4

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	March 31 - April 6		April 6		
Northwest	3.5	-	2	83	15
Northeast	4.1	-	9	88	3
West	4.2	1	10	76	13
Central	4.9	-	5	90	5
East	5.1	3	13	72	12
W Southwest	4.9	-	1	96	3
E Southeast	5.7	1	11	86	2
Southwest	1.9	-	1	56	43
Southeast	1.6	-	2	54	44
State	4.3	1	6	81	12

Weather Information Table

Location	Temperature Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation	Growing Degree Days
		April 2 - 8			
Northwest:					
Freeport	78	28	6	0.50	18
Kewanee	79	28	6	1.14	29
Moline	81	33	10	0.31	46
Mount Carroll	78	29	8	1.19	23
Paw Paw	75	29	4	0.50	3
Rochelle	80	26	4	0.64	15
Rockford	80	29	7	0.84	23
Northeast:					
Aurora	80	25	6	0.60	27
Chicago	83	30	5	0.66	25
De Kalb	79	29	6	0.92	19
Lake Villa	80	29	5	0.38	13
McHenry	81	28	5	0.38	16
Morris	82	31	7	0.14	30
Ottawa	84	31	7	0.18	36
Park Forest	82	31	6	0.64	27
West:					
Bentley	80	30	8	0.51	46
Galesburg	80	29	7	1.00	33
Quincy	80	37	10	0.29	68
Central:					
Bloomington	82	25	6	1.00	45
Decatur	82	30	7	0.46	54
Lincoln	85	29	8	0.38	50
Peoria	82	36	11	0.61	56
East:					
Champaign	81	36	10	0.18	60
Pontiac	83	28	8	0.71	41
West Southwest:					
Carlinville	83	33	9	0.57	68
Morrisonville	83	33	8	0.27	62
Springfield	85	37	11	0.31	73
East Southeast:					
Brownstown	81	32	9	0.36	67
Flora	84	43	13	0.40	104
Hutsonville	82	32	8	0.11	67
Iuka	80	33	7	0.82	65
Lawrenceville	82	32	7	0.48	71
Newton	80	31	8	0.44	64
Paris	82	31	8	0.16	63
Windsor	84	40	13	0.33	91
Southwest:					
Carbondale	80	45	11	1.82	89
Lebanon	83	32	7	0.82	74
Olive Branch	82	34	8	1.09	90
Southeast:					
Mt Vernon	79	31	8	1.13	68

Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Departure is from the overall average for the week during the 1961-90 period.

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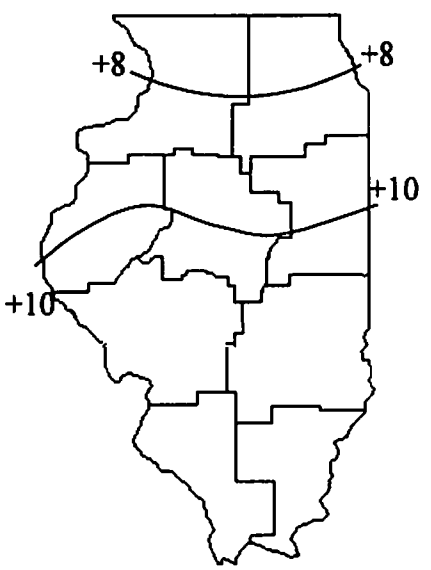
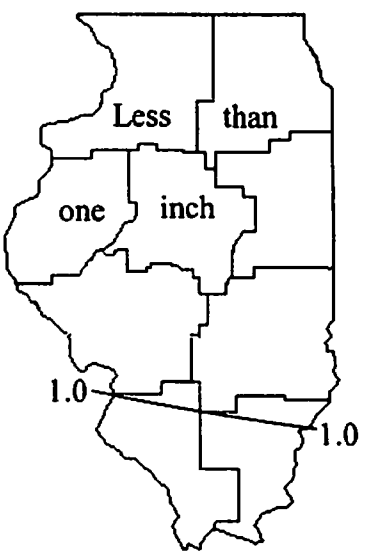


Temperature (°F) Departure
April 2 - 8



Precipitation (in.) Total
April 2 - 8

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