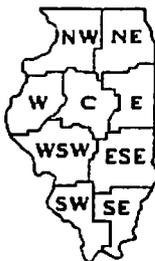


ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



P.O. Box 19283, Springfield, IL 62794-9283
 Phone: (217)492-4295
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
<http://www.agr.state.il.us/agstats.htm>

RELEASED: April 16, 2001 3 P.M., CT
 VOL. 22, NO. 7

Agricultural Summary

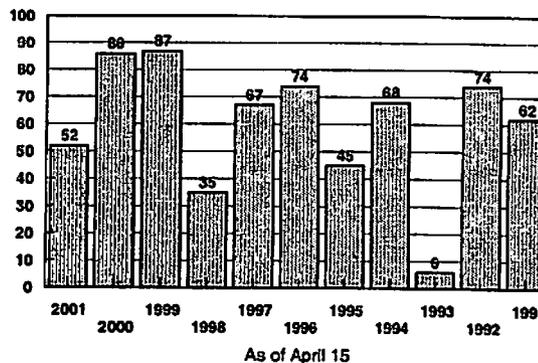
On Wednesday and Thursday of last week, rains and heavy winds across most of the state kept farmers from getting into the fields to plant. Some progress was made in oat seeding, applying nitrogen and spring tillage during the 2.7 days suitable for fieldwork early in the week. As of April 15, 52 percent of the oat acreage had been seeded, compared to 86 percent last year and still well behind the five-year average of 70 percent. Five percent of the corn acreage has been planted, which is seven percent behind last year's early crop, but equal to the five-year average. Topsoil moisture was rated three percent short, 73 percent adequate and 24 percent surplus. Winter wheat, alfalfa hay and pastures are all looking very good because of the recent moisture. As of the 15th, the wheat crop was rated 11 percent excellent, 58 percent good, 24 percent fair, six percent poor and one percent very poor, while 74 percent of the hay and 71 percent of the pasture were rated good to excellent. There are some reports by cattle producers of increased health complications due to the extreme changes in weather conditions the last couple months. Other activities on the farm last week included preparing equipment, repairing buildings and cleaning up debris caused by the heavy winds, caring for livestock and hauling manure.

Crop Progress Table

Crop Stage	2001	2000	5-Year Average
April 15			
CORN:			
Planted	5	12	5
Emerged	1/	1/	1/
OATS:			
Planted	52	86	70

1/ Less than one percent.

Oats - Percent Seeded Illinois



Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
	April 13				
Winter Wheat	1	6	24	58	11
Alfalfa	-	3	23	63	11
Pasture	-	3	26	62	9

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable	Topsoil Moisture			
	for Fieldwork	: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus
	April 7 - 13		April 13		
Northwest	2.0	-	-	81	19
Northeast	2.5	-	-	78	22
West	2.2	-	1	67	32
Central	3.0	-	-	78	22
East	1.6	-	3	58	39
W Southwest	3.2	-	-	86	14
E Southeast	2.8	-	5	58	37
Southwest	3.7	-	2	81	17
Southeast	5.5	-	26	60	14
State	2.7	-	3	73	24



Weather Information Table

Location	: Maximum	: Temperature : Minimum	: Departure	: Precipitation	: Growing : Degree : Days

April 9 - 15					
Northwest:					
Freeport	74	38	7	1.82	26
Kewanee	80	40	9	1.42	47
Moline	82	36	8	1.36	55
Mount Carroll	77	33	8	1.50	35
Paw Paw	77	33	8	1.38	34
Rochelle	78	38	8	1.47	43
Rockford	76	40	11	1.27	46
Northeast:					
Aurora	77	35	9	1.31	46
Chicago	77	37	7	0.88	33
De Kalb	77	37	8	1.19	34
Lake Villa	75	39	8	1.54	25
McHenry	76	39	8	1.73	28
Morris	80	39	9	1.44	49
Ottawa	81	39	8	1.61	57
Park Forest	79	40	10	0.99	49
West:					
Bentley	84	39	9	1.90	61
Galesburg	82	38	7	1.60	45
Quincy	85	40	10	2.01	79
Central:					
Bloomington	87	38	8	1.78	63
Decatur	85	42	10	1.58	85
Lincoln	88	43	10	1.33	76
Peoria	83	41	11	1.96	77
East:					
Champaign	86	38	13	0.76	94
Pontiac	83	40	11	2.23	65
West Southwest:					
Carlinville	88	43	11	1.70	98
Morrisonville	86	43	10	1.33	89
Springfield	87	41	12	1.01	93
East Southeast:					
Brownstown	85	43	15	1.80	117
Flora	85	43	15	0.62	128
Hutsonville	85	45	13	1.00	116
Iuka	84	44	13	0.83	119
Lawrenceville	84	45	13	1.24	116
Newton	82	44	13	2.13	104
Paris	84	45	13	1.79	104
Windsor	85	46	12	1.64	100
Southwest:					
Carbondale	82	48	15	0.32	134
Lebanon	90	44	11	0.99	112
Olive Branch	84	51	14	0.60	139
Southeast:					
Mt Vernon	83	45	14	0.57	122

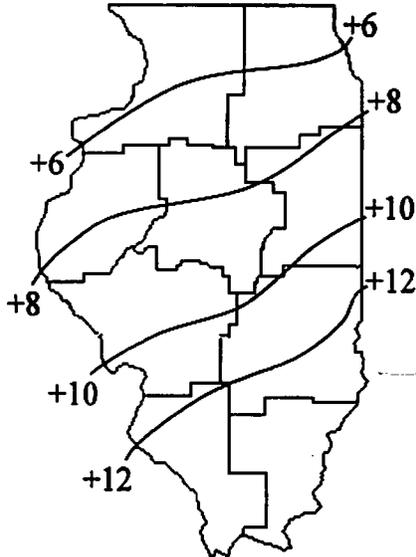
Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
 Departure is from the overall average for the week during the 1961-90 period.

NEWSPAPER TIME VALUE

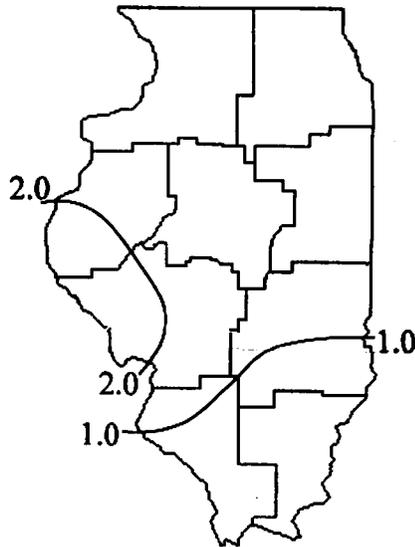
Illinois Weather & Crops
April 16, 2001

Illinois Weather & Crops (ISSN 0273-8635) is published weekly April-October, semimonthly in January, monthly in December, February and March and three issues in November, by the Illinois Dept. of Agriculture, Illinois Agricultural Statistics Service, Room 54, Department of Agriculture Bldg., 801 Sangamon Ave., Springfield, IL 62702. For information on subscribing, send request to the above address. Periodical postage paid at Springfield, Illinois. Postmaster: Send Address Change to Illinois Weather & Crops, P.O. Box 19283, Springfield, IL 62794-9283.

Maps provided by the Illinois State Water Survey
Visit their home page at <http://mcc.sws.uiuc.edu>
(217)244-8226



Temperature (°F) Departure
April 9 - 15



Precipitation (in.) Total
April 9 - 15

Crop PROGRESS INFORMATION in this report is provided voluntarily by local area officials of Farm Service Agency, Extension Service, National Resources Conservation Service, Farm Business Farm Management field staff, and agribusiness managers.

"Printed by authority of the State of Illinois" 4/16/01, 2,725, 1444

