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Agricultural Summary

Corn and soybean harvest continued to start slowly last week in most areas as farmers tried to be patient enough to let the corn dry down before doing any significant harvesting. Southern Illinois farmers were making good progress, though, in their corn fields as the early planted corn has matured quickly and a number of acres are being harvested at 15 percent moisture. Corn harvest ranged from less than five percent in the northern districts to 45 percent in the Southwest District. Soybeans have been slower to mature due to the rainfall received over the last several weeks. Statewide only four percent of the soybean crop has been harvested which is equal to the amount harvested at this time last year and the average of just two percent. The week's cooler but drier than normal weather aided the drydown process for the state's corn crop which will help lower production costs at least minimally. Silage harvest has nearly been completed and seed corn harvest continued in earnest last week. Farmers continued during the week to prepare machinery for harvest, sow CRP acres, bale hay, put up grain bins and mow the roadsides for the last time, again!

Crop Progress Table

Crop Stage : 2001 : 2000 : 5-Year Average

September 16

CORN:

Dented	98	97	90
Mature	71	74	49
Harvested	9	12	6

SOYBEANS:

Turning yellow	83	86	67
Shedding leaves	50	58	35
Harvested	4	4	2

SORGHUM:

Coloring	90	91	82
Mature	63	45	29
Harvested	6	3	1

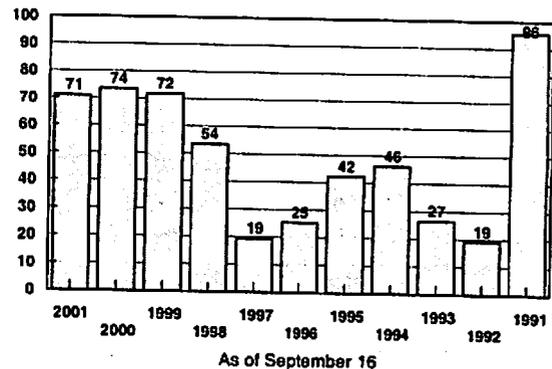
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Third cutting	96	98	92
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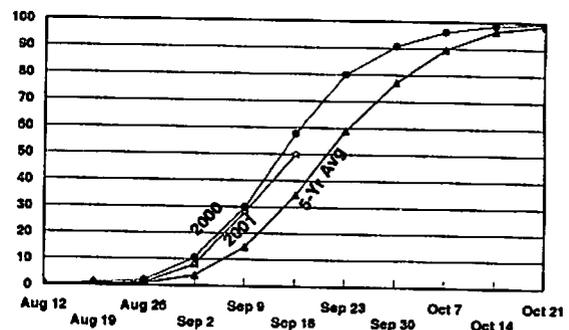
WINTER WHEAT:

Seeded	1	1	0
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Corn - Percent Mature
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
Illinois



Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor :	Poor :	Fair :	Good :	Excellent
September 14					
Corn	2	9	30	49	10
Soybeans	2	8	28	50	12
Sorghum	-	7	35	56	2
Pasture	3	12	41	37	7

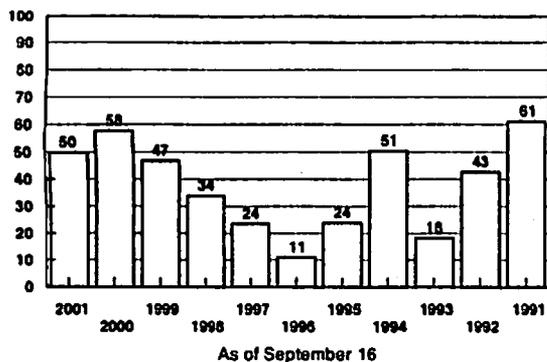
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	: Days Suitable for Fieldwork :	: Very Short :	: Topsoil Moisture Short :	: Adequate :	: Surplus
September 8 - 14					
Northwest	5.4	1	11	86	2
Northeast	4.8	-	26	74	-
West	5.9	2	26	72	-
Central	6.0	1	20	78	1
East	5.5	1	14	78	7
W Southwest	5.8	1	16	83	-
E Southeast	6.3	2	28	68	2
Southwest	6.4	8	58	34	-
Southeast	6.5	4	30	66	-
State	5.7	2	22	74	2

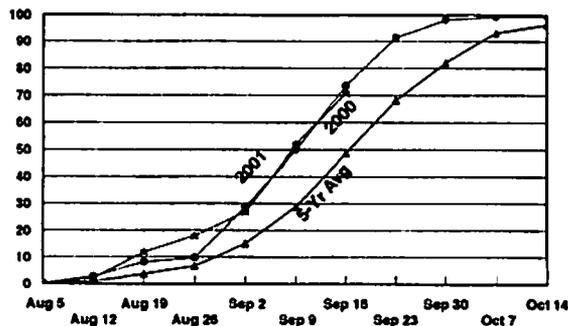
Crop Progress by Districts

District	: Corn : Dented :	: Mature :	: Harvested :	: Soybeans : Turning yellow :	: Shedding leaves :	: Harvested
September 16						
Northwest	95	49	4	77	34	1
Northeast	97	55	2	75	56	1
West	96	72	5	74	35	2
Central	100	93	10	93	56	5
East	99	78	5	87	65	5
W. Southwest	100	85	12	79	48	3
E. Southeast	96	70	16	93	59	10
Southwest	99	91	45	76	40	2
Southeast	100	99	31	77	42	4

Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
Illinois



Corn - Percent Mature
Illinois



Weather Information Table

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 10 - 16									
Northwest:									
Freeport	83	44	-4	1.16	17.58	0.44	70	2569	154
Kewanee	83	46	-4	0.89	18.72	0.88	80	2635	4
Moline	83	49	-3	0.78	21.59	1.61	96	2942	192
Mount Carroll	84	44	-2	0.81	16.06	-2.75	80	2621	309
Paw Paw	82	44	-3	0.69	14.88	-3.49	78	2462	101
Rochelle	83	44	-4	0.74	14.92	-3.27	75	2562	2
Rockford	82	45	-3	1.83	15.27	-3.31	84	2724	249
Northeast:									
Aurora	83	44	-4	0.60	10.99	-7.18	79	2604	107
Chicago	82	48	-3	0.16	22.68	5.50	94	2699	187
De Kalb	84	45	-3	0.64	15.13	-3.37	79	2641	174
Lake Villa	81	46	-3	0.79	16.75	-0.94	79	2505	249
McHenry	81	44	-3	0.54	17.13	-1.30	73	2438	62
Morris	84	48	-3	0.26	14.47	-2.21	94	2795	196
Ottawa	87	47	-3	0.53	17.66	0.06	101	2968	166
Park Forest	83	47	-3	0.13	18.25	0.60	93	2712	144
West:									
Bentley	84	51	-3	0.47	20.81	1.90	100	2935	176
Galesburg	84	48	-4	1.92	14.02	-3.97	90	2673	-89
Quincy	83	51	-3	0.49	15.19	-3.99	110	3090	140
Central:									
Bloomington	88	46	-5	0.24	14.37	-3.17	99	2898	-59
Decatur	87	47	-3	0.00	17.79	-0.66	114	3194	215
Lincoln	87	47	-4	0.17	15.39	-2.34	97	2865	-1
Peoria	83	50	-4	0.63	15.51	-1.57	102	3027	201
East:									
Champaign	85	47	-4	0.23	14.96	-3.46	98	2866	30
Pontiac	85	47	-4	0.37	16.01	-0.87	97	2785	32
West Southwest:									
Carlinville	85	48	-4	0.21	20.15	3.20	108	3119	69
Morrisonville	85	48	-4	0.19	17.66	0.25	107	2976	31
Springfield	86	48	-4	0.19	13.85	-1.84	104	3064	80
East Southeast:									
Brownstown	86	47	-4	0.14	16.77	-0.11	106	3239	272
Flora	87	46	-5	0.00	16.61	-0.70	111	3216	128
Hutsonville	89	46	-3	0.05	20.31	2.15	111	3107	37
Iuka	88	44	-6	0.21	18.34	1.39	102	3074	-104
Lawrenceville	86	47	-6	0.55	24.25	7.25	108	3109	14
Newton	85	45	-5	0.10	17.38	0.09	97	2854	-105
Paris	86	48	-4	0.22	20.07	1.60	111	3010	13
Windsor	88	44	-3	0.15	13.02	-3.54	121	3170	172
Southwest:									
Carbondale	86	47	-5	0.01	24.31	6.01	109	3286	138
Lebanon	87	48	-5	0.08	19.79	3.41	113	3249	116
Olive Branch	86	50	-4	0.08	17.60	-1.00	121	3456	176
Southeast:									
Mt Vernon	84	49	-5	0.03	16.83	0.06	108	3122	47

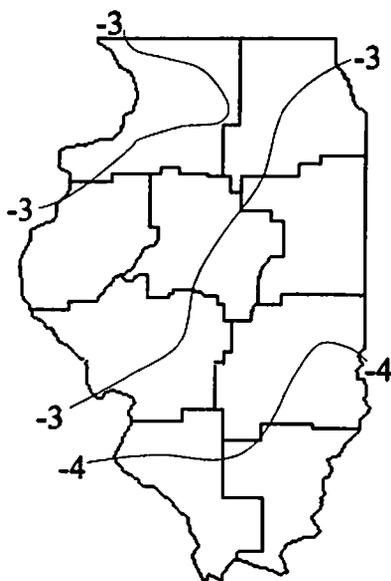
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Departure is from the overall average for the week during the 1961-90 period.
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of 86 degrees.

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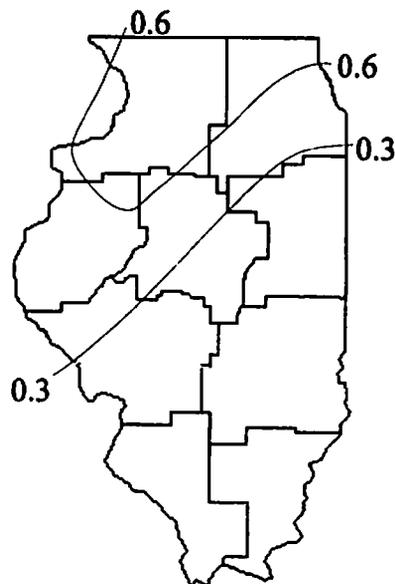
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Temperature (°F) Departure
September 10 - 16



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 10 - 16

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