

# ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



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## Agricultural Summary

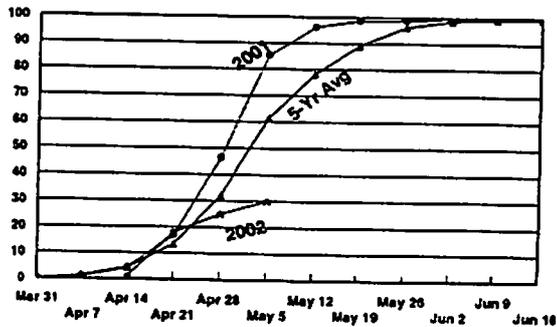
Corn planting made limited progress in Illinois last week with the Northwest District showing the largest gain. Planting that did occur was near the end of the week and into the weekend after soils had a chance to dry out from the previous weekends heavy rains. Rare sightings of corn planting also occurred in the Central District of the state with planters elsewhere virtually shut down. Soils simply have not had a chance to dry out with the cooler temperatures and rain showers occurring every few days. Days suitable for fieldwork averaged a meager eight-tenths of one day across the state with the high being 2.4 days in the northwest. Farmers are becoming nervous about getting their corn crop planted and many acres that are planted are suffering from poor emergence and numerous drowned out spots. Alfalfa weevil numbers are climbing to the point where farmers have begun spraying. Farmers were also spraying herbicides on their corn fields where conditions would allow. The wheat crop is under stress from too much moisture and fields have begun to turn yellow in many areas from excess soil moisture. The condition of the wheat crop slipped slightly this week with 67 percent of the crop rated as good or excellent. Other activities last week included ditching water off fields, monitoring planted fields, tending to livestock and trying to digest the expected farm bill changes.

### Crop Progress

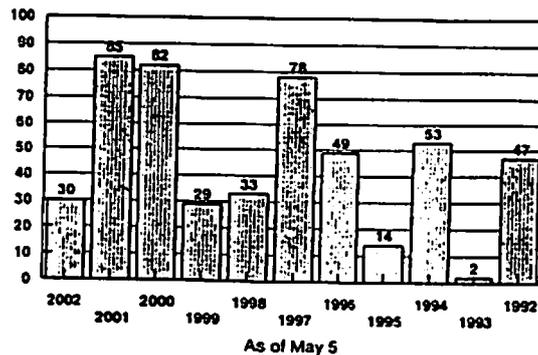
Crop Stage	2002	2001	5-Year Average
May 5			
<b>CORN:</b>			
Planted	30	85	61
Emerged	12	39	N/A
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>			
Planted	1	30	16
Emerged	1/	3	N/A
<b>SORGHUM:</b>			
Planted	3	25	8
<b>WHEAT:</b>			
Headed	11	29	21
Filled	1/	2	1
<b>OATS:</b>			
Planted	92	98	96
Headed	1/	0	1
<b>ALFALFA HAY:</b>			
First cutting	1/	6	3
<b>RED CLOVER:</b>			
Percent cut	1/	2	0

1/ Less than one percent

Corn - Percent Planted  
Illinois



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As of May 5

**Crop Conditions**

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
			May 3		
Winter Wheat	1	6	26	54	13
Oats	-	2	18	72	8
Alfalfa	-	2	19	65	14
Red Clover	-	1	16	68	15
Pasture	-	1	16	66	17

**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table**

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	: Very Short	Topsoil Moisture		
			: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus
	April 27 - May 3			May 5	
Northwest	2.4	-	1	91	8
Northeast	1.5	-	-	76	24
West	0.6	-	-	54	46
Central	0.6	-	-	43	57
East	0.3	-	4	55	41
W. Southwest	0.1	-	-	35	65
E. Southeast	0.1	-	-	10	90
Southwest	1.3	-	-	17	83
Southeast	0.4	-	-	13	87
State	0.8	-	1	47	52

**Crop Progress by Districts**

District	Corn Planted
	May 5
Northwest	33
Northeast	15
West	52
Central	57
East	32
Southwest	43
Southeast	10
Northwest	26
Northeast	6

**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
----- April 29 - May 5 -----									
<b>Northwest:</b>									
Freeport	70	33	-5	0.24	0.24	-0.31	14	10	-18
Kewanee	70	33	-7	0.23	0.21	-0.39	14	12	-23
Moline	72	33	-6	0.26	0.25	-0.42	24	17	-21
Mount Carroll	71	32	-5	0.42	0.42	-0.23	15	12	-16
Paw Paw	70	34	-5	0.36	0.35	-0.30	12	10	-17
Rochelle	71	34	-7	0.42	0.42	-0.18	11	9	-24
Rockford	69	30	-5	0.27	0.27	-0.33	18	13	-16
<b>Northeast:</b>									
Aurora	70	31	-5	0.16	0.16	-0.45	21	17	-14
Chicago	69	34	-4	0.50	0.49	-0.06	22	16	-14
Lake Villa	69	33	-5	0.17	0.17	-0.39	10	8	-15
McHenry	70	29	-6	0.34	0.34	-0.21	12	9	-17
Morris	71	35	-5	0.17	0.11	-0.54	22	18	-15
Ottawa	72	37	-6	0.08	0.08	-0.52	21	15	-25
Park Forest	69	34	-4	0.18	0.18	-0.47	21	18	-12
<b>West:</b>									
Galesburg	72	35	-6	0.41	0.41	-0.20	21	17	-23
Prairie City	72	38	-7	0.28	0.28	-0.37	18	13	-29
Quincy	71	37	-6	0.06	0.06	-0.67	36	28	-19
<b>Central:</b>									
Bloomington	76	37	-5	0.31	0.31	-0.34	33	29	-18
Decatur	79	41	-4	0.13	0.13	-0.56	49	35	-15
Havana	72	35	-7	0.28	0.28	-0.32	30	24	-21
Lincoln	72	36	-6	0.17	0.17	-0.48	26	21	-24
Peoria	71	36	-5	0.34	0.34	-0.26	35	29	-13
<b>East:</b>									
Champaign	70	34	-6	0.12	0.12	-0.53	25	21	-23
Pontiac	72	38	-5	0.16	0.16	-0.45	23	19	-19
<b>West Southwest:</b>									
Carlinville	72	38	-6	0.34	0.34	-0.33	38	32	-21
Morrisonville	72	37	-6	1.18	1.18	0.53	32	27	-23
Springfield	70	37	-6	0.22	0.22	-0.38	34	27	-21
<b>East Southeast:</b>									
Effingham	77	37	-4	0.43	0.43	-0.22	42	34	-13
Flora	79	36	-2	1.26	1.26	0.61	68	51	-3
Hutsonville	78	37	-5	0.63	0.63	-0.08	41	34	-18
Iuka	78	36	-7	0.06	0.06	-0.59	38	37	-20
Newton	73	37	-4	0.57	0.57	-0.11	41	34	-13
Paris	70	37	-5	0.37	0.37	-0.33	35	31	-19
Windsor	79	38	-5	1.14	1.14	0.49	44	29	-21
<b>Southwest:</b>									
Carbondale	78	40	-3	0.67	0.67	-0.03	63	50	-7
Lebanon	76	39	-6	0.31	0.31	-0.32	47	40	-17
Steeleville	79	37	-7	0.04	0.04	-0.66	50	45	-17
<b>Southeast:</b>									
Benton	78	38	-4	0.20	0.20	-0.50	56	45	-12
Grayville	78	39	-6	0.14	0.14	-0.66	54	43	-19
Mt Vernon	75	36	-5	0.05	0.05	-0.69	42	35	-16

Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.  
 Growing Degree Days are base 50 using a maximum temperature of 86 degrees.

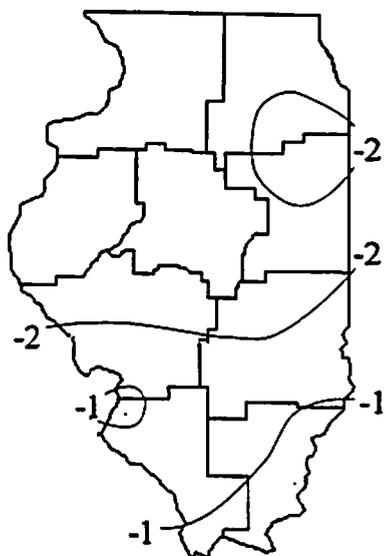
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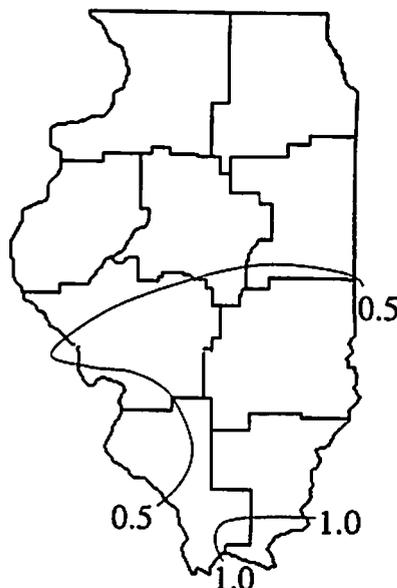
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Temperature (°F) Departure  
April 29 - May 5



Precipitation (in.) Total  
April 29 - May 5

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