

# ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



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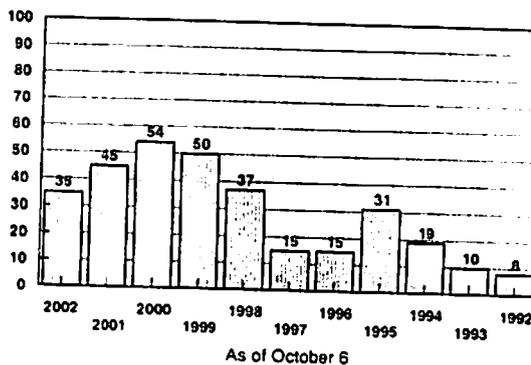
## Agricultural Summary

Soybean harvest progressed well last week until rains brought about by hurricane Lili slowed all fieldwork. Northern areas of the state were affected the most with over an inch falling in much of that area compared to only a few tenths falling across most of the rest of the state. Many farmers continued to let their corn crop stand as it seems to be slower to dry down this year possibly due to plant stress caused by dry weather. Other fields with corn borer problems have been harvested at higher moisture levels rather than risk getting blown over. Aflatoxin in corn continues to be a problem across the state with most rejected loads still being reported in the south where the dry weather stress was the greatest. Corn harvest progressed to 35 percent complete as of October 6, compared to 45 percent last year and the average of 40 percent. In soybean fields farmers were finding green stems tough going and tried harvesting during the driest part of the week, switching to corn as soon as the rain showers began. Soybean harvest advanced to 35 percent, compared to 49 percent last year and the average of 46 percent. Farmers began doing some fall tillage last week as they were getting that equipment ready for use when harvest winds down. Wheat seeding continues with renewed interest this fall as wheat prices have risen in reaction to reduced stockpiles worldwide. Twenty-eight percent of the winter wheat crop was seeded as of October 6, compared to 22 percent at this time last year and the average of 16 percent. Farmers were also spreading fertilizer, shredding corn stalks and watching the markets decline last week.

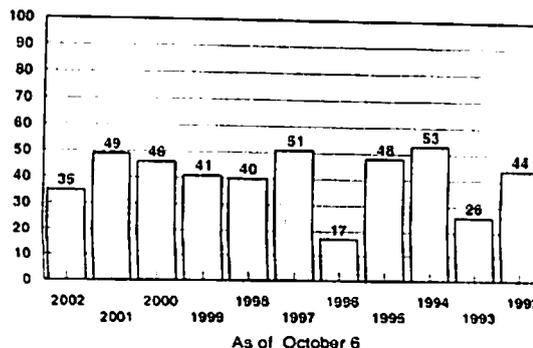
### Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2002	2001	5-Year Average
October 6			
<b>CORN:</b>			
Mature	95	97	96
Harvested	35	45	40
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>			
Shedding leaves	92	96	93
Harvested	35	49	46
<b>SORGHUM:</b>			
Mature	94	86	82
Harvested	39	51	26
<b>WINTER WHEAT:</b>			
Seeding	28	22	16
Emerged	4	3	2

### Corn - Percent Harvested Illinois



### Soybeans - Percent Harvested Illinois



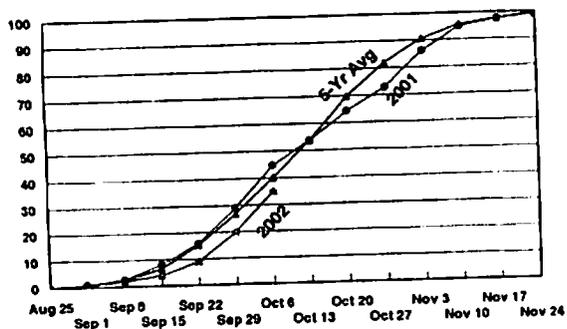
### Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor :	Poor :	Fair :	Good :	Excellent
		October 6			
Pasture	13	23	37	25	2

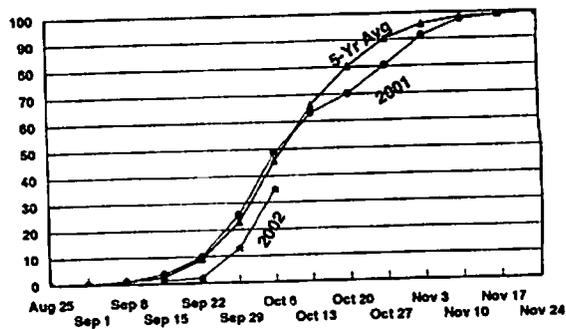
### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	: Days Suitable for Fieldwork :	Topsoil Moisture			
		: Very Short :	Short :	Adequate :	Surplus
	Sept. 30 - Oct. 6		October 6		
Northwest	3.7	1	14	77	8
Northeast	3.2	6	21	73	-
West	5.3	6	63	31	-
Central	5.6	5	27	68	-
East	5.6	2	20	75	3
W Southwest	4.7	9	17	72	2
E Southeast	6.1	10	51	39	-
Southwest	5.3	23	25	52	-
Southeast	4.8	22	5	73	-
State	5.0	8	28	62	2

**Corn - Percent Harvested**  
Illinois



**Soybeans - Percent Harvested**  
Illinois



### Crop Progress by Districts

District	: Corn	: Corn	: Soybeans	: Soybeans
	: Mature	: Harvested	: Shedding	: Harvested
			October 6	
Northwest	97	16	96	38
Northeast	81	19	87	25
West	97	38	91	20
Central	94	51	93	38
East	97	21	99	34
W Southwest	99	42	86	21
E Southeast	95	43	92	45
Southwest	96	52	89	49
Southeast	99	61	95	36
State	95	35	92	35

**Weather Information Table**

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation
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September 30 - October 6

**Northwest:**

Freeport	87	42	9	2.92
Kewanee	87	42	9	1.01
Moline	92	41	11	1.86
Mount Carroll	89	37	11	3.67
Paw Paw	86	43	10	1.13
Rochelle	88	43	12	1.80
Rockford	86	42	10	1.36

**Northeast:**

Aurora	85	40	10	1.02
Chicago	85	46	10	0.99
Lake Villa	82	44	9	2.12
McHenry	83	42	9	1.57
Morris	88	45	11	0.87
Ottawa	89	43	9	0.95
Park Forest	85	46	10	0.82

**West:**

Galesburg	89	41	9	1.12
Prairie City	89	43	10	0.93
Quincy	91	41	11	0.86

**Central:**

Bloomington	88	44	8	0.50
Decatur	89	45	10	0.78
Havana	92	37	9	0.34
Lincoln	88	44	11	0.49
Peoria	89	42	11	0.59

**East:**

Champaign	89	45	13	0.60
Pontiac	87	44	11	0.57

**West Southwest:**

Carlinville	89	45	10	0.96
Morrisonville	89	44	10	0.57
Springfield	89	41	11	0.72

**East Southeast:**

Effingham	91	44	12	0.39
Flora	88	45	10	0.23
Hutsonville	93	45	12	0.49
Iuka	92	45	10	0.40
Newton	87	45	10	0.45
Paris	90	50	11	0.50
Windsor	88	45	9	0.69

**Southwest:**

Carbondale	88	42	10	0.19
Lebanon	90	45	9	0.72
Steeleville	91	45	9	1.32

**Southeast:**

Benton	89	45	10	0.52
Grayville	88	46	8	0.66
Mt Vernon	86	47	10	0.27

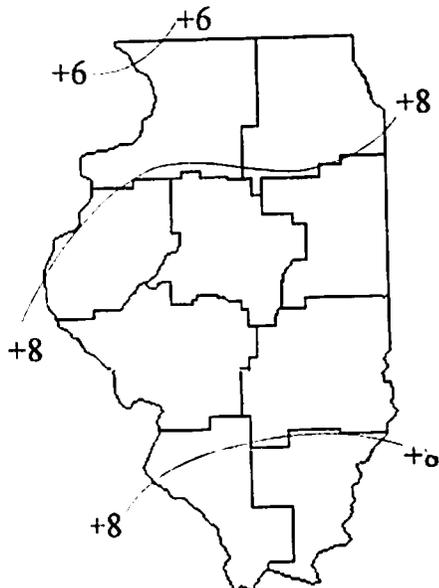
Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.  
Departure is from the overall average for the week during the 1961-90 period.

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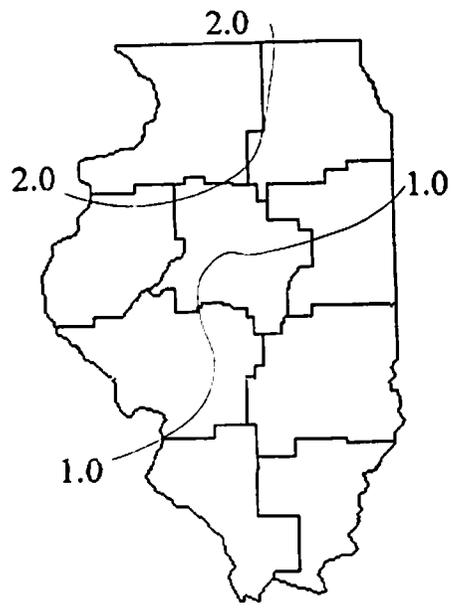
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Temperature (°F) Departure  
September 30 - October 6



Precipitation (in.) Total  
September 30 - October 6

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