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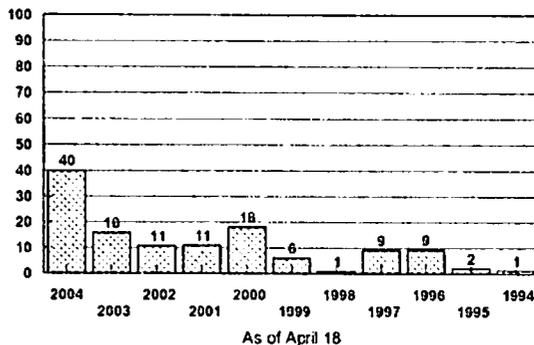
Agricultural Summary

Farmers took full advantage of the 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week as corn planting was in full swing throughout the week. Statewide, 40 percent of the crop had been planted as of April 18, up from 4 percent a week earlier and well ahead of last year's 16 percent and the five-year average of 12 percent. The Southeast District leads the way with 75 percent of the acreage planted. Soybean planting is also underway with one percent of the acreage complete. Farmers reported dry soil as the main deterrent to completing planting. Average topsoil moisture was being reported as 16 percent very short, 41 percent short, 41 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Windy conditions across Illinois last week hampered some spraying. Other activities included tilling and caring for livestock.

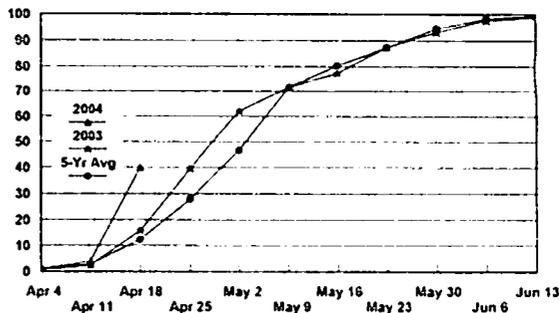
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2004	2003	5-Year Average
April 18			
CORN:			
Planted	40	16	12
Emerged	2	1	1
SOYBEANS:			
Planted	1	0	0
OATS:			
Planted	94	76	77

**Corn - Percent Planted
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Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor :	Poor :	Fair :	Good :	Excellent
	April 18				
Winter Wheat	1	1	18	61	19
Alfalfa	1	3	23	65	8
Pasture	1	4	28	60	7

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	: Days Suitable for Fieldwork :	Topsoil Moisture			
		: Very Short :	Short :	Adequate :	Surplus
	April 12 - 18		April 18		
Northwest	6.9	23	34	43	-
Northeast	6.8	7	26	67	-
West	7.0	36	38	26	-
Central	6.7	26	27	47	-
East	6.4	6	40	52	2
W Southwest	6.8	6	67	26	1
E Southeast	6.8	8	47	40	5
Southwest	6.9	9	50	41	-
Southeast	7.0	23	29	43	5
State	6.8	16	41	41	2

Crop Progress by Districts

District	: Corn Planted
	April 18
Northwest	19
Northeast	12
West	54
Central	38
East	23
W Southwest	63
E Southeast	56
Southwest	57
Southeast	75

Weather Information Table

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

April 12 - 18					
Northwest:					
Freeport	85	27	4	0.22	41
Kewanee	86	27	4	0.09	53
Moline	88	29	6	0.06	71
Mount Carroll	86	22	5	0.08	50
Paw Paw	85	22	5	0.00	53
Rochelle	85	26	3	0.00	48
Rockford	85	27	6	0.08	55
Northeast:					
Aurora	83	25	4	0.00	55
Chicago	82	29	4	0.13	56
Lake Villa	81	27	4	0.62	40
McHenry	84	26	4	0.27	45
Morris	86	27	5	0.00	59
Ottawa	87	26	4	0.00	61
Park Forest	83	29	4	0.42	54
West:					
Galesburg	86	27	3	0.07	55
Prairie City	87	25	3	0.00	56
Quincy	85	27	4	0.00	74
Central:					
Bloomington	91	26	3	0.02	62
Decatur	85	31	4	0.00	66
Havana	89	28	2	0.00	55
Lincoln	86	29	3	0.00	57
Peoria	85	29	5	0.00	67
East:					
Champaign	86	28	4	0.00	62
Pontiac	87	29	4	0.00	55
West Southwest:					
Carlinville	85	31	2	0.00	65
Morrisonville	86	29	2	0.00	62
Springfield	87	30	4	0.00	71
East Southeast:					
Effingham	85	32	2	0.00	52
Flora	84	31	3	0.00	71
Hutsonville	85	32	1	0.00	53
Iuka	83	32	-3	0.00	50
Newton	84	32	2	0.23	51
Paris	82	31	-1	0.00	48
Windsor	84	31	2	0.03	52
Southwest:					
Carbondale	86	33	3	0.00	71
Lebanon	86	32	-1	0.00	56
Steeleville	86	30	-4	0.00	47
Southeast:					
Benton	84	32	-2	0.32	49
Grayville	85	36	-3	0.00	52
Mt Vernon	81	32	-1	0.00	49

 Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

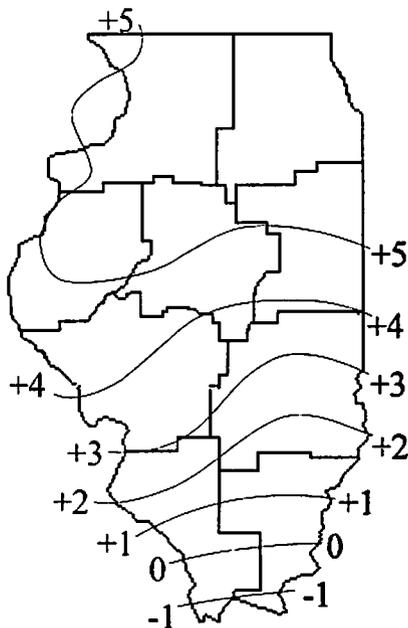
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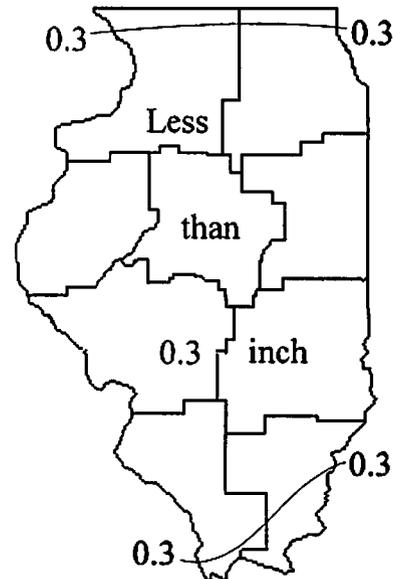
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Temperature (°F) Departure
April 12 - 18



Precipitation (in.) Total
April 12 - 18

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