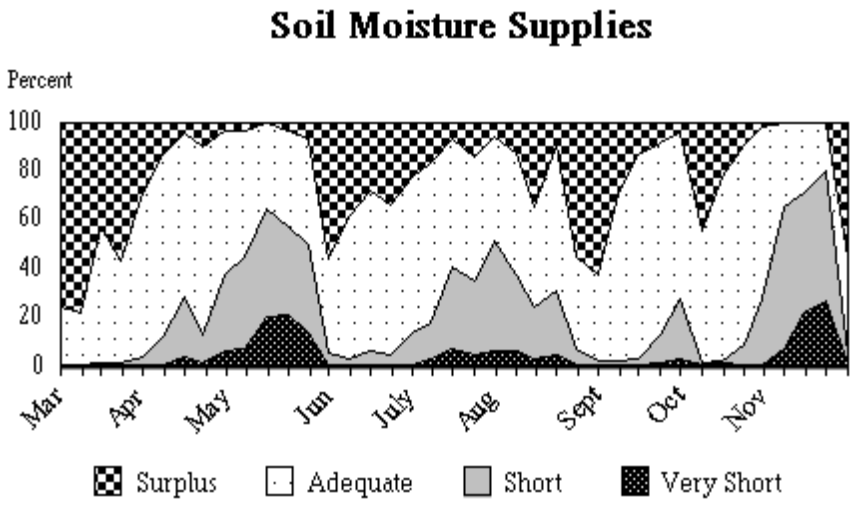
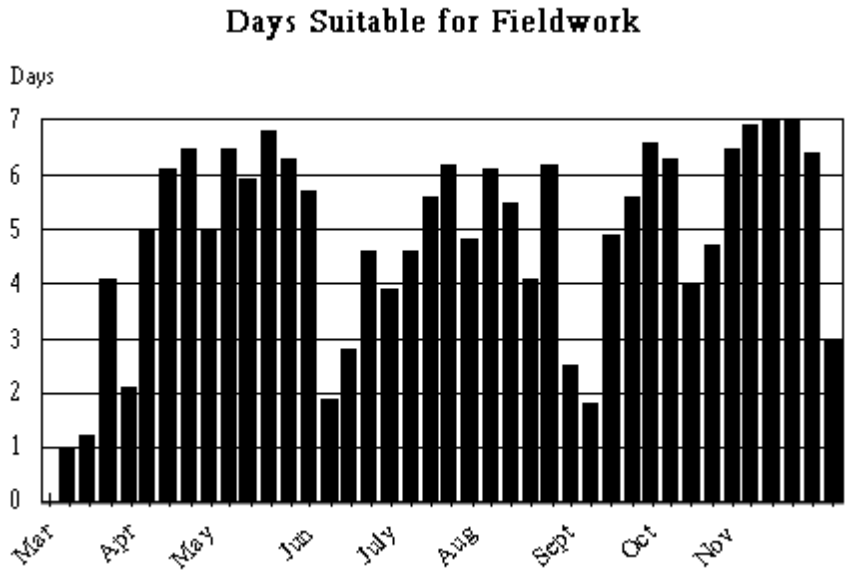
# Louisiana Crop Weather 2001

Soil moisture supply measures how much moisture was present in cropland top soil during the week. Soil moisture is reported as a percentage. The categories very short, short, adequate, and surplus must add up to 100%.

**Very Short** - Soil moisture supplies are significantly less than what is required for normal plant development. Growth has been stopped, or nearly so, and plants are showing visible signs of moisture stress. Under these conditions, plants will quickly suffer irreparable damage.

**Short** - Soil dry. Seed germination and/or normal crop growth and development would be curtailed.

**Adequate** - Soil moist. Seed germination and/or crop growth and development would be normal or unhindered.

**Surplus** - Soil wet. Fields may be muddy and will generally be unable to absorb additional moisture. Young developing crops may be yellowing from excess moisture.

**Days suitable for fieldwork** measures how many days during the week were "ones where weather and field conditions allowed producers to work in fields for the majority of the day".