

ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP HI-LITES

- *** Corn - 81% harvested
- *** Soybeans - 95% harvested
- *** Wheat - 92% seeded
65% emerged
- *** Soil Moisture - 11% short
87% adequate
2% surplus

Eighty-one percent of the CORN crop has been harvested as of Sunday, October 31, compared to 68% last year and the 5-year average (1977-81) of 74%. Down stalks due to stalk rot and wind damage have caused localized harvest problems.

Ninety-five percent of the SOYBEANS has been harvested as of October 31, compared to 89% last year and the average of 93%.

Ninety-two percent of the 1983 WINTER WHEAT crop in Illinois has been seeded as of October 31, compared to 80% last year and the average of 88%. Sixty-five percent of next year's wheat crop has emerged compared to 62% last year and a three-year average (1979-81) of 72%. The winter wheat crop as of Friday, October 29, was reported as 15% excellent, 68% good and 17% fair.

As of October 31, 32% of the intended ground for Corn and Soybeans has been TILLED (plowed or chiseled) for next year's crop. This compares with 24% last year and the average of 37%.

SORGHUM on October 31 was 75% harvested.

PASTURES on Friday, October 29, were reported as 4% excellent, 68% good, 26% fair and 2% poor. As of October 31, pastures were supplying 65% of the total livestock roughage requirements, compared with the average of 53%.

SOIL MOISTURE was reported as 11% short, 87% adequate and 2% surplus on October 29.

There were 6.50 DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK for the week ending October 29.

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TEMPERATURES for the period of October 25 thru 31 averaged from 1 to 5 degrees above normal throughout the State ending a two-week cool period. The north and central sections recorded the largest above normal variation.

PRECIPITATION was moderate in most sections, ranging from .20 of an inch to more than an inch.

The OUTLOOK for the period of November 3 thru 8 is for temperatures to be near normal and precipitation to be above normal.

ILLINOIS CROP REPORTING DISTRICT SUMMARY

Crop and Soil Characteristics	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE	STATE	5-YR. AVG.
Corn: % harvested (as of Oct. 31)	68	66	80	89	90	80	90	90	92	81	74
Soybeans: % combined (as of Oct. 31)	96	97	94	98	98	92	95	91	90	95	93
Days suitable for field-work: (week ending Oct. 29)	6.0	6.5	6.0	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.50	
Soil moisture %:											
(as of Oct. 29) Short	5	30	5	15	5	--	--	10	25	11	
Adequate	95	70	95	80	90	100	100	80	75	87	
Surplus	--	--	--	5	5	--	--	10	--	2	

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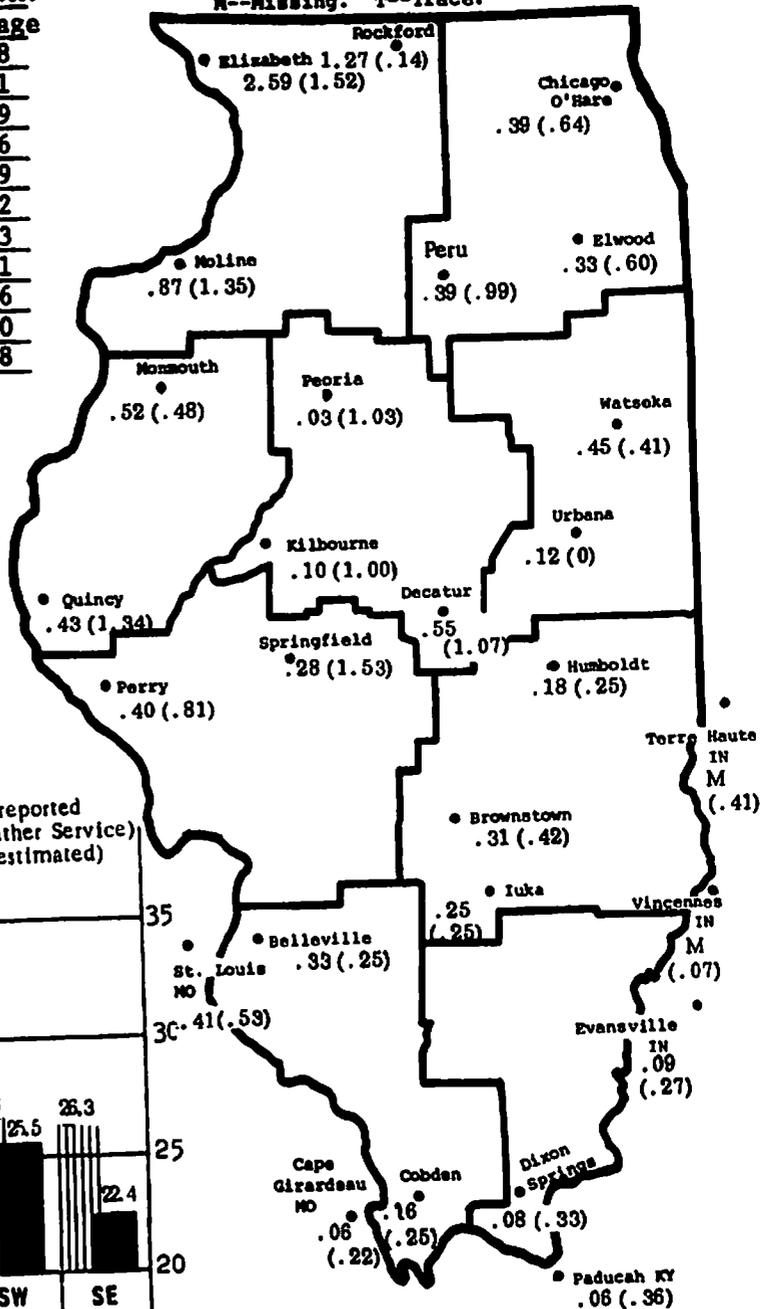
MONTHLY AND WEEKLY TEMPERATURE DEPARTURES IN DEGREES

	August	September	Sept. 28- Oct. 4	Oct. 5- 11	Oct. 12- 18	Oct. 19- 25	Oct. 26- Nov. 1
Chicago	-2	-1	+6	+6	-4	-7	+7
Peoria	-2	-1	+7	+8	-3	-7	+8
Springfield	-2	-1	+7	+7	-4	-8	+6
St. Louis	-2	-2	+6	+8	-4	-8	+6

November 1

STATION	Temperature		
	Week ending Monday 6 A.M.		
	Maximum	Minimum	Average
Moline	71	31	56.8
Rockford	68	27	53.1
Chi. O'Hare	70	33	54.9
Quincy	73	35	57.6
Decatur	69	30	53.9
Peoria	72	34	57.2
Watseka	71	28	53.3
Springfield	71	30	56.1
Brownstown	72	29	55.6
St. Louis	77	33	59.0
Dixon Springs	75	27	56.8

PRECIPITATION:
First figure--Current week, 10/26-11/1
Parentheses--Previous week
M--Missing. T--Trace.



ACCUMULATED PRECIPITATION (Inches)

LEGEND: Normal | Actual

April 1-Oct. 31



April 1-Nov. 1

April 1-Sept. 30 (reported by National Weather Service)
Oct. 1-Nov. 1 (estimated)

