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Corn planting continued at a record level across the central two-thirds of the State, with soybean planting now becoming active in many areas. There were 5.25 days rated as suitable for fieldwork across Illinois. Crop conditions continue to improve, as much needed rainshowers were received over much of the State last week.

CORN planting, as of Sunday, May 4, was 66% complete, compared to 64% last year and the 5-year average (1981-85) of 31%. This year's percent of corn planted is the highest of any year on record for this date.

YBEAN planting, as of May 4, was 6% complete, compared to 5% last year and the 5-year average of 2%.

WINTER WHEAT condition, on Friday, May 2, was reported as 2% excellent, 24% good, 53% fair, 16% poor, and 5% very poor. By May 4, 15% of the acreage had headed compared with 5% last year and the 5-year average of 9%. USDA wheat acreage for grain and yield estimates will be released on May 9.

SORGHUM planting on May 4 was 5% complete compared with none last year and the 5-year average of 1%.

OAT SEEDING, as of Sunday, May 4, was 98% complete, compared to 98% last year and the 5-year average (1981-85) of 88%.

ALFALFA condition, as of May 2, was reported as 1% excellent, 50% good, 40% fair, 7% poor, and 2% very poor.

PASTURE condition was reported as 6% excellent, 57% good, 34% fair, and 3% poor. Pastures were supplying about 70% of the livestock roughage requirements, compared to 79% last year and the 5-year average of 66%.

SOIL MOISTURE on May 2 was reported as 42% short, 53% adequate, and 5% surplus.

WEATHER

Temperatures were near normal over Illinois during the 7 days, and precipitation remained very low in Southern Illinois, but was at least 0.5 inch in the northern half.

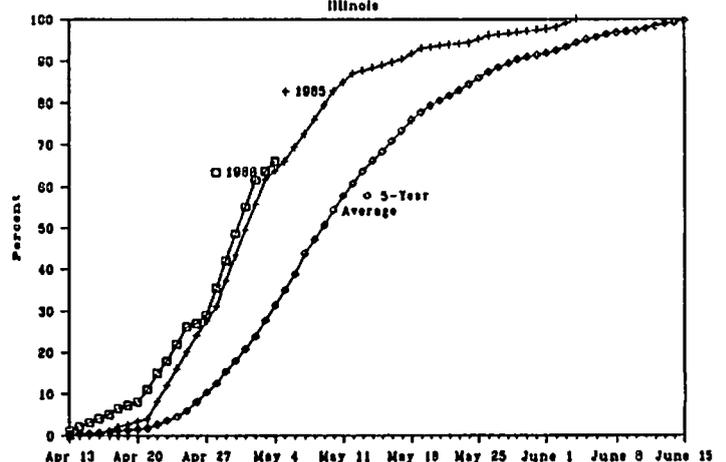
TEMPERATURES in the extreme Northwest and Southeast were as much as 6°F above normal, whereas the middle 70% of the State was 1°F to 2°F below normal.

PRECIPITATION in the southern quarter of the State was less than 0.5 inch, and as little as 0.1 inch was the rule within that area. Crop reporting Districts 1 (Northwest), and 4, 5 and 7 (Central, East, and East Southeast) received more than 1 inch, with Urbana and Hoopeston receiving 1.74 and 1.79 inches, respectively.

The OUTLOOK for Wednesday through Friday is mostly fair daily with no precipitation expected. It will be cooler Thursday and Friday. Temperatures in the afternoons will be in the 60's North and 70's South and nights 40's North and 50's South.

The OUTLOOK for the coming weekend and first half of next week is near normal temperatures West to above normal East. Precipitation will be near normal with amounts totaling .3 to .4 inch.

Corn - Acreage Planted



ILLINOIS CROP REPORTING DISTRICT SUMMARY

	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE	STATE	5-YR. AVG.
As of May 4											
Corn: Percent planted	40	50	75	80	75	90	70	70	45	66	31
Days suitable for fieldwork:	5.0	6.0	5.5	4.5	4.0	6.0	5.5	6.5	4.5	5.25	
Week ending May 2											
Soil moisture percent:											
Short	35	50	40	45	15	65	40	65	20	42	
Adequate	65	50	60	50	60	35	55	35	70	53	
Surplus	0	0	0	5	25	0	5	0	10	5	

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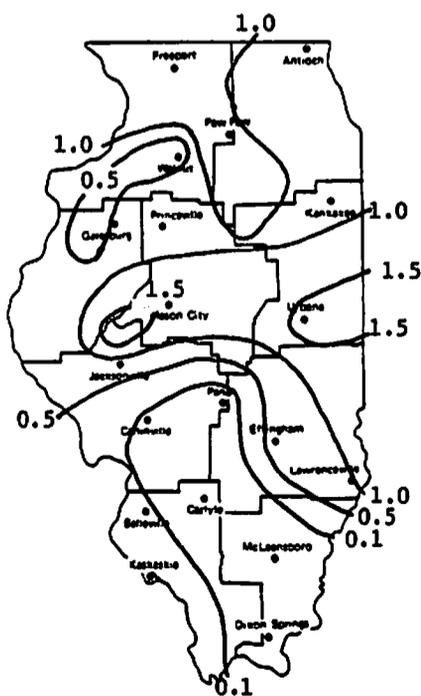
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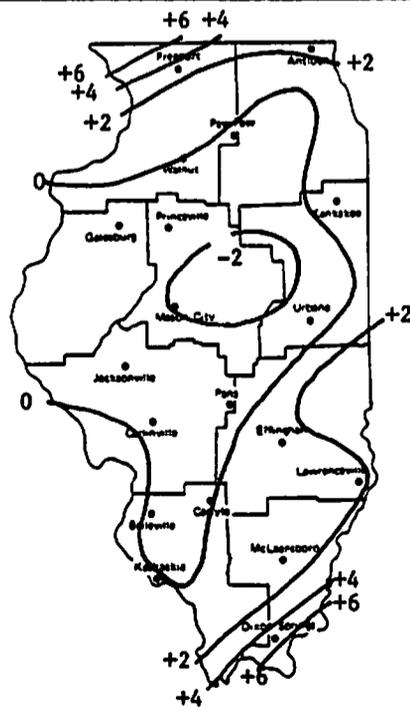
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Week ending Sunday May 4, 1986

Location	Temperatures			Curr. : week	Precipitation		Growing Degree Days (50 deg)		
	Maxi- : mum	Mini- : mum	Depar- : ture		Since : May 1	Departure : since May 1	Curr. : week	Since : May 1	Departure : since May 1
Freeport	82	31	0	1.04	0.01	-0.40	68	50	-2
Paw Paw	77	32	-1	1.04	0.19	-0.25	49	32	-29
Antioch	77	32	0	0.58	0.00	-0.39	47	29	-21
Galesburg	81	38	0	0.63	0.61	0.24	89	52	-3
Walnut	78	35	-5	0.50	0.29	-0.15	61	43	-18
Mason City	78	40	-2	1.15	0.42	0.03	86	51	-12
Princeville	83	31	-4	0.75	0.69	0.36	70	52	-3
Kankakee	83	31	-1	0.98	0.65	0.29	70	48	-8
Jacksonville	84	40	-1	0.77	0.77	0.38	82	58	-5
Pana	85	40	0	0.10	0.10	-0.35	88	63	-3
Urbana	80	35	-1	1.74	0.00	-0.46	80	46	-13
Carlinville	85	40	2	0.06	0.02	-0.50	100	59	-9
Effingham	85	40	-2	0.09	0.09	-0.31	75	55	-9
Lawrenceville	85	42	-2	1.38	0.67	0.21	84	61	-7
Belleville	89	39	0	0.15	0.15	-0.17	85	44	-26
Carlyle	86	41	-1	0.08	0.08	-0.42	83	59	-9
McLeansboro	84	40	-4	0.08	0.03	-0.50	85	61	-15
Kaskaskia	88	40	-1	0.18	0.18	-0.35	96	66	-6
Dixon Springs	82	56	6	0.49	0.49	-0.48	134	95	19



PRECIPITATION
FOR WEEK ENDING
MAY 5



TEMPERATURE DEVIATIONS
FROM NORMAL FOR
WEEK ENDING MAY 5