

ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



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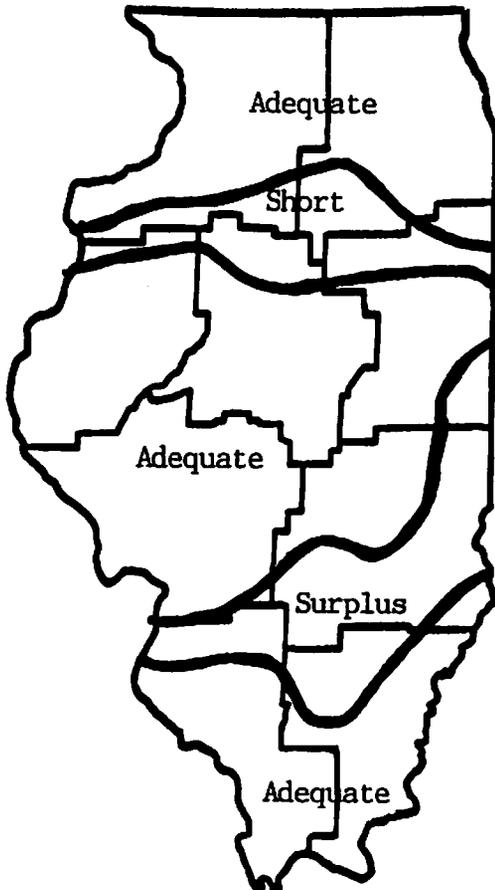
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CROPS

Winter like weather early in the week did not give farmers much hope for making progress in the fields, but by the end of the week high temperatures enabled them to resume field work. The frost early in the week caused emerged corn to yellow. Extensive alfalfa weevil problems were reported in the southern districts of the state. Last week farmers were planting, working ground, spraying chemicals, applying fertilizer, and tending livestock. For the week of April 25-May 1, there was an average of three and one half days suitable for fieldwork.

CORN planting, as of May 3, was 33% complete, compared to 57% last year and the 5-year average of 56%. Planting is also behind the 1990 crop which stood at 40% planted by May 3.

SOYBEAN planting, as of May 3, was 4% complete, compared to 10% last year and the 5-year average of 7%.



Soil Moisture Supply
May 1, 1992

WINTER WHEAT condition, as of May 1, was reported as 2% excellent, 36% good, 31% fair, 15% poor and 16% very poor. The crop was 1% headed by May 3 compared to 6% last year and the 5-year average of 5%.

SORGHUM planting is underway with 3% planted as of May 3, compared to 4% last year and the 5-year average of 3%.

OAT seeding, as of May 3, was 92% complete, compared to 94% last year and the average of 96%. Condition of the crop, as of May 1, was reported as 5% excellent, 76% good, 17% fair, and 2% poor.

ALFALFA condition, as of May 1, was reported as 3% excellent, 50% good, 42% fair and 5% poor. Cutting of the first crop is 1% complete as of May 3, compared to 3% for both last year and the 5-year average.

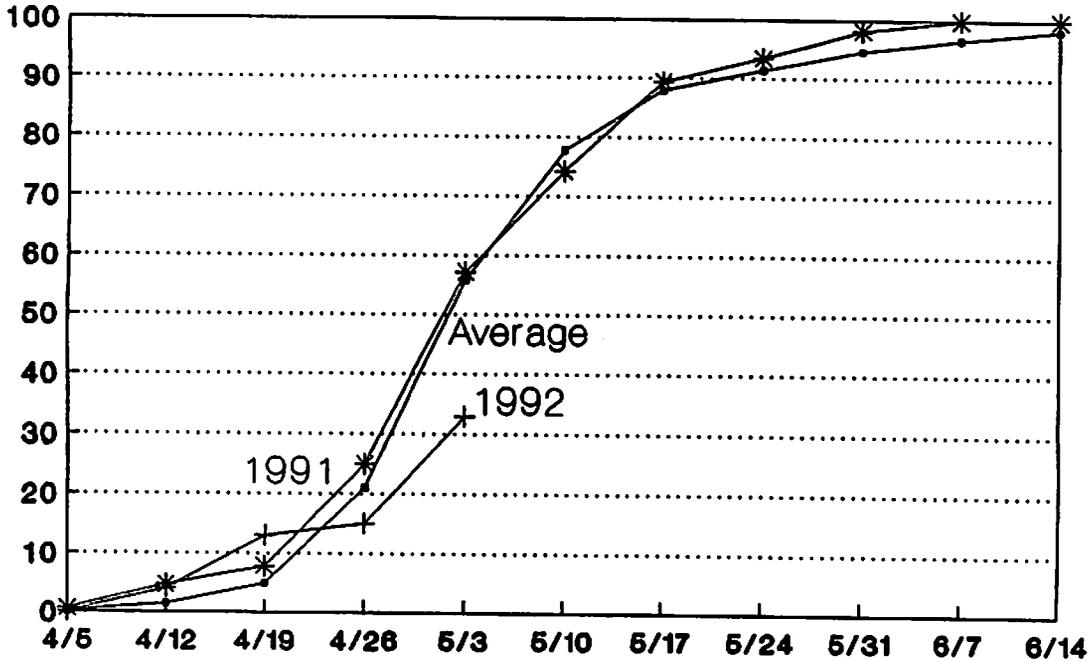
PASTURE condition, as of May 1, was rated at 90% of normal.

SOIL MOISTURE supplies were reported as 9% short, 82% adequate and 9% surplus as of May 1.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMARY

District	: Corn Acreage : : % Planted :	: Days Suitable : : For Fieldwork :	: Soil Moisture		
			: Percent	: Short	: Adequate
	: As of May 3	April 25-May 1	As of May 1		
Northwest	: 20	4.0	5	90	5
Northeast	: 20	4.0	15	85	0
West	: 40	4.0	15	80	5
Central	: 60	4.5	20	80	0
East	: 35	4.0	15	80	5
W Southwest	: 60	3.0	0	100	0
E Southeast	: 25	2.0	0	65	35
Southwest	: 35	3.5	5	80	15
Southeast	: 20	2.0	0	70	30
State	: 33	3.5	9	82	9
5-Year Avg.	: 56				

Corn - Percent Planted Illinois



WEATHER

Drier than normal weather allowed fieldwork to accelerate across Illinois the past seven days. A surge of cold air early last week brought frost and freezing temperatures to the state on Tuesday morning with lows in the mid 20's to around 30 North to the low and mid 30's South.

Daily high temperatures for the seven day period averaged from the mid 60's to around 70 North to the low and mid 70's South. These readings were mostly normal to 3 degrees above normal Central and North, but normal to 4 degrees below normal South. Lows averaged from the 40's North to the mid 40's and lower 50's South which was close to normal Central and North, but 1 to 5 degrees below normal South.

Rainfall totals across Illinois averaged less than 0.25 inch, which was drier than normal by around 0.50 to 0.90 inch. Soil temperatures at the 4-inch depth averaged from the mid 50's North to the upper 50's to lower 60's South.

The extended forecast indicates dry weather for Wednesday through Friday with highs in the 60's and 70's. Lows will be mostly in the 40's.

Week ending 8 A.M. Monday May 4, 1992

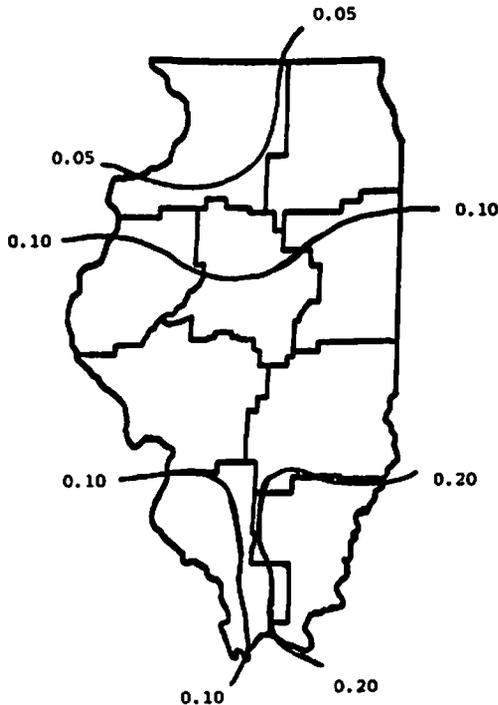
Location	Temperatures			Precipitation		Growing Degree Days(50F)			
	Maxi- mum	Mini- mum	Deapar- ture	Curr.: week	Since: May 1:	Departure :since May 1:	Curr.: week	Since :since May 1:	
ELIZABETH	67	43	0	0.00	0.00	N/A	70	52	16
ROCKFORD	68	45	2	0.06	0.00	N/A	73	54	22
CHICAGO	66	45	1	0.01	0.00	N/A	68	53	21
CHI BOTANICAL	64	41	-2	0.03	0.00	N/A	62	48	16
ELWOOD	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WATSEKA	68	40	-2	0.05	0.00	N/A	73	61	24
PERU	70	44	0	0.03	0.00	N/A	85	63	23
MOLINE	71	47	3	0.03	0.00	N/A	88	63	27
PEORIA	70	47	2	0.09	0.00	N/A	83	62	26
KILBOURNE	70	46	0	0.10	0.00	N/A	83	64	20
MONMOUTH	71	49	2	0.11	0.00	N/A	92	70	30
QUINCY	72	51	3	0.20	0.00	N/A	94	67	28
PERRY	72	48	0	0.09	0.00	N/A	90	66	22
SPRINGFIELD	71	48	0	0.22	0.07	N/A	86	66	26
URBANA	70	46	0	0.13	0.00	N/A	82	69	30
WINDSOR	70	47	0	0.28	0.00	N/A	82	68	26
TERRE HAUTE	68	41	-3	0.14	0.00	N/A	75	63	23
ST LOUIS	75	55	N/A	0.07	0.00	N/A	117	87	N/A
BELLEVILLE	71	48	0	0.00	0.00	N/A	90	71	25
BROWNSTOWN	69	47	-1	0.19	0.00	N/A	84	70	26
IUKA	70	44	-3	0.12	0.07	N/A	82	68	23
LAWRENCEVILLE	69	45	N/A	0.02	0.00	N/A	79	65	N/A
VINCENNES	69	45	-2	0.06	0.00	N/A	77	65	21
DIXON SPRINGS	71	45	-4	0.10	0.10	N/A	87	69	14
PADUCAH	74	49	-1	0.51	0.50	N/A	104	76	21
OLIVE BRANCH	72	45	-3	0.00	0.00	N/A	91	73	22
CARBONDALE	72	45	-3	0.00	0.00	N/A	89	71	21
C GIRARDEAU	72	50	N/A	0.05	0.01	N/A	97	75	N/A

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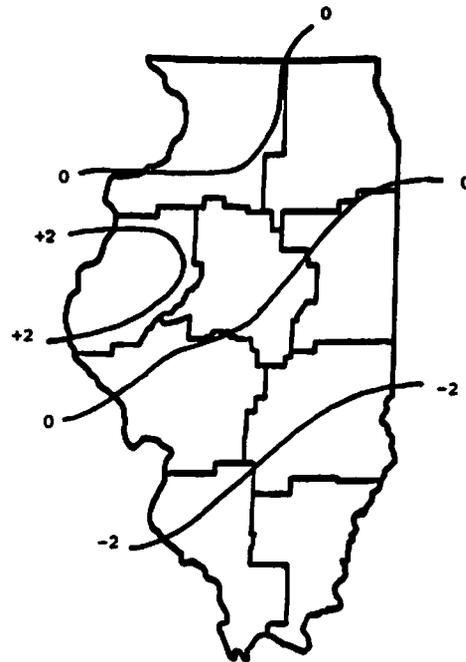
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