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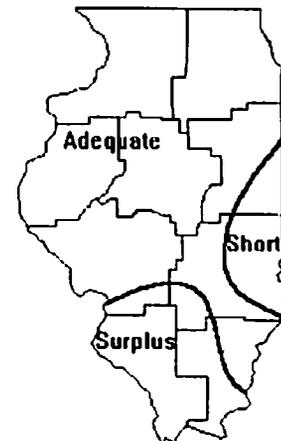
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CROPS

Corn harvest neared completion last week with 96 percent harvested by November 20, compared to the five-year average of 95 percent and 98 percent last year. The majority of the corn left to be harvested is in the Northeast District where only 85 percent of the crop has been harvested and wet weather has caused soft field conditions for harvesting. Sorghum harvest reached 97 percent complete compared to the average of 96 percent, and 99 percent last year. Winter wheat is in mostly good to excellent condition with 34 percent of the crop rated as excellent, 60 percent good, and six percent fair as of November 18. Soil moisture supplies continue to improve with ten percent short, 72 percent adequate and 18 percent surplus. Farmers were busy last week shelling corn, applying fertilizers, completing fall tillage, putting machinery in storage and putting grain under loan at their local Consolidated Farm Service Agency. Pasture condition was rated at 91 percent of normal on November 18.

CROP PROGRESS - November 20, 1994

Crop Stage	1994	1993	5-Year Average
Percent			
CORN:			
Harvested	96	98	95
SORGHUM:			
Harvested	97	99	96



**Soil Moisture Supply
November 18, 1994**

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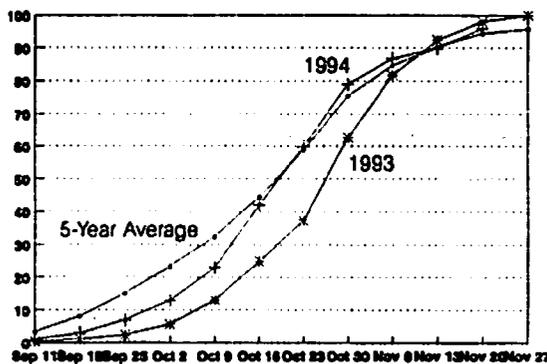
CROP CONDITIONS NOVEMBER 18, 1994

Crop	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
	Percent				
Winter Wheat	34	60	6	-	-

ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMARY

District	: Corn Acreage : : % Harvested :	: Days Suitable : : For Fieldwork :	Soil Moisture		
			Percent		
	As of Nov. 18	Nov. 12 - 18	As of Nov. 18		
			Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	: 95	: 5.0	5	85	10
Northeast	: 85	: 5.0	-	85	15
West	: 97	: 5.0	20	80	-
Central	: 99	: 4.5	10	85	5
East	: 99	: 3.5	15	80	5
W Southwest	: 97	: 5.0	5	80	15
E Southeast	: 97	: 4.5	25	60	15
Southwest	: 95	: 2.0	-	25	75
Southeast	: 98	: 2.0	-	60	40
State	: 96	: 4.25	10	72	18

**Corn - Percent Harvested
Illinois**



WEATHER

Unseasonably warm weather continued this week. Average high temperatures from around 50 north to around 60 in the south were 3 to 8 degrees above normal for the period. Lows averaged in the 30's to low 40's over most of the area, still above normal in much of the state. Lows held above freezing except in the extreme northwest where average lows fell into the 20's.

Precipitation was sparse most of the week. A vigorous low pressure system moving through the mid Mississippi Valley at the end of the period produced rain that pushed totals to over an inch at some locations.

Soil temperatures at 4 inches under bare ground continued above normal. Average readings ranged from the mid 40's north to the low 50's or higher in the south. On the coldest mornings, soil temperatures fell into the 30's in parts of the north.

Week ending 8 A.M. Monday, November 21, 1994

Location	Temperatures		Departure	Precipitation
	Maximum	Minimum		
Elizabeth	49	23	1	0.78
Rockford	49	35	5	0.00
Chicago	54	39	8	0.10
Chi Botanical	53	35	7	0.12
Watseka	56	37	8	0.50
Peru	52	34	5	0.33
Moline	49	35	4	0.90
Peoria	53	36	5	0.62
Monmouth	50	31	1	0.89
Quincy	52	36	3	0.15
Perry	54	33	3	1.32
Springfield	56	39	6	0.99
Urbana	56	40	7	0.54
Windsor	57	42	7	0.87
Terre Haute	59	40	8	0.76
St. Louis	58	45	N/A	1.48
Belleville	60	41	6	0.38
Brownstown	57	39	6	1.22
Iuka	59	40	6	1.23
Lawrenceville	57	41	7	0.94
Vincennes	57	39	5	0.73
Dixon Springs	60	45	6	1.03
Paducah	61	49	8	1.30
Olive Branch	59	43	5	1.24
Carbondale	60	43	7	1.14
C Girardeau	61	46	N/A	1.05

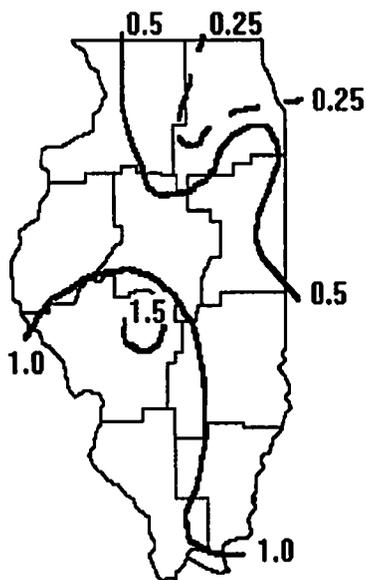
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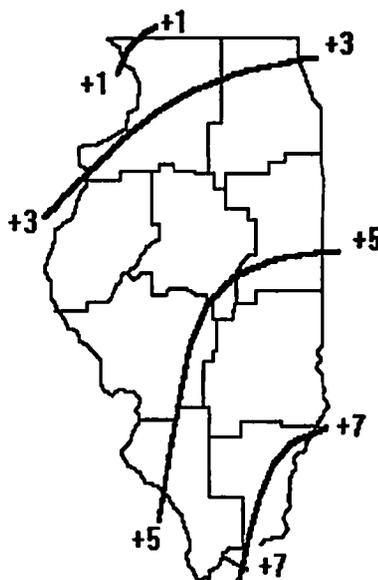
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Precipitation (inches)
November 15-21, 1994



Temperature Departure
November 15-21, 1994

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