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Farmers are beginning to have some concerns about late plantings, disease problems in wheat and the stress on livestock due to weather conditions. Rains and cold weather across the state limited farmers from doing much field work last week. Activities ranged from preparing equipment, applying fertilizers and herbicides, completing sign-up for CFSA programs, building fences, taking care of livestock and waiting for warmer, drier weather so they can get back in the fields. Soil temperatures remained below normal, especially in northern Illinois, which brought planting almost to a standstill. There was an average of 1.6 days suitable for field work during the week of April 22 - April 28. Soil moisture was adequate to surplus across most of the state. Statewide, the topsoil moisture supply was rated as 45 percent surplus, 54 percent adequate and one percent short as of April 28.

Eight percent of the CORN crop had been planted by April 30, compared to 40 percent last year and the five-year average of 26 percent.

Seeding of OATS was 65 percent complete by April 30, compared to 97 percent last year and the five-year average of 78 percent.

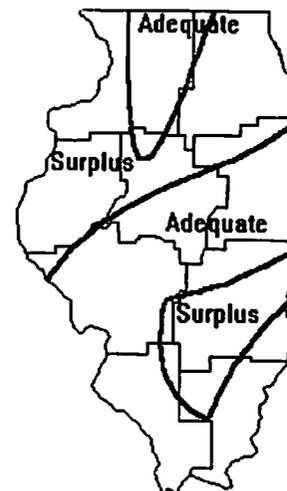
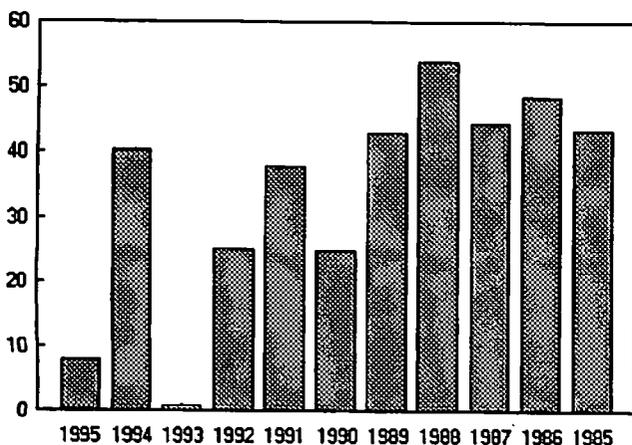
Condition of the WHEAT crop, as of April 28, was 22 percent excellent, 72 percent good, and six percent fair. Two percent of the crop was headed by April 30, compared to less than one percent last year, and the five-year average of one percent.

ALFALFA was rated 19 percent excellent, 70 percent good, ten percent fair, and one percent poor on April 28.

Condition of PASTURES on April 28 was 19 percent excellent, 68 percent good, 12 percent fair and one percent poor.

Corn - Percent Planted

As of April 30

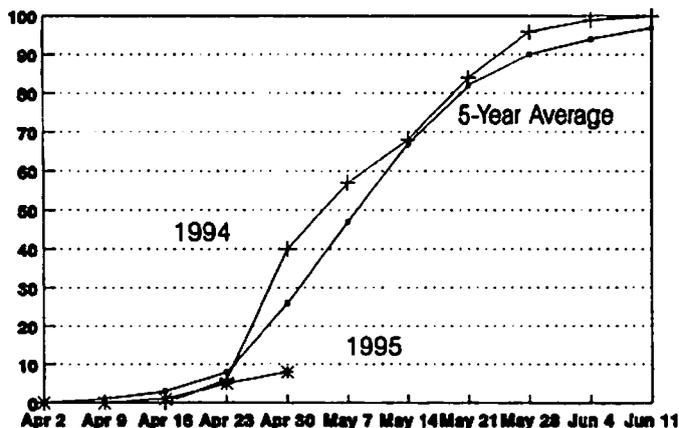


Soil Moisture Supply
April 28, 1995

ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMARY

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Soil Moisture Percent			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	April 22-28		As of April 28		
Northwest	2.5	0	0	50	50
Northeast	2.5	0	0	25	75
West	1.0	0	0	30	70
Central	1.5	0	0	60	40
East	1.5	0	0	70	30
W Southwest	2.0	0	5	75	20
E Southeast	1.0	0	0	45	55
Southwest	1.5	0	0	65	35
Southeast	.5	0	0	70	30
State	1.6	0	1	54	45

**Corn - Percent Planted
Illinois**



WEATHER SUMMARY

Cooler than normal weather occurred the past seven days across Illinois. Another low pressure system spread rain into southern parts of the state during the weekend.

Daily high temperatures for the period averaged from the mid 50's to around 60 in the north to the 60's in the south, which was 4 to 7 degrees below normal across the state. Lows averaged from mostly in the upper 30's and low 40's in the north to the 40's in the central and south. These averages ranged from near normal in the northeast to 2 to 8 degrees below normal in the west and south. Coldest readings for the period were in the 30's, except for some 20's in the northwest corner.

Rainfall totals averaged from around 0.25 to 1.50 inches in the central and south to 0.60 to 3.00 inches in the north. This was above normal rainfall in the north by 0.20 to 2.00 inches, but below normal by 0.15 to 0.70 inch in the central and south.

Thunderstorm chances will increase on Wednesday and Thursday followed by fair weather on Friday. Highs will be in the 60's and 70's and lows in the 40's and 50's.

Week ending 8 A.M. Monday, May 1, 1995

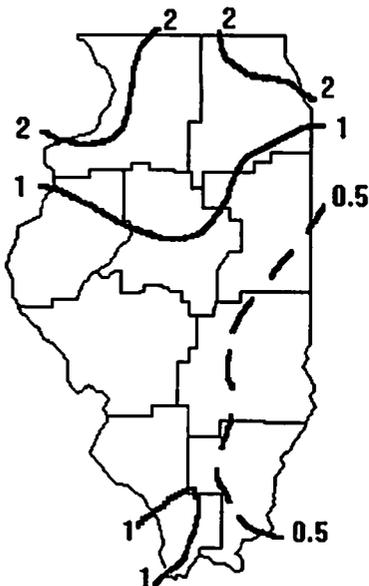
Location	Temperatures			Precipitation	Growing Degree Days	Soil Temperature 4" Bare	
	Maximum	Minimum	Departure			Maximum	Minimum
Elizabeth	56	33	-8	1.91	31	53	46
Rockford	57	41	-3	2.04	27	53	44
Chicago	56	43	-3	2.41	23	N/A	N/A
Chi Botanical	56	40	-1	2.97	23	54	45
Watseka	61	43	-2	0.59	42	57	46
Peru	58	39	-6	1.37	33	54	44
Moline	61	41	-5	1.97	39	N/A	N/A
Peoria	61	42	-5	1.03	39	57	47
Monmouth	61	39	-7	1.05	37	57	45
Quincy	61	43	-6	0.97	40	N/A	N/A
Perry	62	42	-6	0.77	42	58	47
Springfield	63	43	-5	0.51	46	54	51
Urbana	61	41	-5	0.37	43	58	47
Windsor	63	41	-6	0.16	49	61	50
Terre Haute	64	44	-3	0.33	50	63	50
St. Louis	64	48	N/A	0.86	55	N/A	N/A
Belleville	65	43	-6	0.28	54	62	50
Brownstown	62	38	-8	0.76	42	64	53
Iuka	65	42	-6	0.27	54	63	47
Lawrenceville	64	43	-5	0.28	53	N/A	N/A
Vincennes	64	42	-5	0.29	50	61	49
Dixon Springs	65	45	-5	0.65	57	64	51
Paducah	67	48	-4	0.94	66	65	60
Olive Branch	66	46	-5	1.29	60	68	51
Carbondale	64	42	-7	0.78	53	N/A	N/A
C Girardeau	66	48	N/A	1.57	59	N/A	N/A

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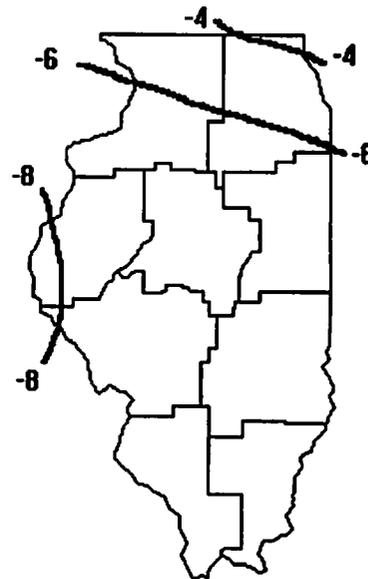
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Precipitation (inches)
April 25-May 1, 1995



Temperature Departure
April 25-May 1, 1995

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