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Planting corn and other field crops was delayed again last week due to steady rainfalls and cool weather. Some crop development delays have been noted across the state due to the below normal temperatures. Farmers are becoming increasingly uneasy as another week passed with little or no fieldwork completed. When weather permitted, farmers put in long hours planting corn, soybeans, and seeding oats. The most progress has been in the West Southwest District with 35 percent of the corn planted. Other activities for the week were applying fertilizer and pesticides, hauling grain, general maintenance and repair of equipment, and the feeding and routine care of livestock. There was an average of 1.6 days suitable for field work during the week of April 29 - May 5. Soil moisture was adequate to surplus across most of the state. Statewide, the topsoil moisture supply was rated as 57 percent surplus and 43 percent adequate as of May 5.

Sixteen percent of the CORN crop had been planted by May 7, compared to 57 percent last year and the five-year average of 47 percent.

One percent of the SOYBEANS had been planted by May 7, compared to seven percent last year and the five year average of nine percent.

Seeding of OATS was 83 percent complete by May 7, compared to 97 percent last year and the five-year average of 84 percent.

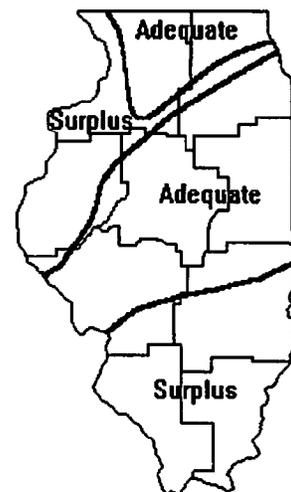
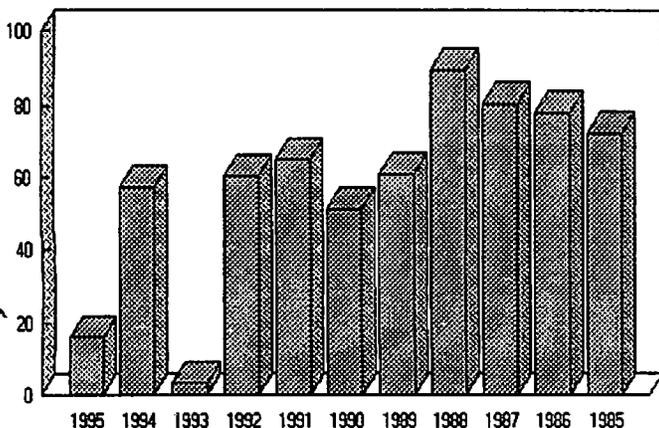
Condition of the WHEAT crop, as of May 5, was 25 percent excellent, 66 percent good, eight percent fair and one percent poor. Seventeen percent of the crop was headed by May 7, compared to two percent last year, and the five-year average of seven percent.

ALFALFA was rated 22 percent excellent, 68 percent good, nine percent fair, and one percent poor on May 5.

RED CLOVER was rated 18 percent excellent, 70 percent good, 11 percent fair and one percent poor on May 5.

Condition of PASTURES on May 5 was 19 percent excellent, 69 percent good, 11 percent fair and one percent poor.

Corn - Percent Planted
As of May 7

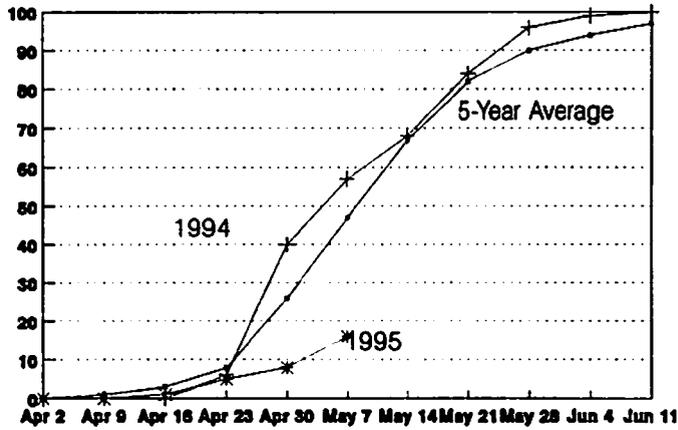


Soil Moisture Supply
May 5, 1995

ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMARY

District	: Corn Acreage: : % Planted	: Days Suitable : For Fieldwork	Soil Moisture			
			Percent			
			Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	As of May 7	April 29 - May 5			As of May 5	
Northwest	: 8	2.0	0	0	60	40
Northeast	: 5	2.5	0	0	60	40
West	: 9	2.5	0	0	20	80
Central	: 20	3.0	0	0	65	35
East	: 20	2.5	0	0	70	30
W Southwest	: 35	.5	0	0	35	65
E Southeast	: 10	1.0	0	0	40	60
Southwest	: 20	.5	0	0	15	85
Southeast	: 20	.5	0	0	30	70
State	: 16	1.6	0	0	43	57

**Corn - Percent Planted
Illinois**



WEATHER SUMMARY

Storm systems tended to track just to the west of the state during the week. This resulted in seasonably damp conditions west while eastern areas of Illinois noted light precipitation. Common cloudcover did hold temperatures below normal.

Mean temperatures ranged from the low to upper 50's, some 2 to 4 degrees below normal north rising to near 5 to 8 degrees short of normal south and west. Average daytime highs reached from the low to mid 60's with mean lows between the low and upper 40's.

More than an inch of rain was noted over western sections of the state. Totals decreased to 1/4 inch or less east.

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

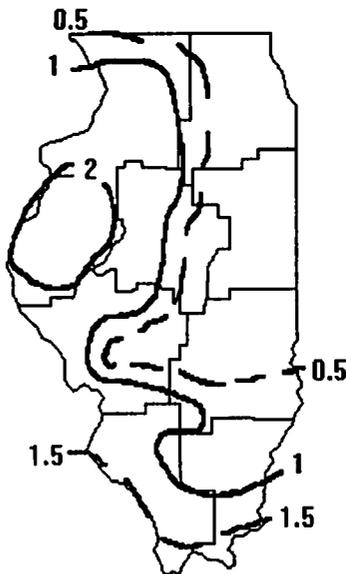
Location	Temperatures			Precipitation			Growing Degree Days (50F)		
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Elizabeth	64	38	-4	0.83	0.83	-0.08	50	50	-12
Rockford	65	46	0	0.38	0.38	-0.57	54	57	-10
Chicago	64	46	0	0.05	0.08	-0.81	52	52	-12
Chi Botanical	62	43	0	0.10	0.11	-0.78	45	45	-4
Watseka	65	43	-2	0.17	0.17	-0.90	56	59	-10
Peru	65	43	-3	0.24	0.24	-0.85	53	55	-19
Moline	65	46	-2	1.75	1.75	0.65	58	62	-14
Peoria	64	45	-4	1.25	1.25	0.27	55	57	-19
Monmouth	63	44	-5	0.63	0.63	-0.36	51	55	-29
Quincy	62	47	-5	0.55	0.55	-0.61	49	52	-26
Perry	63	45	-6	1.17	1.17	0.07	51	55	-27
Springfield	65	47	-4	0.29	0.29	-0.67	61	64	-20
Urbana	64	44	-5	0.24	0.24	-0.80	54	56	-22
Windsor	65	45	-6	0.77	0.77	-0.27	56	60	-27
Terre Haute	67	47	-2	0.35	0.35	-0.80	70	74	-8
St. Louis	63	51	N/A	1.47	1.65	N/A	60	64	N/A
Belleville	64	45	-7	0.75	0.75	-0.25	56	59	-37
Brownstown	66	44	-5	0.55	0.63	-0.40	61	65	-19
Iuka	64	44	-7	0.75	0.75	-0.32	55	59	-34
Lawrenceville	66	45	-5	0.88	0.88	-0.25	62	68	-21
Vincennes	65	45	-5	0.93	0.93	-0.31	56	63	-23
Dixon Springs	66	47	-6	0.80	1.10	-0.19	61	66	-34
Paducah	66	50	-6	1.09	1.55	0.23	66	73	-34
Olive Branch	68	47	-5	1.42	2.12	0.78	65	71	-33
Carbondale	63	44	-8	1.00	1.26	0.13	51	56	-40
C Girardeau	65	50	N/A	1.06	1.88	N/A	64	71	N/A

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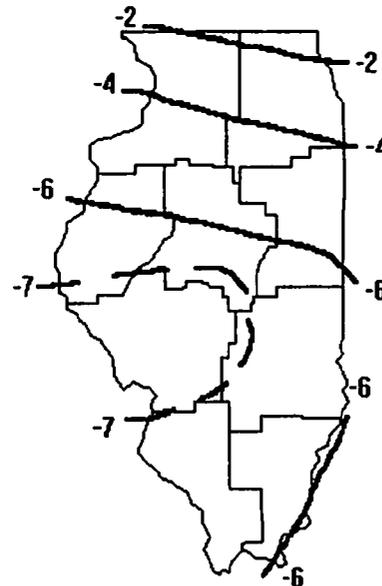
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Precipitation (inches)
May 2-8, 1995



Temperature Departure
May 2-8, 1995

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