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Harvest was in full swing last week, with 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. By October 8, 36 percent of the corn had been harvested, compared with 22 percent last year, and the five-year average of 29 percent. Soybean harvest progressed to 58 percent, a record for one week's progress. Last year, soybean harvest was at 61 percent, while the five-year average is 51 percent. Harvest was most advanced in the eastern district where 90 percent of the soybeans and 55 percent of the corn had been harvested. Harvest was least advanced in the western district where only 15 percent of the soybeans and 20 percent of the corn had been harvested. Rain is still an issue across the state, although some areas finally received some much needed rains. As of October 6, topsoil moisture was rated as 26 percent very short, 41 percent short, and 33 percent adequate. The eastern and southern parts of the state need rain the most. Farm activities for the week were harvesting, seeding wheat, spreading dry fertilizer, fall tillage, hauling grain, and the general care and maintenance of livestock.

CROP PROGRESS - October 8, 1995

Crop Stage : : : 5-Year
: 1995 : 1994 : Average

Percent

CORN:

Mature	97	98	94
Harvested	36	22	29

SOYBEANS:

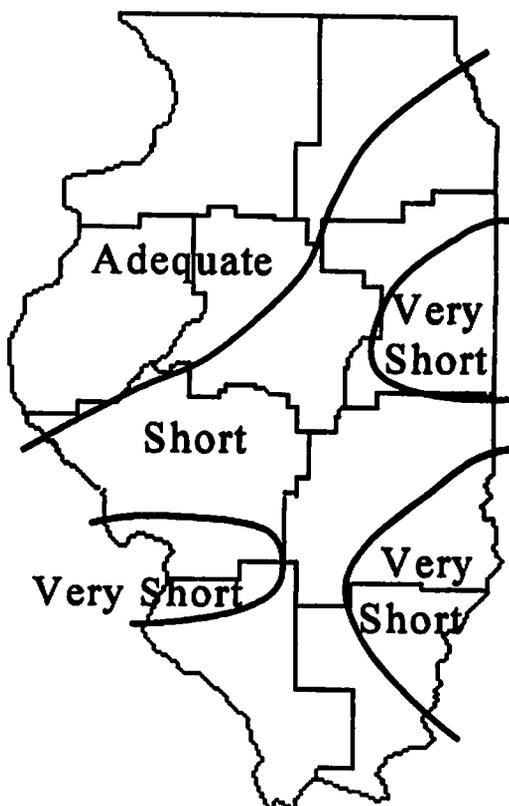
Turning Yellow	98	99	98
Dropping Leaves	93	97	92
Harvested	58	61	51

SORGHUM:

Coloring	80	100	96
Mature	64	95	80
Harvested	10	24	21

WINTER WHEAT:

Seeded	18	33	27
Emerged	2	5	5



Topsoil Moisture Supply
October 6, 1995

CROP CONDITIONS OCTOBER 6, 1995

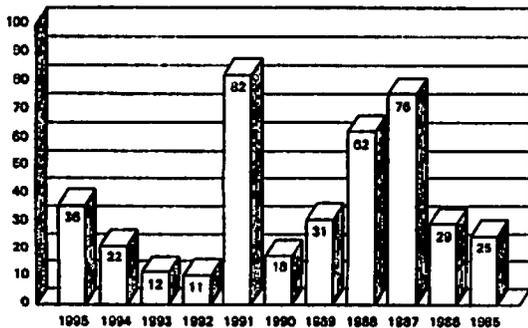
Crop	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
	Percent				
Corn	3	37	43	14	3
Soybeans	3	33	42	18	4
Sorghum	1	28	50	15	6
Pasture	2	23	39	26	10

ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMARY

District	Soybean Acreage	Corn Acreage	Days Suitable For Harvested	Topsoil Moisture Percent			
	Percent	Percent	Fieldwork	Very Short	Short	Adq.	Surplus
	As of October 8	Sept. 30 - Oct. 6		As of October 6			
Northwest	45	25	5.0	-	25	75	-
Northeast	75	20	5.5	5	65	30	-
West	15	20	5.0	-	15	85	-
Central	80	50	6.0	30	45	25	-
East	90	55	5.5	55	30	15	-
W Southwest	50	45	6.0	30	55	15	-
E Southeast	65	35	6.0	35	50	15	-
Southwest	25	45	6.0	35	40	25	-
Southeast	25	35	6.5	50	45	5	-
State	58	36	5.8	26	41	33	-

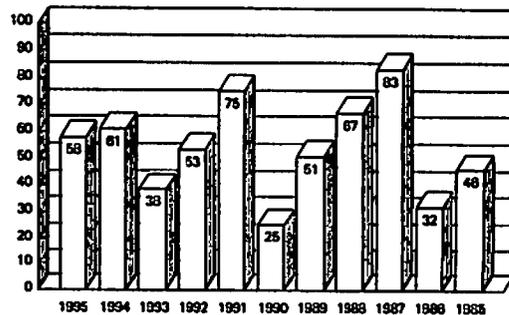
CORN - PERCENT HARVESTED

As of October 8



SOYBEANS - PERCENT HARVESTED

As of October 8



WEATHER SUMMARY

Temperatures during the seven days were within 1° or 2°F of the 1961-90 averages, running about 2°F below average in the north and about 1°F above average in southern Illinois. Temperatures were several degrees above average over the whole state during the last two days of the period.

Rainfall continued to be greater in northern counties last week. One to two inches fell north of a line roughly from Park Forest to Paw Paw to Mt. Carroll, with the greatest amount in the northern-most counties. One to 1.4 inches also fell in southeastern Illinois. Precipitation in most of the remainder of the state was generally less than one-half inch.

Week ending 8 A.M. Monday, October 9, 1995

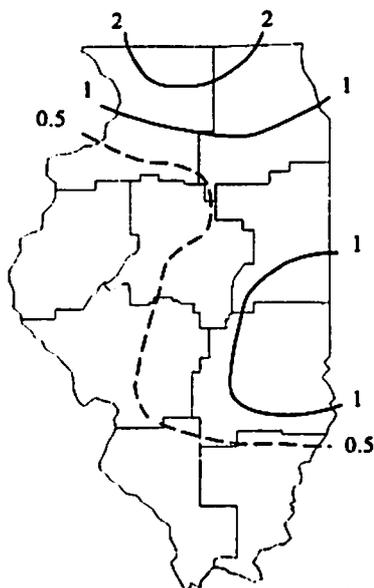
Location	Temperatures			Precipitation
	Maximum	Minimum	Departure	
Elizabeth	66	33	+3	1.30
Rockford	65	48	+3	1.96
Chicago	63	49	+1	1.13
Chi Botanical	63	46	+1	1.52
Watseka	68	43	0	0.32
Peru	66	42	-1	0.82
Moline	64	45	-1	0.42
Peoria	67	47	+1	0.12
Monmouth	65	45	-2	0.20
Quincy	63	48	-3	0.02
Perry	69	45	0	0.01
Springfield	71	49	+2	0.08
Urbana	67	47	0	1.20
Windsor	74	51	+4	1.17
Terre Haute	72	48	+2	1.42
St. Louis	72	53	+1	0.13
Belleville	74	51	+3	0.83
Brownstown	70	46	+1	0.00
Iuka	74	47	0	0.02
Lawrenceville	75	45	0	0.60
Vincennes	73	44	-1	0.09
Dixon Springs	73	49	+1	0.14
Paducah	73	49	0	0.44
Olive Branch	74	50	+3	0.04
Carbondale	73	44	-1	0.32
C Girardeau	74	50	+1	0.00

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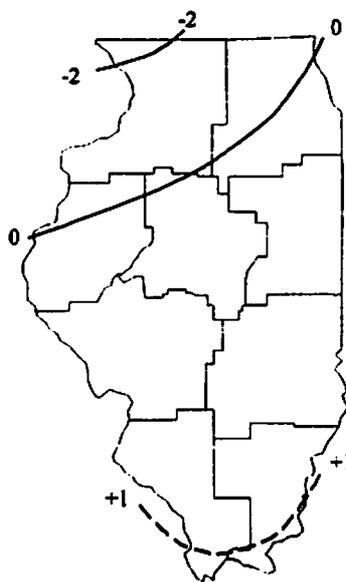
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Precipitation (inches)
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Temperature Departure
October 3-9, 1995

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