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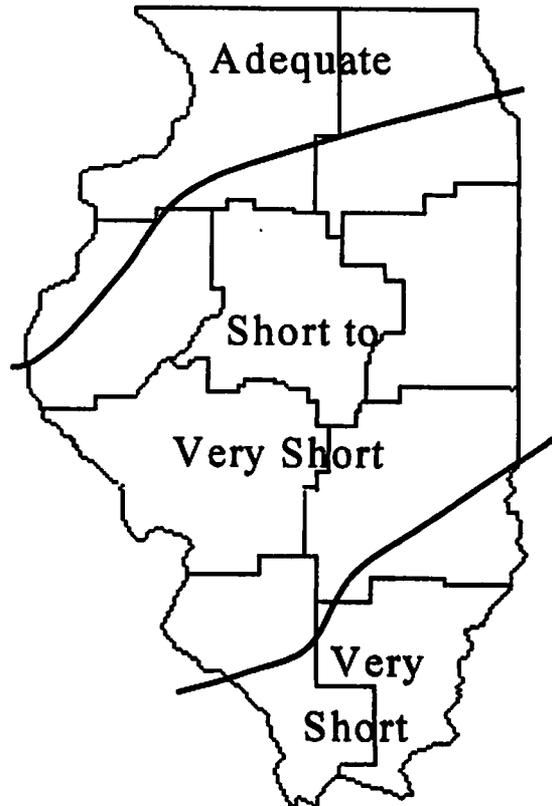
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Harvesting was the buzz word as another week passed with excellent weather conditions until the end of the week. Corn progressed to 78 percent harvested, compared to 57 percent last year, and 53 percent for the five-year average. Soybean harvest progressed to 93 percent complete, compared to 89 percent last year, and 82 percent for the five-year average. The dry weather conditions, while being good for harvest, are proving to be bad for wheat, pastures and livestock. Rain is needed to help the emergence of wheat and the quality of the pastures. The lack of rain is causing farmers to feed more hay and in some cases, to draw water for livestock. Topsoil moisture is rated as 30 percent very short, 43 percent short and 27 percent adequate. The lower one third of the state is in need of rain the most. In addition to harvesting, farmers used their 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for fall tillage, spreading fertilizers and lime, and applying anhydrous.

CROP PROGRESS - October 22, 1995

Crop Stage	: 1995	: 1994	: 5-Year Average
Percent			
CORN:			
Harvested	78	57	53
SOYBEANS:			
Harvested	93	89	82
SORGHUM:			
Mature	80	99	95
Harvested	47	60	49
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	85	82	72
Emerged	37	56	40



Topsoil Moisture Supply
October 20, 1995

CROP CONDITIONS OCTOBER 20, 1995

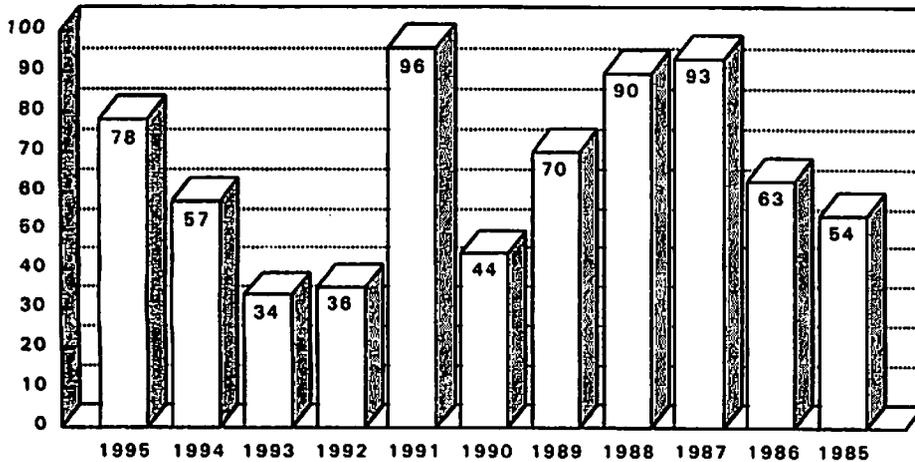
Crop	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
Pasture	2	16	34	34	14

ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMARY

District	Soybean Acreage	Corn Acreage	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percent			
	As of October 22	As of October 22	October 14-20	Very Short	Short	Adq.	Surplus
Northwest	93	75	6.0	-	35	65	-
Northeast	96	70	6.0	5	45	50	-
West	90	65	6.5	5	65	30	-
Central	95	95	6.5	30	40	30	-
East	97	94	6.0	40	45	15	-
W Southwest	94	80	6.5	30	45	25	-
E Southeast	95	80	6.5	40	45	15	-
Southwest	70	55	6.5	45	45	10	-
Southeast	85	75	6.5	70	25	5	-
State	93	78	6.3	30	43	27	-

CORN - PERCENT HARVESTED

As of October 22



WEATHER SUMMARY

Temperatures varied from near average in northern counties to as much as 4° to 5°F above average in southwestern Illinois. Precipitation was greatest in northeastern Illinois, about 1.5 inches from Kane to McLean Counties, and greater than one inch within a line from Lake Villa to Lincoln to Urbana to Hoopston. Carbondale measured 2.76", the greatest of any location in the state.

Week ending 8 A.M. Monday, October 23, 1995

Location	Temperatures			Precipitation
	Maximum	Minimum	Departure	
Elizabeth	61	32	+1	0.41
Rockford	59	40	0	0.25
Chicago	61	44	+2	1.45
Chi Botanical	60	41	+2	1.60
Watseka	65	40	+2	0.79
Peru	64	38	+1	1.48
Moline	65	39	+1	0.16
Peoria	69	40	+4	1.41
Monmouth	66	39	+1	0.17
Quincy	68	43	+3	0.05
Perry	72	42	+4	1.02
Springfield	66	45	+3	1.48
Urbana	68	41	+3	1.05
Windsor	68	44	+2	0.54
Terre Haute	67	42	+2	0.64
St. Louis	73	50	+6	0.74
Belleville	72	47	+5	0.51
Brownstown	73	44	+6	0.59
Iuka	69	43	+1	0.00
Lawrenceville	68	40	-1	0.51
Vincennes	66	49	0	0.66
Dixon Springs	71	44	+1	0.50
Paducah	73	46	+4	0.71
Olive Branch	64	45	-2	0.50
Carbondale	71	44	+3	2.76
C Girardeau	73	47	+4	0.21

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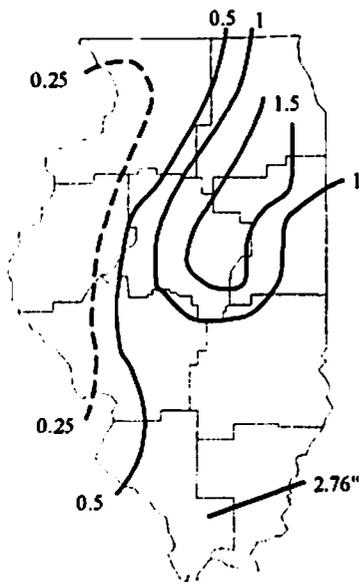
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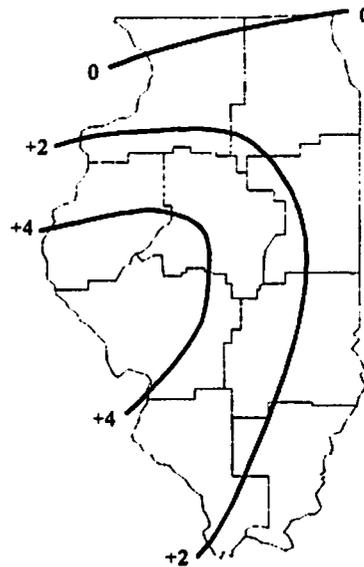
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Precipitation (inches)
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Temperature Departure
October 17-23, 1995

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