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Corn and soybean harvest continued to push toward completion as another week passed with good weather conditions. Mild days coupled with little rainfall enabled farmers to stay in the fields longer. Corn harvest advanced to 92 percent complete by October 29 while soybean harvest progressed to 98 percent. Corn harvest at this time last year was 76 percent complete with the five-year average at 70 percent. Soybean harvest last year was at 94 percent with the five-year average of 93 percent. With 92 percent of the winter wheat seeded and 65 percent emerged, condition was rated as four percent excellent, 44 percent good, 35 percent fair, 15 percent poor and two percent very poor. Some rain fell across the state helping to improve the topsoil moisture. Topsoil moisture was rated as 36 percent adequate, 43 percent short and 21 percent very short as of October 27. The lower two-thirds of the state still needs rain with the southeast needing it the most. Farmers used the 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for harvesting, fall tillage, applying anhydrous, spreading fertilizers and lime and winterizing and cleaning up equipment.

CROP PROGRESS - October 29, 1995

Crop Stage	1995	1994	5-Year Average
Percent			
CORN:			
Harvested	92	76	70
SOYBEANS:			
Harvested	98	94	93
SORGHUM:			
Mature	90	100	98
Harvested	70	76	63
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	92	92	85
Emerged	65	76	61



Topsoil Moisture Supply
October 27, 1995

CROP CONDITIONS OCTOBER 27, 1995

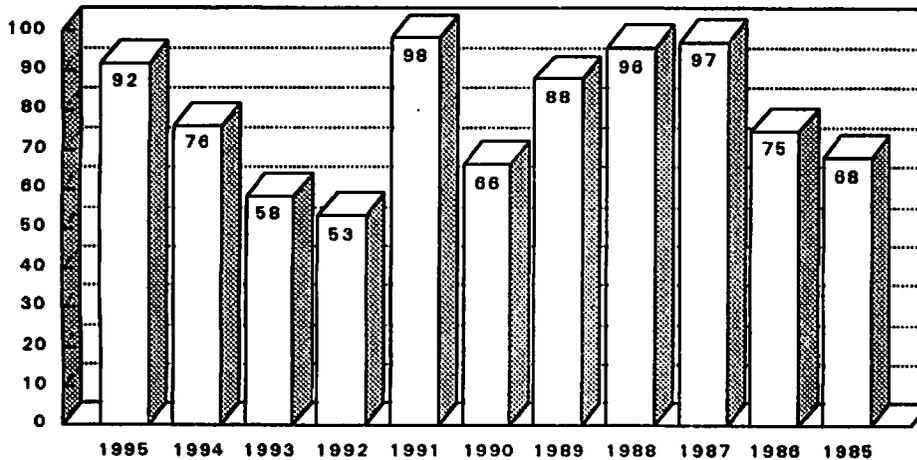
Crop	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
	Percent				
Winter Wheat	4	44	35	15	2
Pasture	1	23	32	33	11

ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMARY

District	Corn Acreage Harvested	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percent			
	Percent	For	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	As of October 29	October 21-27	As of October 27			
Northwest	90	5.5	5	25	70	-
Northeast	90	5.0	5	35	60	-
West	85	6.5	10	55	35	-
Central	97	5.5	20	45	35	-
East	99	5.0	20	45	35	-
W Southwest	94	6.0	20	60	20	-
E Southeast	91	6.0	25	50	25	-
Southwest	85	6.5	35	35	30	-
Southeast	90	6.5	55	35	10	-
State	92	5.8	21	43	36	-

CORN - PERCENT HARVESTED

As of October 29



WEATHER SUMMARY

Temperatures over the state ranged from 4 F below average to 2 F above average. Generally, the colder temperatures were in the northern two-thirds of the state. Precipitation over the northern third and the southern parts of the state was above average, while the rest of the state was below average.

Week ending 8 A.M. Monday, October 30, 1995

Location	Temperatures			Precipitation
	Maximum	Minimum	Departure	
Elizabeth	58	32	-1	1.09
Rockford	53	36	-4	0.77
Chicago	55	38	-2	0.64
Chi Botanical	59	38	-1	0.70
Watseka	54	38	-2	0.16
Peru	55	37	-4	0.15
Moline	57	35	-3	0.52
Peoria	61	37	0	0.39
Monmouth	57	37	-3	0.11
Quincy	60	39	-1	0.18
Perry	62	37	-1	0.16
Springfield	59	38	-2	0.52
Urbana	57	36	-3	0.62
Windsor	61	38	-2	0.35
Terre Haute	62	40	0	0.53
St. Louis	63	46	+1	0.49
Belleville	66	43	+2	0.55
Brownstown	60	40	-2	0.72
Iuka	63	39	-2	0.73
Lawrenceville	62	39	-2	0.00
Vincennes	59	38	-4	0.02
Dixon Springs	64	41	-3	0.71
Paducah	64	40	-3	1.02
Olive Branch	66	40	-3	0.71
Carbondale	67	41	+1	0.19
C Girardeau	65	41	-2	0.34

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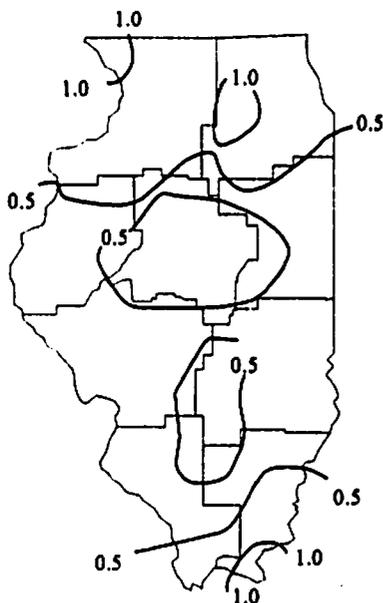
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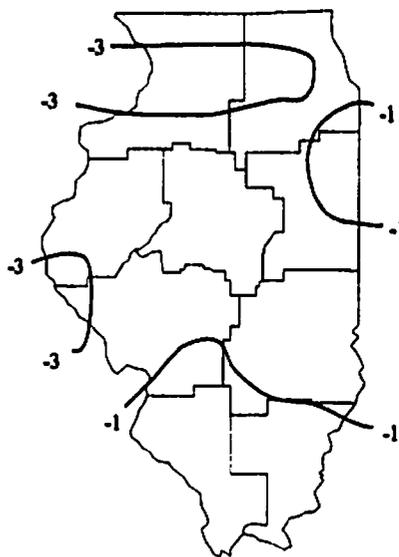
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Precipitation (inches)
October 24-30, 1995



Temperature Departure
October 24-30, 1995

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