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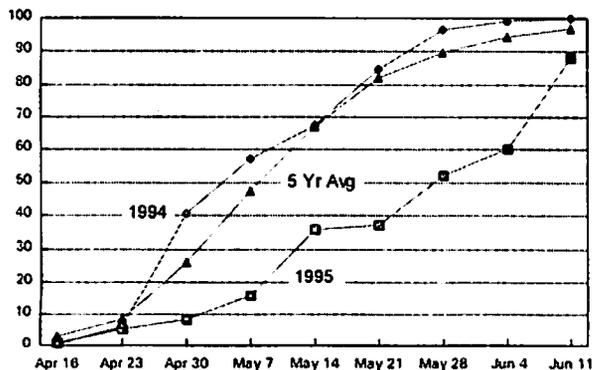
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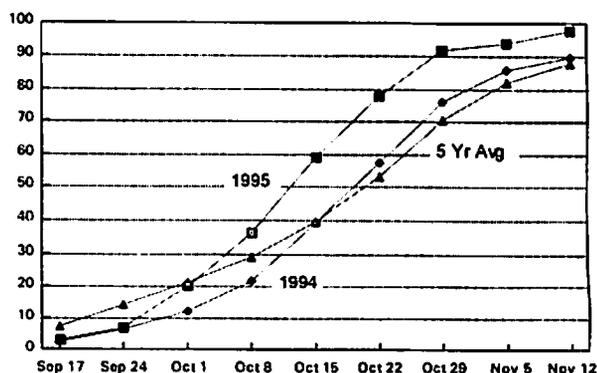
Completion of the corn harvest was delayed by wet fields as the result of the rain and snow on November 10. Cold weather last week prevented the fields from drying. Harvest was 99 percent finished by November 19, compared to 95 percent last year and the five-year average of 93 percent. Sorghum harvest was 96 percent complete, compared to 97 percent last year and the five-year average of 93 percent. Some tillage and fertilizer application was possible last week but most farmers had already completed these activities, thanks to the excellent fall weather. It was a good week to prepare equipment for storage. The condition of the wheat crop was four percent excellent, 54 percent good, 34 percent fair, six percent poor, and two percent very poor as of November 17. Germination and growth has not been good in some areas because of dryness at the time of seeding and cool weather during the fall. The crop was 97 percent emerged by November 19, compared to 95 percent last year and the five-year average of 91 percent. Topsoil moisture was rated as six percent surplus, 73 percent adequate, 18 percent short, and three percent very short on November 17.

The charts below are intended to illustrate to some extent the type of year it was during 1995. Excess rains during April and May delayed and slowed planting to the point that it was one of the latest years on record. The majority of the crops were planted during the last week of May and first half of June. The weather began turning hot during the middle of July and temperatures remained mostly five to ten degrees above normal through early September. Crops were stressed by the hot weather and a lack of rain which began around the middle of August. The dry weather continued through the end of September which provided excellent harvest conditions for crops which were pushed rapidly to maturity by the hot summer weather. A freeze on September 23 brought to an end a most unusual growing season.

Corn Planted



Corn Harvested



This is the last Weekly Illinois Weather & Crops report for the very unusual 1995 season. The next regularly scheduled report will be published on December 18 and monthly thereafter until April 1996.

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OCTOBER WEATHER SUMMARY

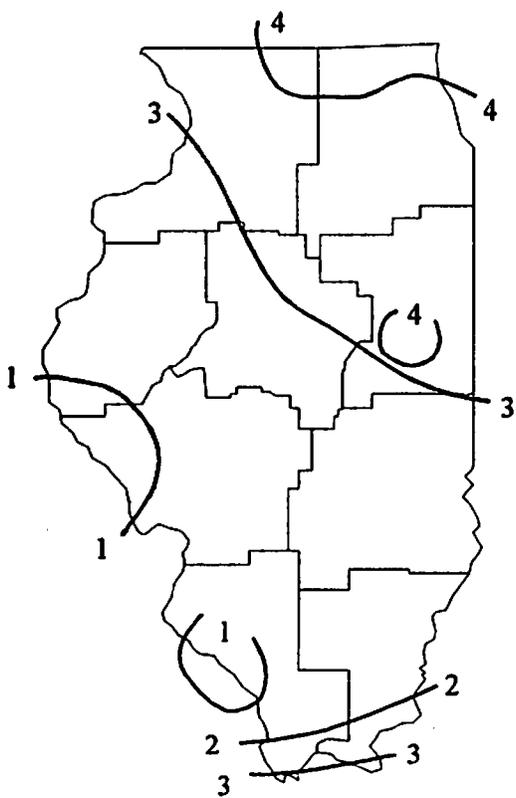
October temperatures were near-average over the state, varying from average in northern counties to about 2°F above average in the far south. Precipitation totaled 3 to 4 inches in the northern third of the state, less than two inches in the southern 2/3, and less than one inch in the far southwest.

PRELIMINARY DISTRICT PRECIPITATION AVGS. AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL IN INCHES

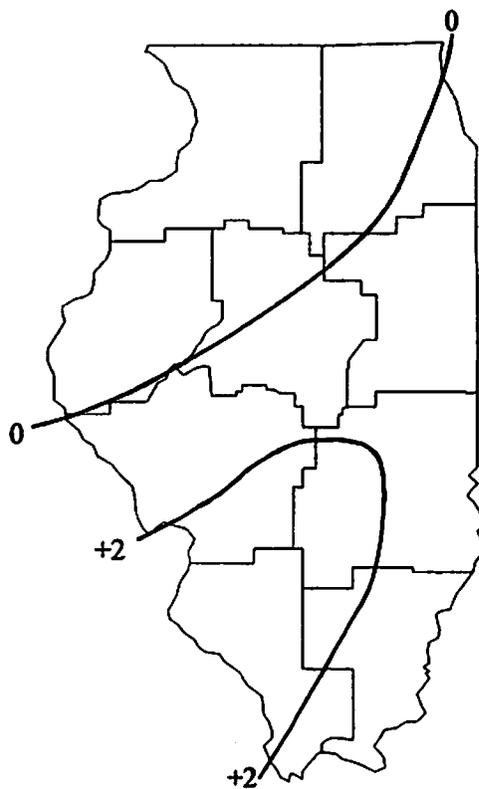
	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE	STATE
October	3.86	4.81	3.75	4.32	4.02	3.34	2.71	2.39	2.29	3.53
Departure	0.85	1.99	0.50	1.39	1.22	0.39	-0.29	-0.64	-0.82	0.55

PRELIMINARY DISTRICT TEMPERATURE AVGS. AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL IN DEGREES

	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE	STATE
October	51.1	52.1	54.1	54.0	54.1	56.8	56.7	58.8	58.5	55.0
Departure	-1.4	-0.5	-1.0	-0.4	0.2	0.9	0.7	1.4	0.8	0.1



Precipitation (inches)  
October 1995



Temperature Departure  
October 1995

**NOVEMBER 1-15 WEATHER SUMMARY**

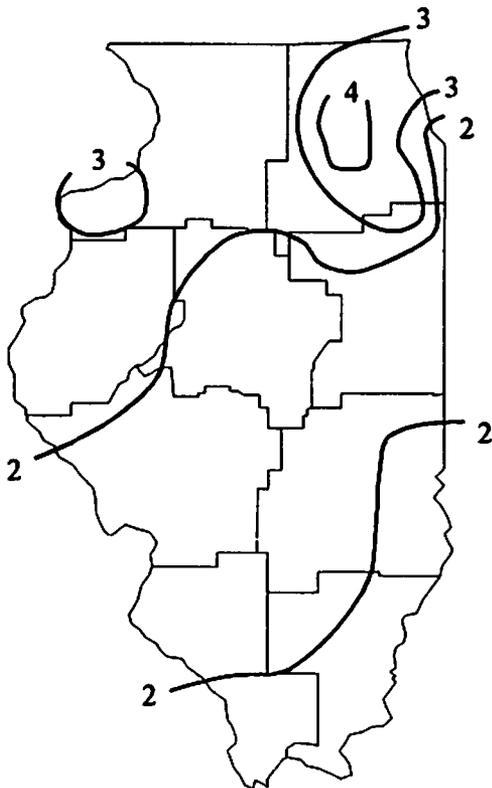
Weather during the first half of November was decidedly different than that of October. Temperatures averaged 8°F to 11°F below average, and precipitation 180 to 340 percent of average! Glaze and 2 to 3 inches of snow fell over much of the northern half of Illinois on the night of November 10/11. Winds to 40 mph restricted visibilities due to blowing snow, resulting in many highway accidents. Interstate 57 was closed for several hours in east central Illinois.

**PRELIMINARY DISTRICT PRECIPITATION AVGS. AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL IN INCHES**

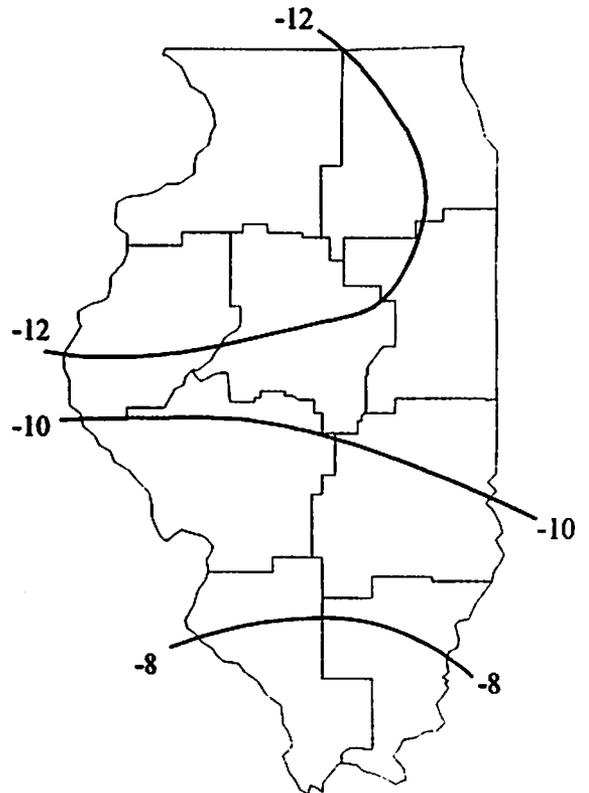
	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE	STATE
Nov. 1-15	2.45	3.53	2.32	2.40	2.47	1.92	2.08	2.65	2.64	2.48
Departure	1.55	2.50	1.27	1.35	1.37	0.81	0.78	1.21	1.22	1.33

**PRELIMINARY DISTRICT TEMPERATURE AVGS. AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL IN DEGREES**

	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE	STATE
Nov. 1-15	31.3	32.3	33.9	33.8	34.2	36.7	37.8	41.2	41.2	35.6
Departure	-11.3	-11.0	-11.6	-11.2	-10.8	-10.4	-9.6	-8.0	-8.3	-10.3



**Precipitation (inches)  
November 1-15, 1995**



**Temperature Departure  
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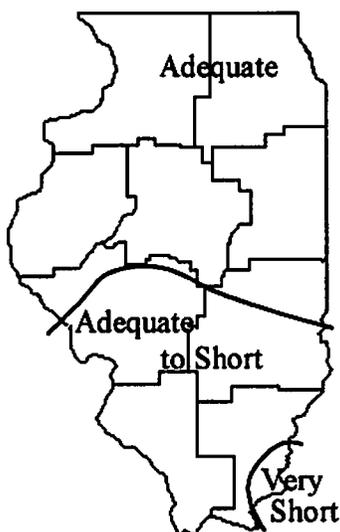
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