

# ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



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Corn planting continued to make significant progress last week except in the East Southeast, Southwest and Southeast districts where wet fields and flooding limited field activities. Wet weather has producers concerned about timely planting. Warmer weather is needed for emergence and good growth. The two southern districts received eight to 13 inches of rainfall last week. Excessive moisture and flooding stopped most fieldwork in the south. Some corn that was planted two weeks ago will need to be replanted. Soybean planting began last week for most of the state. Activities for those farmers who could work was planting, spraying, spring tillage, applying chemicals and finding corn seed supplies. There was an average of 2.0 days suitable for fieldwork during the week of April 27 - May 3. Soil moisture was rated nine percent short, 55 percent adequate and 36 percent surplus as of May 3.

Corn planting was 49 percent complete by May 5, compared to 14 percent last year and the five-year average of 35 percent.

Soybean planting was three percent complete by May 5, compared to one percent last year and the five-year average of five percent.

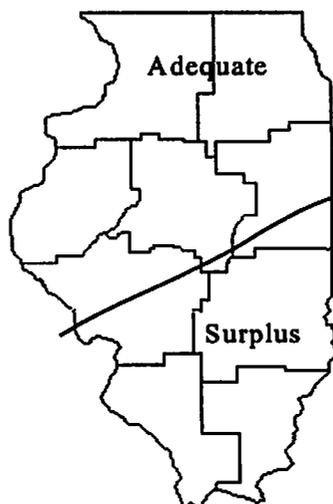
Seeding of oats was 96 percent complete by May 5, compared to 78 percent last year and the five-year average of 80 percent.

Condition of the wheat crop, as of May 3, was one percent excellent, 11 percent good, 24 percent fair, 33 percent poor and 31 percent very poor.

Alfalfa was rated two percent excellent, 41 percent good, 42 percent fair, 13 percent poor and two percent very poor.

Red clover was rated five percent excellent, 32 percent good, 42 percent fair, 18 percent poor and three percent very poor on May 3.

Condition of pastures on May 3 was three percent excellent, 34 percent good, 43 percent fair, 16 percent poor and four percent very poor.

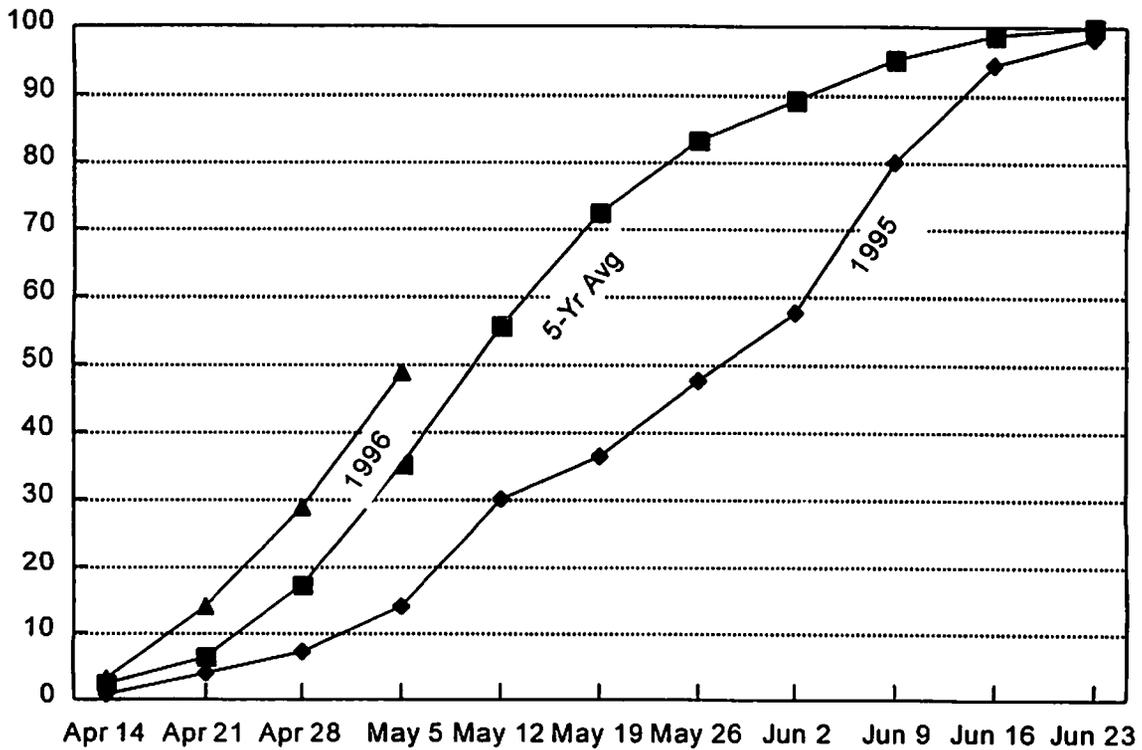


Topsoil Moisture Supply  
May 3, 1996

ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMARY

District	Corn		Days	Topsoil Moisture			
	Acreage	Percent	Suitable For Fieldwork	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	As of	As of	April 27-	As of			
	May 5	May 3	May 3	May 3			
Northwest	58	3.5	-	21	78	1	
Northeast	28	3.7	-	5	93	2	
West	74	3.6	-	14	83	3	
Central	68	2.8	1	15	84	-	
East	41	2.5	-	1	90	9	
W Southwest	78	1.1	1	14	58	27	
E Southeast	17	0.3	-	-	19	81	
Southwest	22	0.1	-	-	-	100	
Southeast	10	0.1	-	-	-	100	
State	49	2.0	-	9	55	36	

Corn Planted



WEATHER SUMMARY

Week ending 7 A.M., Monday, May 6, 1996

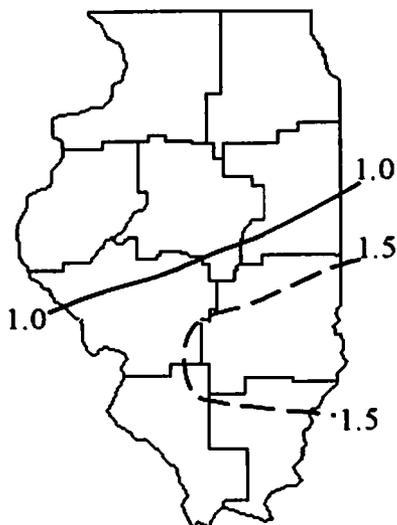
Location	Temperature			Precipitation			Growing Degree Days		
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Elizabeth	58	35	-5.0	0.78	0.16	-0.24	27	27	-16
Rockford	61	38	-4.6	0.16	0.16	-0.40	37	35	-12
Mount Carroll	59	33	-8.0	0.41	0.00	-0.57	30	30	-21
Paw Paw	55	36	-7.9	0.64	0.18	-0.46	19	19	-26
Moline	62	39	-5.7	0.44	0.44	-0.13	41	37	-18
Kewanee	N/A	N/A		N/A					
McHenry	55	37	N/A	0.70	0.13	-0.36	16	16	N/A
Chicago	59	40	-5.0	0.14	0.14	-0.36	30	29	-17
DeKalb	58	39	-6.3	0.83	0.32	-0.37	27	27	-21
Park Forest	59	38	-5.5	0.62	0.45	-0.14	30	29	-15
Peru	58	38	-7.6	1.00	0.49	-0.26	28	28	-24
Monmouth	60	40	N/A	0.56	0.48	N/A	35	35	N/A
Galesburg	62	41	-5.8	0.42	0.42	-0.24	40	36	-18
Bentley	64	41	N/A	0.67	0.67	-0.18	50	50	N/A
Quincy	64	43	-4.6	0.76	0.68	-0.13	48	42	-14
Peoria	63	41	-4.7	1.28	1.28	0.70	44	39	-16
Minonk	62	39	-5.7	0.77	0.53	-0.12	42	41	-16
Farmer City	61	42	-6.6	0.35	0.30	-0.31	39	36	-26
Kankakee	61	40	-4.7	0.51	0.42	-0.32	39	37	-15
Pontiac	61	40	-7.1	0.88	0.72	0.07	40	37	-23
Watseka	62	40	-4.3	0.75	0.69	-0.01	43	39	-14
Hoopeston	61	42	-5.9	N/A			37	37	-20
Urbana	62	44	-4.4	0.83	0.80	0.16	43	39	-18
Perry	65	44	N/A	0.72	0.71	N/A	53	47	N/A
Springfield	64	44	-4.7	2.37	2.29	1.62	48	43	-17
Morrisonville	64	46	-3.2	0.20	0.20	-0.58	48	48	-12
Paris	64	44	-5.5	1.11	1.10	0.45	49	44	-19
Windsor	65	47	-3.4	0.88	0.88	0.28	53	49	-14
Newton	65	47	-3.1	1.32	1.32	0.60	52	47	-15
Brownstown	66	48	N/A	2.02	1.99	N/A	57	54	N/A
Hutsonville	67	47	4.7	1.10	1.07	0.43	61	55	12
Iuka	N/A	N/A		N/A					
Belleville	69	51	-0.2	1.12	1.12	0.58	69	62	-6
Waterloo	66	50	-3.4	1.01	1.01	0.45	56	53	-17
DuQuoin	71	49	-1.3	0.31	0.31	-0.39	72	72	2
Carbondale	70	51	-0.5	1.56	1.52	0.87	73	68	-2
Olive Branch	71	51	-0.4	0.50	0.50	-0.71	76	76	10
Mount Vernon	67	48	-2.5	0.83	0.81	0.10	60	55	-11

Temperature maximum and minimum are averages for the week. Departure is from the overall average for the week for the 1961-90 period. Precipitation and Growing Degree Day departures are from the 1961-90 average since May 1. Growing Degree Days are base 50 using a maximum temperature of 86 degrees.

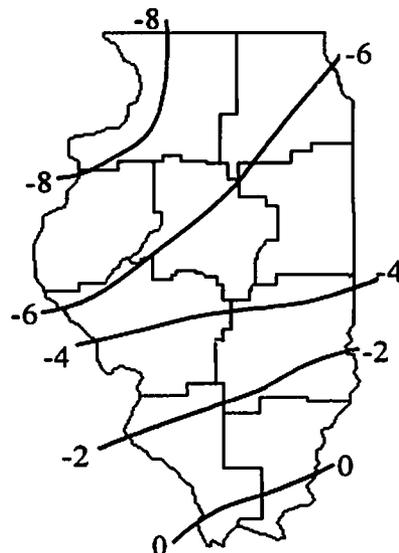
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Precipitation (inches)  
April 30-May 6, 1996



Temperature Departure  
April 30-May 6, 1996

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