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Cool wet weather slowed crop development and water-logged fields kept farmers from planting last week. Early planted corn is struggling to emerge due to cool and wet ground conditions. Most crops near streams, creeks, and rivers have been reported as a loss due to the continuous rainfall the state has received. Activities for most farmers were pumping water, repairing flood gaps, equipment repair, and tending livestock. There was an average of 0.6 day suitable for fieldwork during the week of May 4-10. Soil moisture was rated as 24 percent adequate and 76 percent surplus as of May 10.

Corn planting was 52 percent complete by May 12, compared to 30 percent last year and the five-year average of 56 percent.

Soybean planting was four percent complete by May 12, compared to two percent last year and the five-year average of 17 percent.

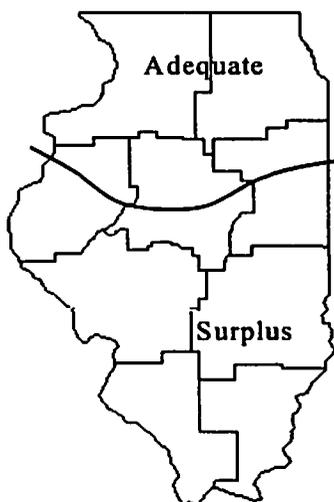
Nine percent of the oat acreage was headed by May 12, compared to one percent last year and the five-year average of one percent.

Only two percent of the wheat acreage was headed by May 12, compared to 44 percent last year and the five-year average of 25 percent. Condition of the wheat crop, as of May 10, was one percent excellent, 11 percent good, 25 percent fair, 32 percent poor, and 31 percent very poor.

Alfalfa was rated six percent excellent, 48 percent good, 37 percent fair, eight percent poor and one percent very poor on May 10.

Red clover was rated two percent excellent, 43 percent good, 40 percent fair, 14 percent poor and one percent very poor on May 10.

Condition of pastures on May 10 was five percent excellent, 45 percent good, 37 percent fair, 11 percent poor and two percent very poor.



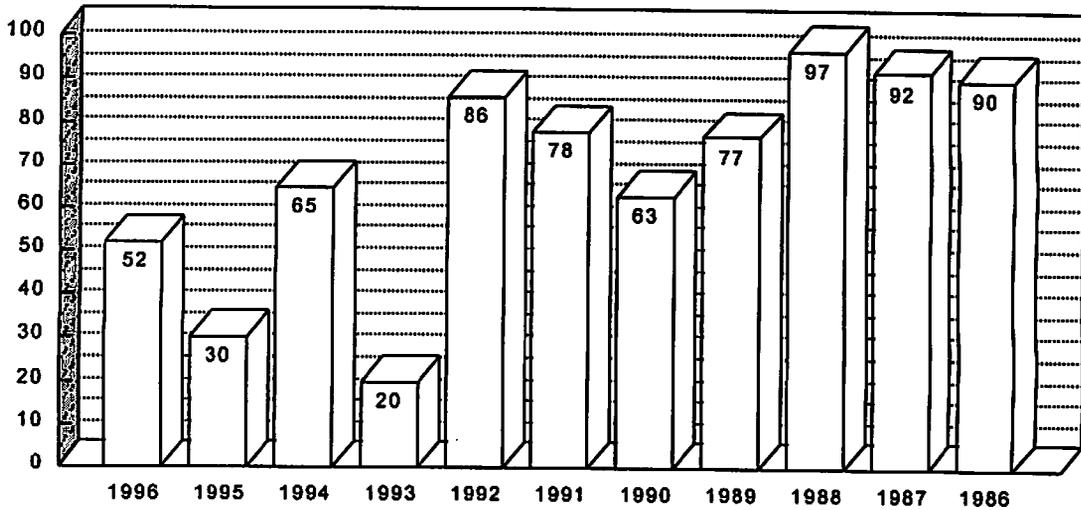
Topsoil Moisture Supply
May 10, 1996

ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMARY

District	Corn	Days	Topsoil Moisture			
	Acreage	Suitable	Percent			
	Percent	For	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Planted	Fieldwork				
	As of May 12	May 4-10	As of May 10			
Northwest	62	1.7	-	-	56	44
Northeast	47	2.7	-	-	70	30
West	76	.4	-	-	18	82
Central	75	.5	-	-	46	54
East	46	.2	-	-	28	72
W Southwest	80	.4	-	-	13	87
E Southeast	18	.1	-	-	2	98
Southwest	23	.2	-	-	-	100
Southeast	11	.1	-	-	1	99
State	52	.6	-	-	24	76

Corn - Percent Planted

As of May 12



WEATHER SUMMARY

Week ending 7 A.M., Monday, May 13, 1996

Location	Temperature			Precipitation			Growing Degree Days		
	:Maxi- :mum	:Mini- :mum	:Deapar- :ture	:Current : week	: Since : May 1	: Deapar- :ture	: Current : week	: Since : May 1	: Deapar- :ture
Elizabeth	59	44	-5.2	2.03	2.19	1.17	33	60	-55
Rockford	61	43	-4.5	2.47	2.63	0.97	38	73	-37
Mount Carroll	60	42	-5.8	N/A			34	64	-54
Paw Paw	59	41	-6.0	2.79	2.97	1.33	30	49	-57
Moline	64	47	-2.9	3.12	3.56	1.76	50	87	-39
Kewanee	N/A	N/A		N/A					
McHenry	58	42	N/A	2.34	2.47	1.46	26	43	N/A
Chicago	58	41	-6.6	2.46	2.60	1.24	29	58	-48
DeKalb	61	44	-4.2	2.10	2.42	0.79	38	65	-50
Park Forest	64	43	-3.4	1.76	2.21	0.71	48	77	-27
Peru	64	45	-3.8	0.51	1.00	-1.01	50	78	-46
Monmouth	64	48	N/A	4.03	4.51	N/A	48	83	N/A
Galesburg	65	48	-2.8	N/A			51	88	-36
Bentley	66	49	N/A	5.90	6.57	4.87	56	107	N/A
Quincy	68	51	-1.7	N/A			64	107	-25
Peoria	65	50	-1.5	1.85	3.13	1.56	54	93	-32
Minonk	68	46	-1.8	2.01	2.54	0.85	63	105	-26
Farmer City	69	49	-1.8	3.61	3.91	2.40	65	101	-39
Kankakee	64	45	-2.7	1.36	1.78	0.32	49	86	-33
Pontiac	64	48	-4.4	1.44	2.16	0.46	48	85	-51
Watseka	67	46	-1.0	1.36	2.05	0.05	58	97	-22
Hoopeston	67	48	-1.9	1.84	1.84	0.07	59	96	-32
Urbana	66	47	-3.3	3.63	4.43	2.82	56	95	-33
Perry	64	49	N/A	2.47	3.18	N/A	49	96	N/A
Springfield	69	53	0.0	4.43	6.72	5.16	77	120	-18
Morrisonville	72	54	2.1	N/A			90	138	-3
Paris	74	50	0.4	0.96	2.06	0.42	84	128	-15
Windsor	73	55	2.3	2.41	3.29	1.51	98	147	0
Newton	72	53	1.8	2.34	3.66	1.94	89	136	-5
Brownstown	74	53	N/A	1.05	3.04	N/A	94	147	N/A
Hutsonville	70	53	-5.4	0.80	1.87	0.14	78	133	-33
Iuka	N/A	N/A		N/A					
Belleville	79	59	5.7	1.15	2.27	0.66	130	193	33
Waterloo	72	56	0.7	0.88	1.89	0.31	100	153	-12
DuQuoin	75	56	1.8	N/A			106	179	15
Carbondale	70	56	-0.3	1.62	3.14	1.18	91	159	-4
Olive Branch	75	57	3.6	N/A			113	183	28
Mount Vernon	72	55	1.1	1.38	2.19	0.28	95	150	-2

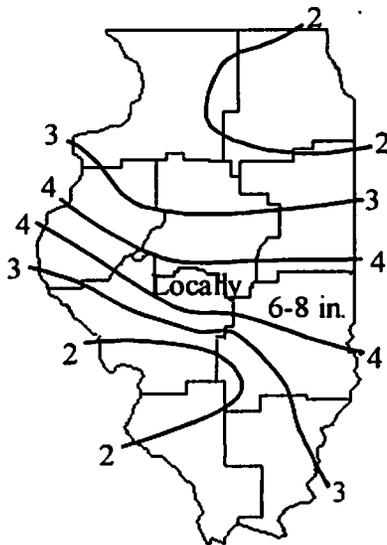
Temperature maximum and minimum are averages for the week. Departure is from the overall average for the week for the 1961-90 period. Precipitation and Growing Degree Day departures are from the 1961-90 average since May 1. Growing Degree Days are base 50 using a maximum temperature of 86 degrees.

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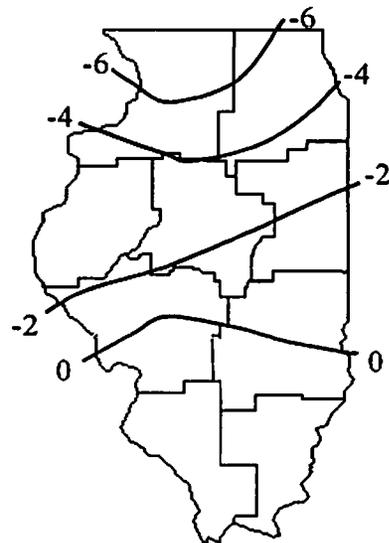
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Precipitation (inches)
May 7-13, 1996



Temperature Departure
May 7-13, 1996

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