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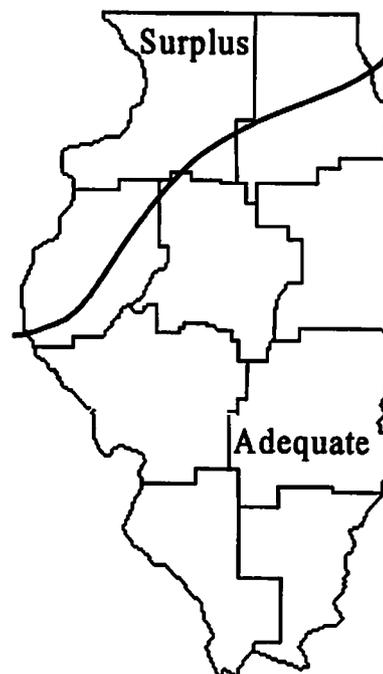
CROPS

Planters rolled fast and furious across most of the state last week until showers came and delayed fieldwork at the end of the week. The most planting progress was in the southern part of the state but that area was still lagging by the end of the week. Replanting of corn occurred throughout the state. Farmers were attempting to catch up with soybean planting, and made good progress this past week. Haying fell behind in the northern half of the state, but cutting of hay in the south made good progress. Emerged corn appears to be in good condition except for the flooded fields in low areas. There was an average of 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork across the state, ranging from two to three days in the north and four to six days in the south. This planting season seems to be a repeat of 1995 and 1990. Other activities for the week included ground preparation, spraying, scouting for replanting, and equipment repair. Topsoil moisture across the state was rated 39 percent surplus, 59 percent adequate, and two percent short as of May 24.

CROP PROGRESS - May 26, 1996

Crop Stage	1996	1995	5-Year Average
Percent			
CORN:			
Planted	77	48	83
SOYBEANS:			
Planted	27	7	55
SORGHUM:			
Planted	5	3	32
WHEAT:			
Headed	59	87	79
Filled	6	40	29
OATS:			
Headed	12	16	12
Filled	1/	1	3
ALFALFA HAY:			
First Cutting	8	4	27
RED CLOVER:			
Cutting	5	2	16

1/ Less than one percent.



**Topsoil Moisture Supply
May 24, 1996**

CROP CONDITIONS May 24, 1996

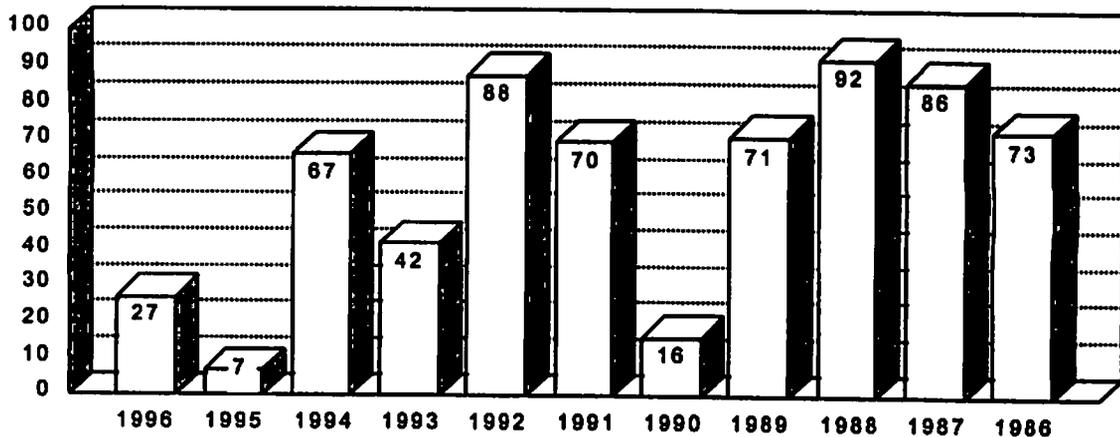
Crop	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
	Percent				
Winter Wheat	-	15	32	30	23
Oats	9	63	25	3	-
Alfalfa	11	51	32	5	1
Red Clover	4	45	35	10	6
Pasture	10	49	33	5	3

ILLINOIS DISTRICT SUMMARY

District	Corn	Soybean	Days	Topsoil Moisture			
	Acreage	Acreage	Suitable	Percent			
	Percent	Percent	For	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Planted	Planted	Fieldwork				
	As of May 26	May 18 - 24		As of May 24			
Northwest	81	37	1.9	-	-	39	61
Northeast	71	21	2.9	-	-	40	60
West	88	36	3.4	-	2	40	58
Central	96	41	3.7	-	1	72	27
East	80	22	3.5	-	-	48	52
W Southwest	92	41	4.5	-	1	68	31
E Southeast	54	14	5.1	-	-	63	37
Southwest	55	15	5.8	-	9	79	12
Southeast	36	4	5.7	-	-	77	23
State	77	27	4.1	-	2	59	39

SOYBEANS - PERCENT PLANTED

As of May 26



WEATHER SUMMARY

For the week ending 7 A.M., Monday, May 27, 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	66	46	-3.0	2.99	5.64	1.39	55	195	-85
Rockford	64	49	-5.3	1.48	6.74	3.41	49	221	-86
Mount Carroll	66	47	-4.7	3.40	6.00	2.15	57	202	-118
Paw Paw	67	49	-4.0	3.21	6.62	3.09	58	178	-114
Moline	65	51	-5.8	1.35	5.71	2.30	55	265	-81
Kewanee	N/A	N/A		N/A					
McHenry	60	48	N/A	2.33	7.48	4.29	36	154	N/A
Chicago	64	49	-4.5	1.44	5.37	2.77	49	212	-85
DeKalb	67	50	-4.5	2.46	6.20	2.95	58	212	-106
Park Forest	69	51	-1.8	2.63	5.51	2.21	71	250	-48
Peru	68	51	-4.3	2.64	3.66	-0.59	66	259	-81
Monmouth	66	51	N/A	2.56	7.17	N/A	59	268	N/A
Galesburg	66	51	-5.5	N/A			61	287	-63
Bentley	70	53	N/A	4.77	11.52	8.03	82	326	N/A
Quincy	71	56	-2.1	1.61	6.34	1.80	92	349	-16
Peoria	66	52	-4.6	3.40	7.20	4.07	65	297	-51
Minonk	69	52	-3.7	2.59	5.64	2.49	73	295	-60
Farmer City	73	53	-2.3	2.63	7.11	3.26	92	314	-57
Kankakee	70	52	-2.5	1.41	3.44	-0.71	77	267	-53
Pontiac	70	52	-3.7	2.99	5.63	2.31	78	279	-90
Watseka	70	52	-2.8	1.51	4.06	0.97	77	287	-52
Hoopeston	71	56	-1.4	N/A			95	286	-76
Urbana	73	55	-1.3	3.16	7.92	4.33	99	331	-33
Perry	72	54	N/A	N/A			91	331	N/A
Springfield	75	56	-1.1	1.65	8.69	5.72	106	386	3
Morrisonville	81	57	4.0	3.71	7.33	3.53	132	401	41
Paris	79	57	1.3	2.90	5.16	1.39	124	364	-28
Windsor	80	57	2.0	2.71	6.13	3.02	130	429	37
Newton	82	59	4.3	1.82	5.92	2.19	145	404	18
Brownstown	83	58	N/A	1.29	4.81	N/A	145	432	N/A
Hutsonville	84	57	11.3	2.87	4.91	1.10	144	411	122
Iuka	83	60	N/A	0.80	3.51	N/A	149	431	N/A
Belleville	87	66	9.4	1.01	3.94	0.67	182	539	123
Waterloo	86	61	5.4	0.76	3.96	0.57	165	470	46
DuQuoin	84	62	4.6	1.50	4.35	1.10	159	491	65
Carbondale	86	62	6.0	0.42	4.39	0.78	169	476	50
Olive Branch	87	65	6.5	N/A			177	507	66
Mount Vernon	86	62	6.2	0.57	3.08	-0.80	167	445	36

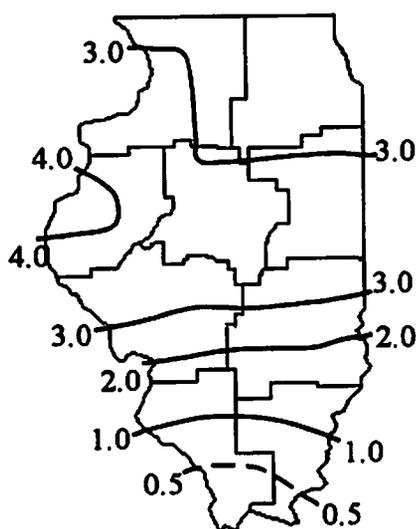
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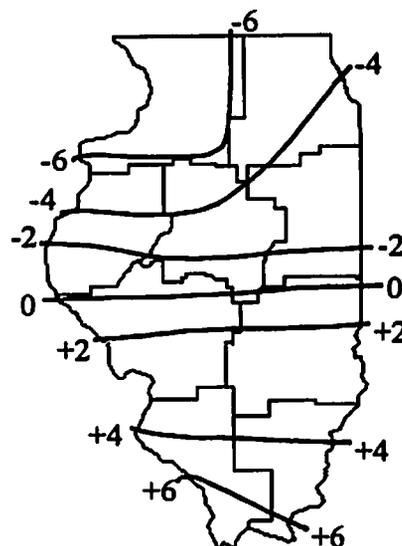
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Precipitation (inches)
May 20-26, 1996



Temperature Departure
May 20-26, 1996

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