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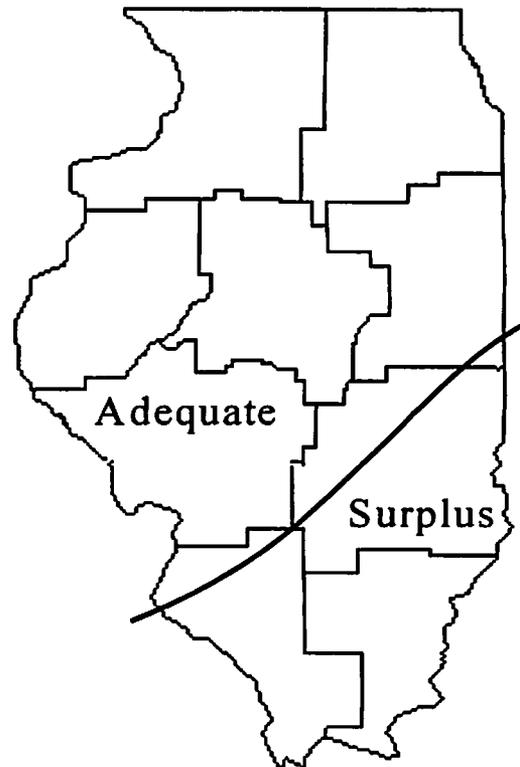
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Rains slowed fieldwork across most of the south last week. Localized areas of drowned out and flooded fields were reported in the South. Rainfall in other areas of the state ranged from light showers to more than two inches. Topsoil moisture, as of June 13, was six percent short, 58 percent adequate and 36 percent surplus. Rains delayed hay harvest during most of last week and spraying of postemergence herbicides was common. The continued wet weather is an ongoing concern in the wheat growing region in southern Illinois. Farmers were also busy last week cultivating, mowing roadsides and readying combines for wheat harvest.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	5-Year		
	1997	1996	Average
June 15			
CORN:			
Height (inches)	11	9	11
SORGHUM:			
Planted	77	48	64
WINTER WHEAT:			
Filled	80	73	87
Turning yellow	27	29	48
Ripe	1/	2	6
OATS:			
Headed	27	19	46
Filled	9	8	17
Turning yellow	1/	0	2
ALFALFA HAY:			
First cutting:	75	42	74
Second cutting:	1	1	3
RED CLOVER:			
Cutting:	45	37	62

1/ Less than one percent

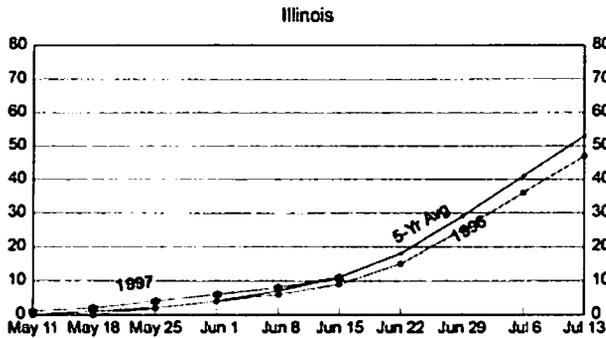


Topsoil Moisture
June 13

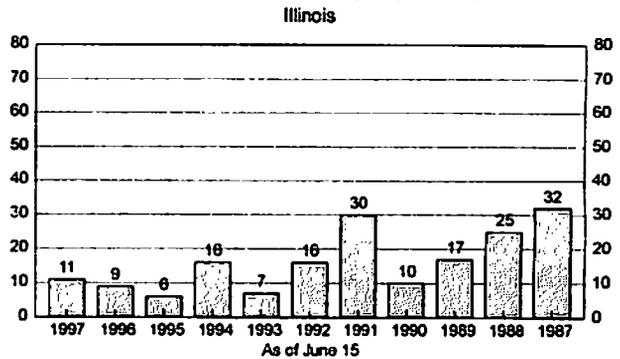
Crop Conditions

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
June 13					
Corn	1	3	24	60	12
Soybeans	-	5	28	60	7
Winter Wheat	-	5	23	64	8
Oats	-	1	18	66	15
Alfalfa	-	3	27	61	9
Red Clover	-	1	17	73	9
Pasture	1	3	23	64	9

Corn - Average Height (Inches)



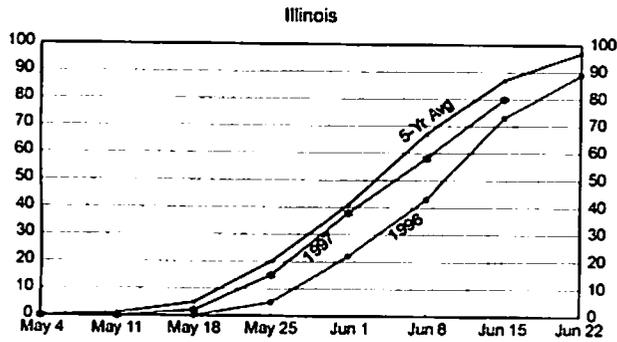
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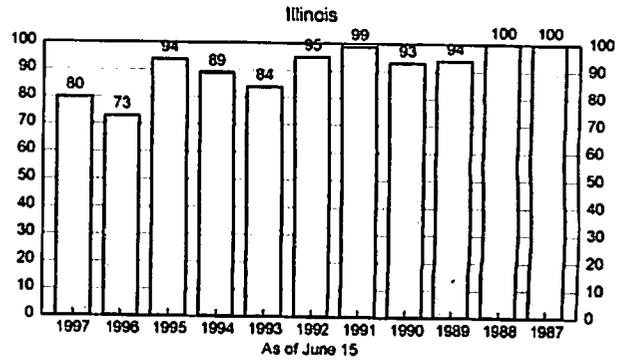
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
June 7 - 13		June 13			
Northwest	4.6	-	6	92	2
Northeast	4.4	4	28	66	2
West	4.3	-	7	82	11
Central	3.3	-	6	64	30
East	2.1	-	1	58	41
W Southwest	3.2	-	3	82	15
E Southeast	1.9	-	2	30	68
Southwest	2.6	-	1	50	49
Southeast	1.4	-	-	11	89
State	3.0	-	6	58	36

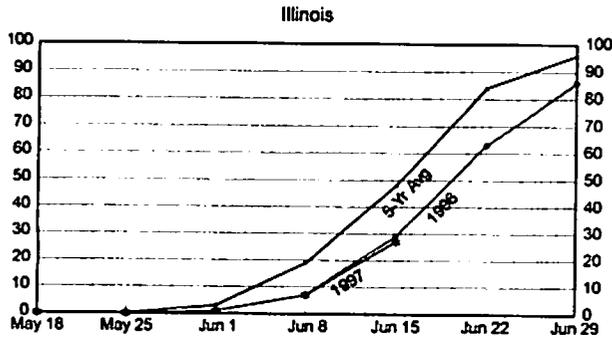
Winter Wheat - Percent Filled



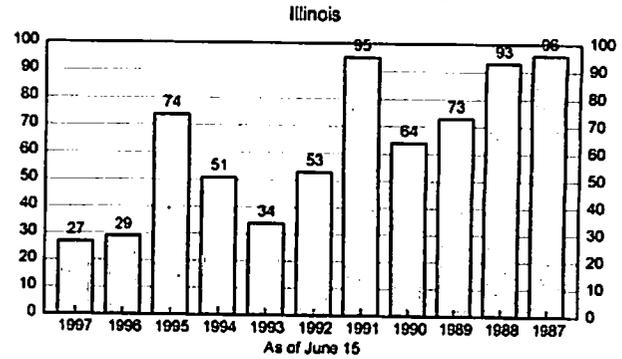
Winter Wheat - Percent Filled



Winter Wheat - Percent Turning Yellow



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Temperature and Precipitation

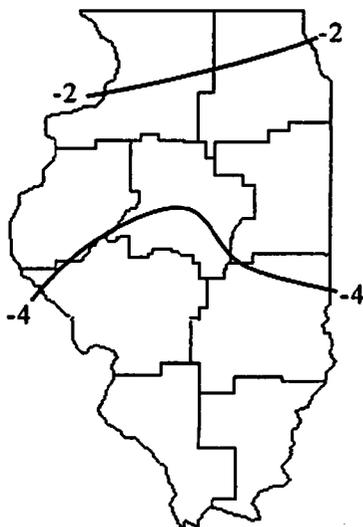
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
June 9 - 15						
Northwest	67.5	69.6	-2.1	.33	1.14	-.81
Northeast	66.2	68.7	-2.5	.45	1.09	-.64
West	68.3	71.8	-3.6	1.01	1.02	-.01
Central	67.6	71.6	-3.9	1.01	.87	.14
East	67.4	71.0	-3.7	1.47	.85	.62
W Southwest	68.4	72.7	-4.3	.72	.81	-.09
E Southeast	68.1	72.8	-4.6	1.70	.92	.78
Southwest	69.4	73.8	-4.4	1.43	.81	.62
Southeast	69.4	74.1	-4.7	1.47	.88	.59
State	68.0	71.7	-3.7	1.04	.94	.10

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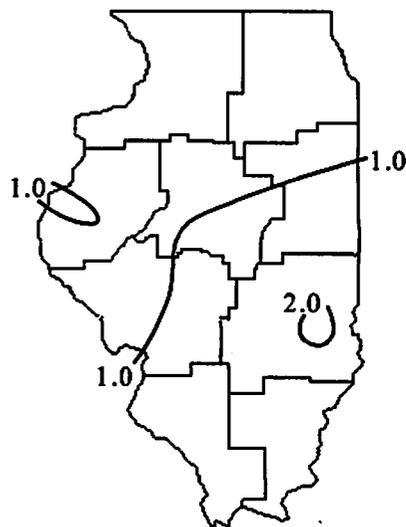
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Temperature Departure
June 9-15



Precipitation Total
June 9-15

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