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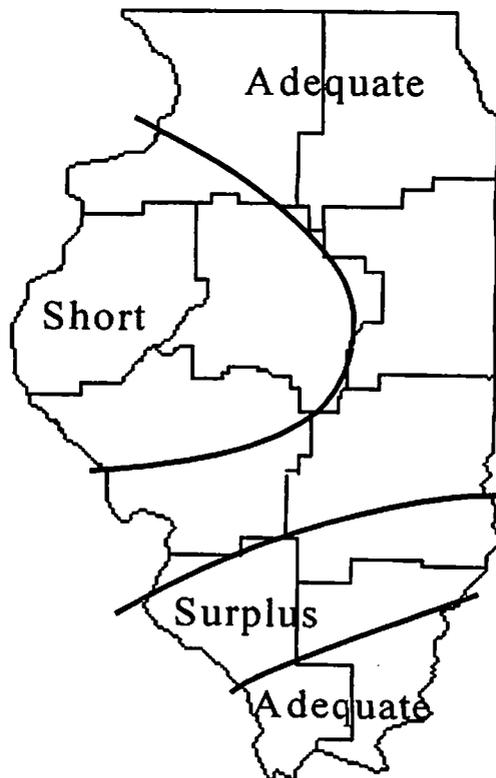
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Wheat harvest was in full swing last week and 36 percent of the crop had been harvested by July 6. This compares with six percent a week ago, 61 percent a year ago and 55 percent for the five-year average. Planting of double-cropped soybeans continued as wheat was harvested. Topsoil moisture improved from earlier soggy conditions in the Southeast as warm and relatively dry weather prevailed. Statewide, topsoil moisture rated three percent very short, 26 percent short, 60 percent adequate and 11 percent surplus. Sunshine and heat promoted crop growth but stressed some crops where moisture was short. Some areas received scattered rains while other areas were deluged. Farmers were spraying for corn borer, spraying herbicides on soybeans, and spraying for alfalfa leafhopper. Other activities last week included baling hay and mowing roadsides.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	July 6		
	1997	1996	5-Year Average
CORN:			
Height (inches)	50	36	41
Silked	1	3	4
SOYBEANS:			
Blooming	11	4	12
SORGHUM:			
Planted	94	94	95
Headed	0	0	1
WINTER WHEAT:			
Turning yellow	98	95	99
Ripe	79	81	91
Harvested	36	61	55
OATS:			
Headed	93	93	95
Filled	61	58	71
Turning yellow	17	14	34
Ripe	2	1	9
ALFALFA HAY:			
Second cutting:	28	17	34
RED CLOVER:			
Cutting:	87	87	90



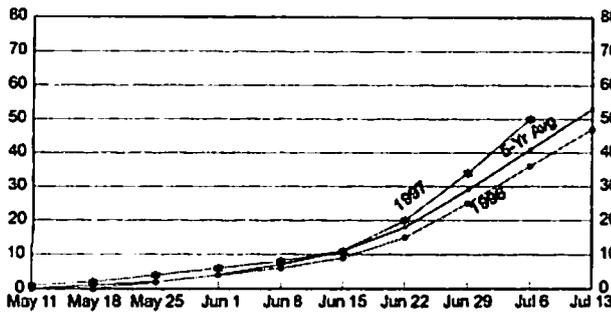
**Topsoil Moisture
July 4**

Crop Conditions

Crop	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Poor				
July 4					
Corn	1	2	18	60	19
Soybeans	1	3	26	58	12
Winter Wheat	2	1	19	62	16
Oats	-	1	12	75	12
Sorghum	4	3	31	53	9
Alfalfa	1	3	24	62	10
Red Clover	3	1	20	70	6
Pasture	2	4	32	54	8

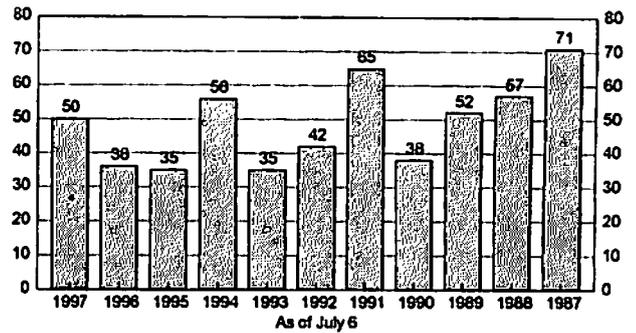
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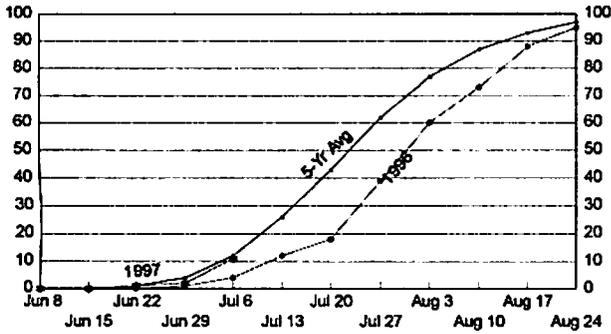


Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable	Topsoil Moisture			
	for Fieldwork	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
June 28-July 4		July 4			
Northwest	5.9	2	26	71	1
Northeast	5.7	12	30	58	-
West	6.1	2	36	58	4
Central	5.0	7	42	49	2
East	5.2	6	44	45	5
W Southwest	5.7	2	39	57	2
E Southeast	4.6	-	11	69	20
Southwest	4.9	-	-	55	45
Southeast	5.2	-	-	53	47
State	5.4	3	26	60	11

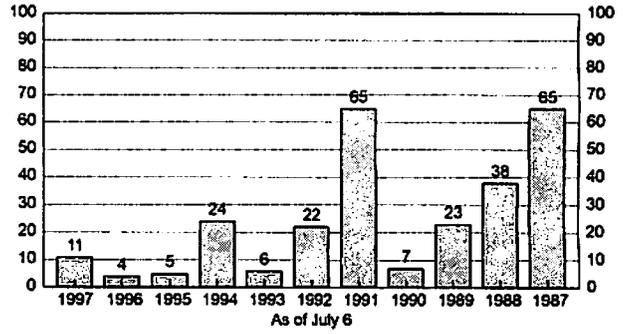
Soybeans - Percent Blooming

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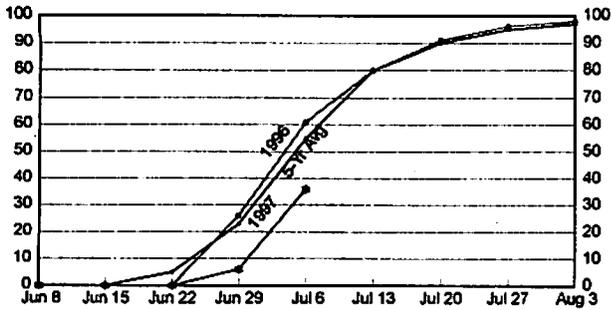
Soybeans - Percent Blooming

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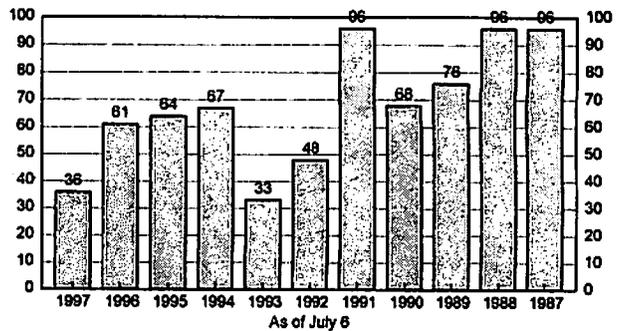
Winter Wheat - Percent Harvested

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Winter Wheat - Percent Harvested

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Temperature and Precipitation

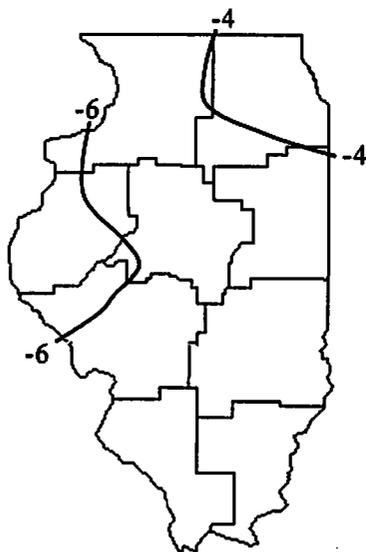
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
June 30 - July 6						
Northwest	69.4	72.9	-3.5	.35	.79	-.44
Northeast	70.5	71.9	-1.5	.60	.75	-.15
West	70.7	75.3	-4.6	.75	1.04	-.30
Central	70.7	74.3	-3.6	.97	.84	.13
East	70.9	73.7	-2.8	.61	.91	-.31
W Southwest	72.6	75.8	-3.2	.61	.98	-.37
E Southeast	72.7	75.7	-3.0	.87	.85	.03
Southwest	74.7	77.0	-2.4	.74	1.06	-.33
Southeast	74.4	76.9	-2.5	.69	1.11	-.42
State	71.7	74.7	-3.0	.68	.91	-.23

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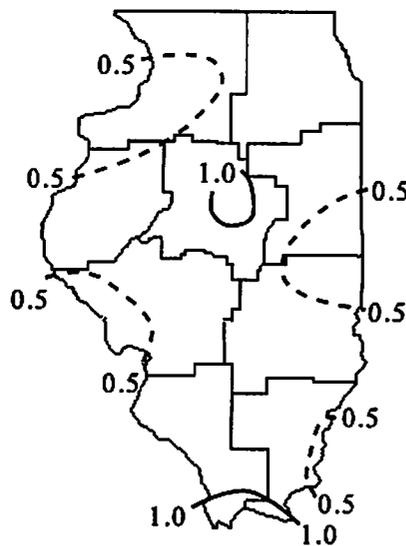
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Temperature Departure
June 30 - July 6



Precipitation Total
June 30 - July 6

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