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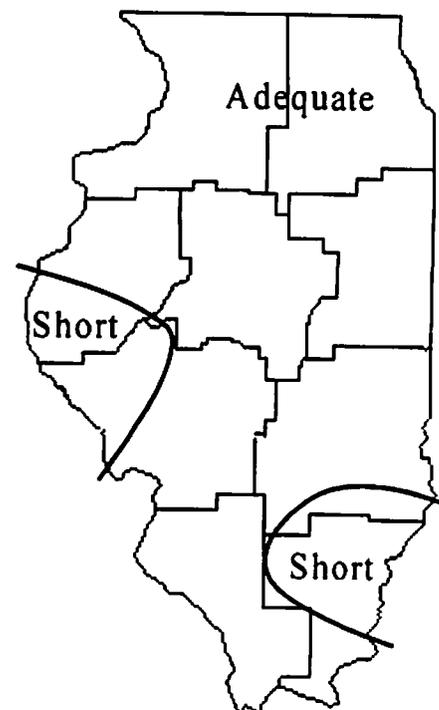
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Corn harvest continued at a near record pace last week as ideal harvest conditions prevailed statewide, until Sunday when one to four inches of snow fell in northern Illinois. As of October 26, 79 percent of the corn crop had been harvested, compared to 48 percent last year and the five-year average of 59 percent. Soybean harvest neared completion with only double crop beans and late season varieties still standing. As of October 26, 97 percent of the crop had been harvested compared to 72 percent last year and the five-year average of 87 percent. Light rains which have fallen across the state the past two weeks have helped the winter wheat crop emerge. The wheat crop is currently rated three percent poor, 26 percent fair, 60 percent good and 11 percent excellent. With topsoil moisture rated at nine percent very short, 39 percent short and 52 percent adequate, most areas have enough moisture to get their winter wheat crop emerged but significant amounts of moisture are still needed before subsoils will be recharged. Fall tillage progressed and many operators were also applying anhydrous ammonia. Other activities last week included spreading lime, fertilizer and manure, preparing livestock facilities for winter, applying for commodity loans and completing paperwork for the fall CRP enrollment at local FSA offices.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 1997	: 1996	: 5-Year Average

October 26			
CORN:			
Harvested	79	48	59
SOYBEANS:			
Harvested	97	72	87
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	93	74	81
Emerged	67	44	53
SORGHUM:			
Harvested	79	29	52



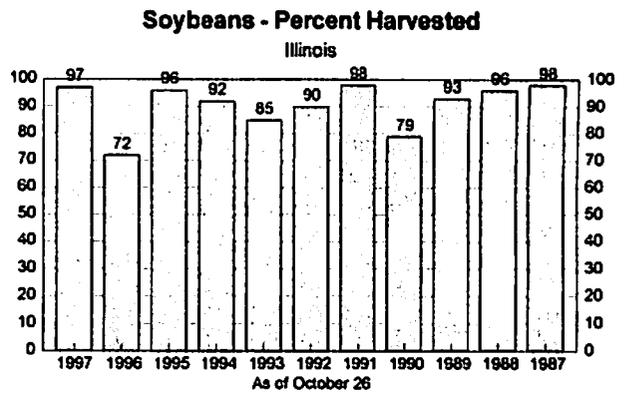
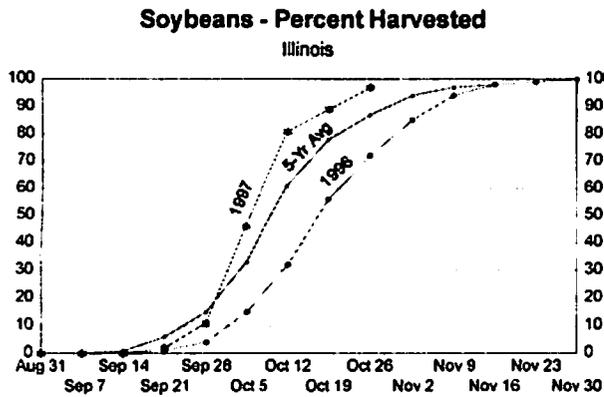
Topsoil Moisture
October 24

Crop Conditions

Crop	:	Very	:	Poor	:	Fair	:	Good	:	Excellent
	:	Poor	:		:		:		:	

	:	October 24				
Winter Wheat	:	-	3	26	60	11
Pasture	:	6	14	49	29	2

The charts on this page and the next are available from the World Wide Web site noted on the front page. There are also additional charts at the site that are not shown here.



Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	:	Days Suitable	:	Topsoil Moisture			
	:	for	:	-----			
	:	Fieldwork	:	Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus

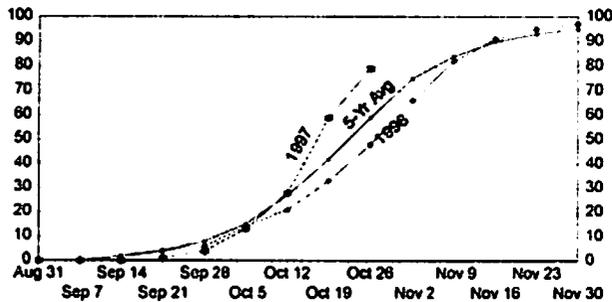
	:	October 18 - 24		October 24			
Northwest	:	6.1	-	33	67	-	-
Northeast	:	5.9	7	31	62	-	-
West	:	6.5	30	40	30	-	-
Central	:	6.4	25	25	50	-	-
East	:	6.3	12	40	48	-	-
W Southwest	:	5.9	7	47	46	-	-
E Southeast	:	6.4	9	32	59	-	-
Southwest	:	6.1	-	31	69	-	-
Southeast	:	6.4	3	66	29	-	2

State	:	6.2	9	39	52	-	-
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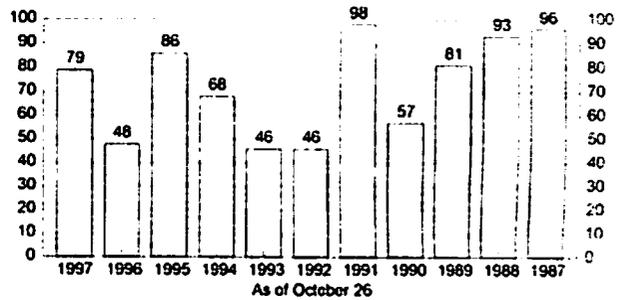
Crop Progress by District

District	Corn		Soybeans
	Harvested		Harvested
October 26			
Northwest	59		97
Northeast	62		99
West	81		96
Central	98		99
East	90		99
W Southwest	87		98
E Southeast	82		98
Southwest	89		89
Southeast	82		86
State	79		97

Corn - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Corn - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Temperature and Precipitation

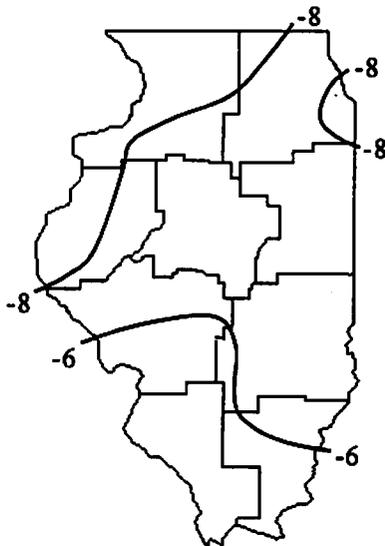
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
October 20 - 26						
Northwest	40.8	49.6	- 8.8	.69	.51	.18
Northeast	41.8	49.6	- 7.8	.50	.45	.05
West	43.8	52.1	- 8.3	.97	.57	.40
Central	44.1	51.2	- 7.1	.62	.50	.12
East	43.5	50.7	- 7.2	.37	.52	-.15
W Southwest	46.6	52.9	- 6.2	.79	.58	.21
E Southeast	46.3	52.9	- 6.6	.63	.58	.05
Southwest	49.0	54.4	- 5.4	1.59	.55	1.04
Southeast	48.7	54.7	- 5.9	1.13	.56	.58
State	44.8	51.9	- 7.1	.78	.53	.25

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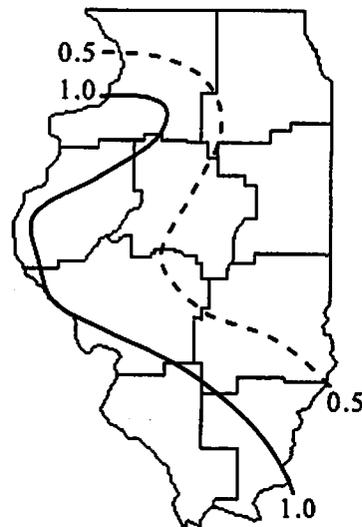
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Temperature Departure
October 20 - 26



Precipitation Total
October 20 - 26

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