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The combination of above normal precipitation and below normal temperatures across the state last week allowed only three days suitable for fieldwork and brought most operations to a halt. Corn harvest is slowly being completed in the northern districts, while fall tillage was the most common activity across the remainder of the state. Rains have been most beneficial to the emerging wheat crop, but the cool temperatures have prevented the plants from gaining much growth. Topsoil moisture improved last week and was rated one percent very short, 17 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus. Other farm activities last week included fertilizer and lime application, signing up acreage into the CRP, hauling grain and preparing machinery for storage.

### Crop Progress

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Crop Stage	: 1997	: 1996	: 5-Year Average
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November 9			
<b>CORN:</b>			
Harvested	93	82	84
<b>WINTER WHEAT:</b>			
Seeded	99	96	95
Emerged	93	82	84
<b>SORGHUM:</b>			
Harvested	91	68	83
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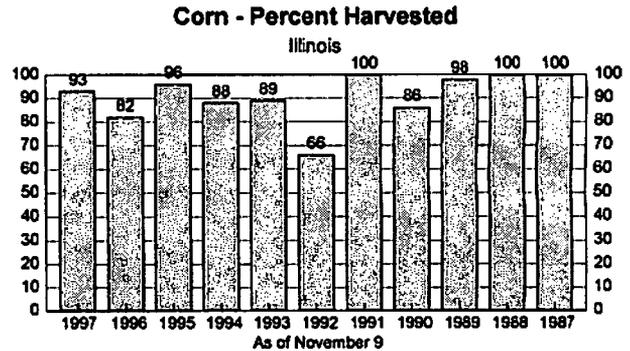
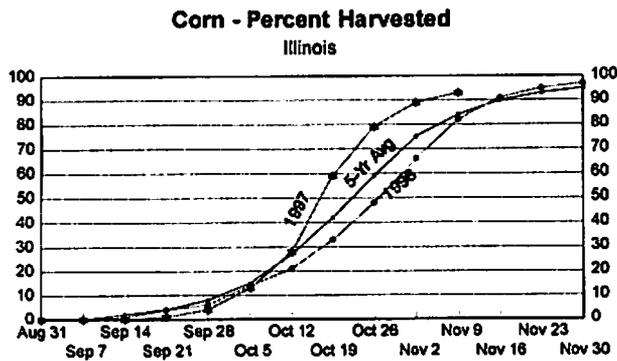


**Topsoil Moisture  
November 7**

**Crop Conditions**

Crop	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Poor				
	November 7				
Winter Wheat	-	1	29	60	10

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.



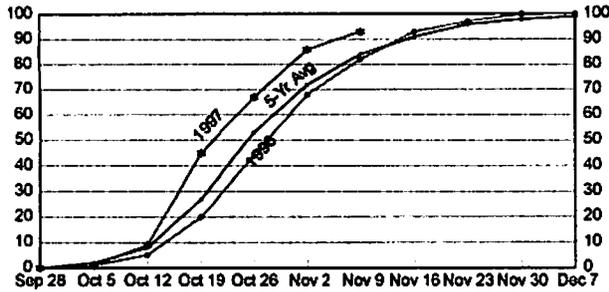
**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture**

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	November 1 - 7		November 7		
Northwest	2.7	-	20	72	8
Northeast	3.2	-	1	96	3
West	2.6	2	40	57	1
Central	2.6	1	26	66	7
East	2.9	-	9	86	5
W Southwest	3.5	1	26	71	2
E Southeast	3.3	2	15	73	10
Southwest	2.7	-	3	43	54
Southeast	2.9	-	7	65	28
State	3.0	1	17	70	12

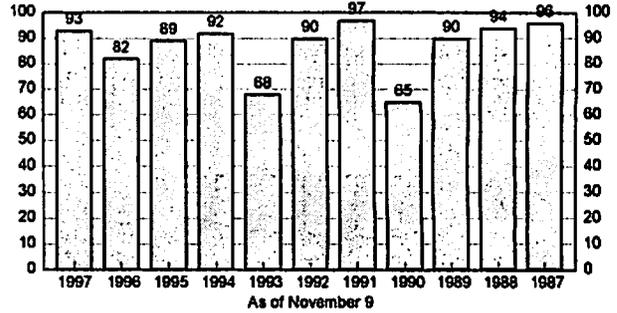
**Crop Progress by District**

		Corn
District	:	Harvested
		November 9
Northwest	:	82
Northeast	:	82
West	:	96
Central	:	99
East	:	99
W Southwest	:	99
E Southeast	:	97
Southwest	:	94
Southeast	:	90
State	:	93

**Winter Wheat - Percent Emerged**  
Illinois



**Winter Wheat - Percent Emerged**  
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**Temperature and Precipitation**

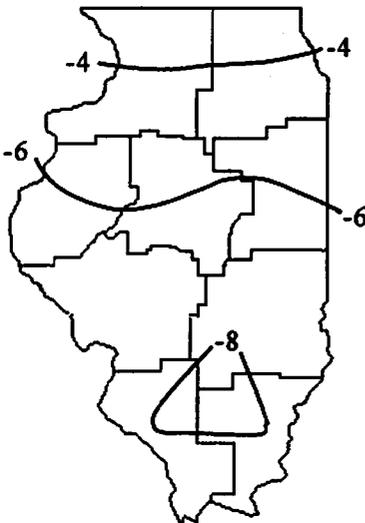
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
November 3 - 9						
Northwest	39.0	43.5	- 4.5	.73	.39	.34
Northeast	39.6	44.1	- 4.5	.47	.50	- .03
West	39.2	46.3	- 7.1	1.15	.43	.72
Central	39.4	45.8	- 6.4	1.05	.46	.58
East	39.5	45.8	- 6.3	.67	.52	.16
W Southwest	40.2	47.7	- 7.5	1.43	.45	.97
E Southeast	40.1	48.0	- 7.9	.93	.58	.36
Southwest	42.4	49.6	- 7.2	1.31	.64	.67
Southeast	42.9	49.9	- 7.0	1.04	.66	.38
State	40.1	46.6	- 6.5	.97	.51	.46

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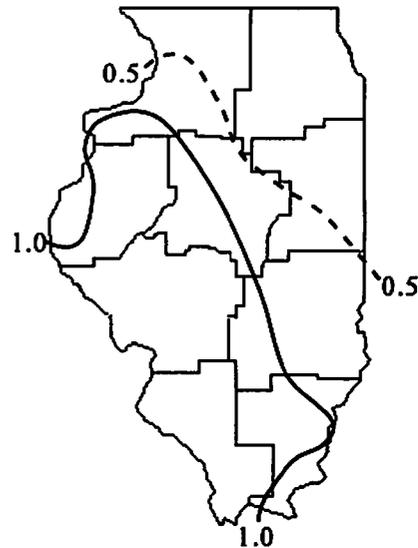
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Temperature Departure  
November 3 - 9



Precipitation Total  
November 3 - 9

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