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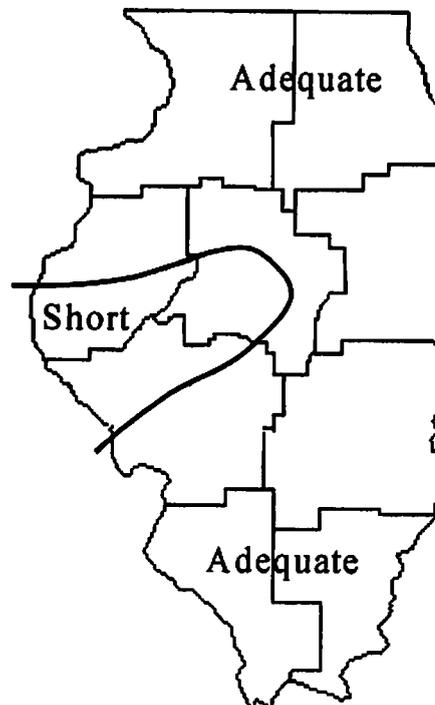
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Warmer than normal temperatures and state-wide precipitation last week aided the wheat crop development but hindered harvest of the few remaining acres of corn still standing. The winter wheat crop was rated one percent poor, 25 percent fair, 66 percent good and eight percent excellent. By November 30, 99 percent of the corn crop had been harvested compared to 97 percent last year and the five-year average of 95. Topsoil moisture was rated one percent very short, 23 percent short, 73 percent adequate and three percent surplus. Low subsoil moisture levels continue to concern farmers as winter approaches, and many are hauling water for livestock due to dry wells. Farm activities last week included constructing conservation structures, chisel plowing and applying fertilizer, lime and anhydrous ammonia.

### Crop Progress

Crop Stage	November 30		
	1997	1996	5-Year Average
<b>CORN:</b>			
Harvested	99	97	95
<b>SORGHUM:</b>			
Harvested	100	95	97

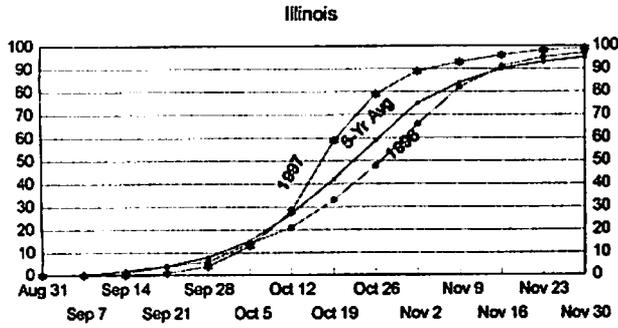


Topsoil Moisture  
November 28

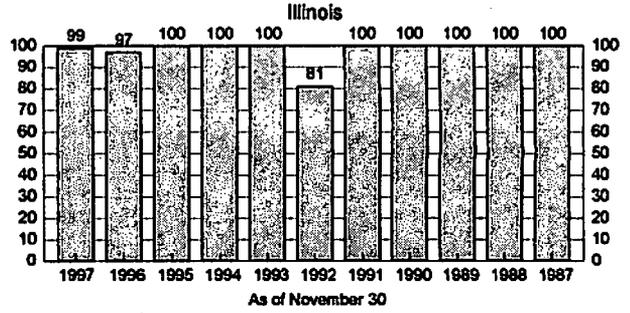
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**Corn - Percent Harvested**

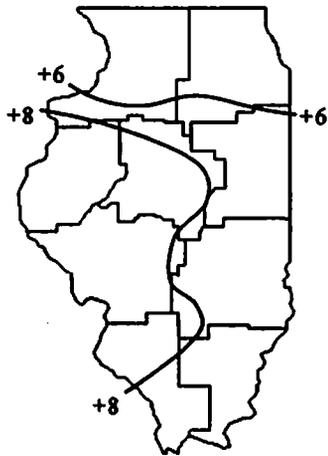


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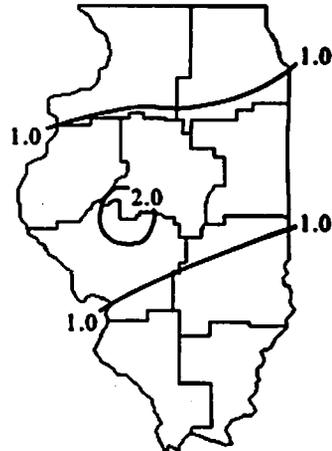


**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture**

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	November 22 - 28	November 28			
Northwest	4.9	-	17	82	1
Northeast	4.6	-	24	70	6
West	5.1	2	44	54	-
Central	5.1	1	32	67	-
East	4.5	-	-	95	5
W Southwest	4.6	3	38	59	-
E Southeast	5.5	1	14	84	1
Southwest	5.5	-	20	80	-
Southeast	5.3	-	7	79	14
State	4.9	1	23	73	3



**Temperature Departure  
November 24 - 30**



**Precipitation Total  
November 24 - 30**

**Temperature and Precipitation**

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
	November 24 - 30					
Northwest	38.9	33.2	5.7	.70	.70	.00
Northeast	39.5	34.5	5.0	.83	.86	-.03
West	45.2	36.2	9.0	1.48	.72	.76
Central	44.3	36.1	8.2	1.84	.87	.98
East	43.7	36.3	7.4	1.33	.94	.40
W Southwest	47.1	38.3	8.7	1.83	.92	.92
E Southeast	46.9	39.4	7.4	.77	1.09	-.32
Southwest	49.4	41.4	7.9	.39	1.21	-.82
Southeast	48.9	42.2	6.7	.44	1.24	-.80
State	44.7	37.3	7.3	1.09	.94	.15

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