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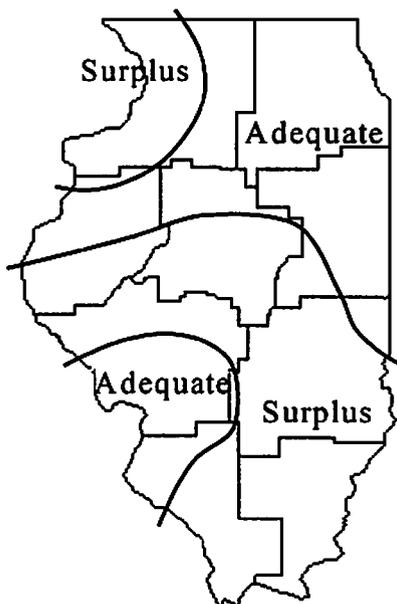


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Rain continued to fall over most of Illinois last week, making it extremely difficult for any fieldwork to be done. The wet conditions combined with warm temperatures has helped the wheat crop grow quickly this year, with a few fields already turning dark green. As of April 10, 15 percent of the wheat crop was rated excellent, 63 percent good, 18 percent fair, three percent poor and one percent very poor. Alfalfa hay was rated 16 percent excellent, 66 percent good, 17 percent fair and one percent poor. Pasture was 15 percent excellent, 64 percent good, 19 percent fair and two percent poor. When there was a break in the rain, activities included applying fertilizer to wheat fields and seeding oats. As of April 12, 26 percent of the oat crop had been planted, compared to 60 percent a year ago and 45 percent for the five-year average. Less than one percent of the corn crop had been planted, compared to two percent last year and the five-year average of one percent. There was an average of 1.0 days suitable for fieldwork last week and topsoil moisture was rated 54 percent surplus, 45 percent adequate and one percent short. Muddy lots are making it hard on livestock, especially for cows calving. Other farm activities included preparing field equipment, hauling grain, spreading manure, and picking up seed and chemicals for the planting season.



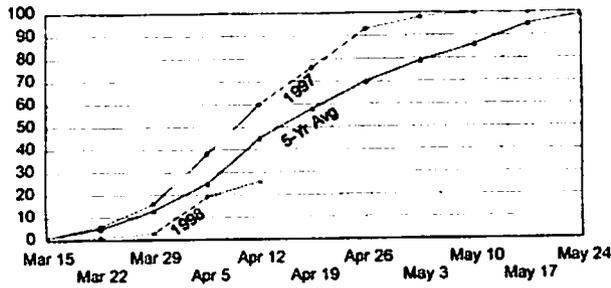
Topsoil Moisture  
April 10

### Crop Conditions

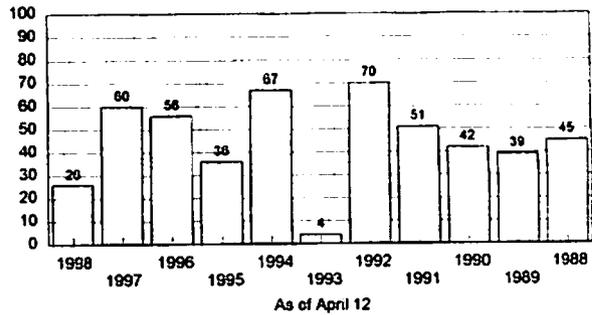
Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
April 10					
Winter Wheat	: 1	3	18	63	15
Alfalfa	: -	1	17	66	16
Pasture	: -	2	19	64	15

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**Oats - Percent Seeded**  
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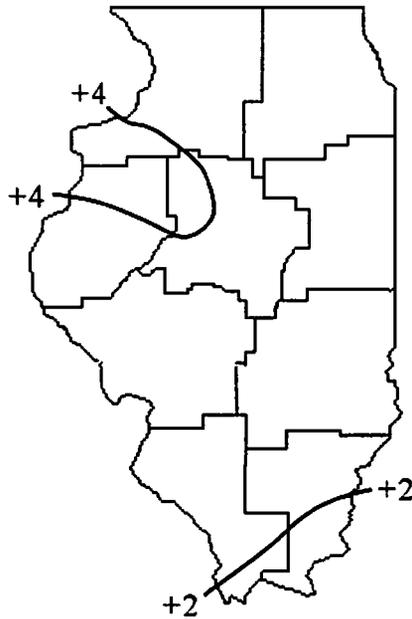
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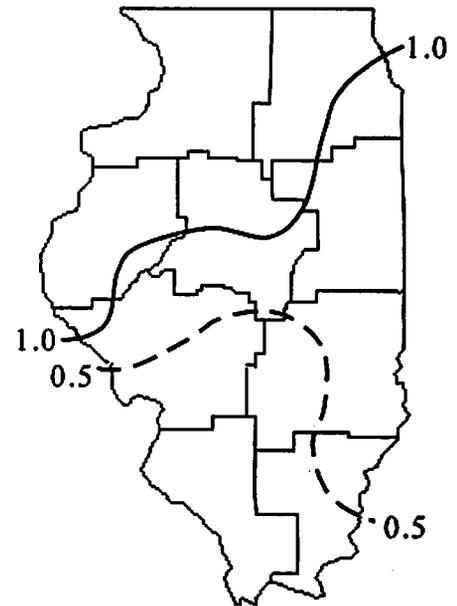
### Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture
	April 4 - 10	April 10
	: Very Short	: Short : Adequate : Surplus
Northwest	: 1.2	: 1 52 47
Northeast	: .9	: - 85 15
West	: .2	: - 27 73
Central	: 1.0	: - 36 64
East	: .8	: - 57 43
W Southwest	: .5	: - 52 48
E Southeast	: .3	: - 26 74
Southwest	: 2.7	: 2 48 50
Southeast	: 2.1	: - 49 51
State	: 1.0	: 1 45 54

Data and maps provided by the Illinois State Water Survey, Department of Natural Resources, 2204 Griffith Drive, Champaign, Il. 61820, (217)244-8226.



Temperature Departure  
April 6 - 12



Precipitation Total  
April 6 - 12

Temperature and Precipitation

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
April 6 - 12						
Northwest	49.1	45.8	3.3	1.04	.65	.39
Northeast	48.3	44.9	3.4	1.15	.70	.45
West	52.7	49.7	3.0	1.01	.74	.27
Central	51.6	48.4	3.3	1.06	.79	.27
East	50.8	47.4	3.5	.89	.78	.11
W Southwest	53.5	50.8	2.7	.41	.83	-.42
E Southeast	53.3	50.5	2.8	.50	.82	-.32
Southwest	55.1	52.7	2.4	.20	.84	-.64
Southeast	54.9	52.8	2.1	.42	.85	-.44
State	52.0	49.0	3.0	.75	.78	-.03

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