

# ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



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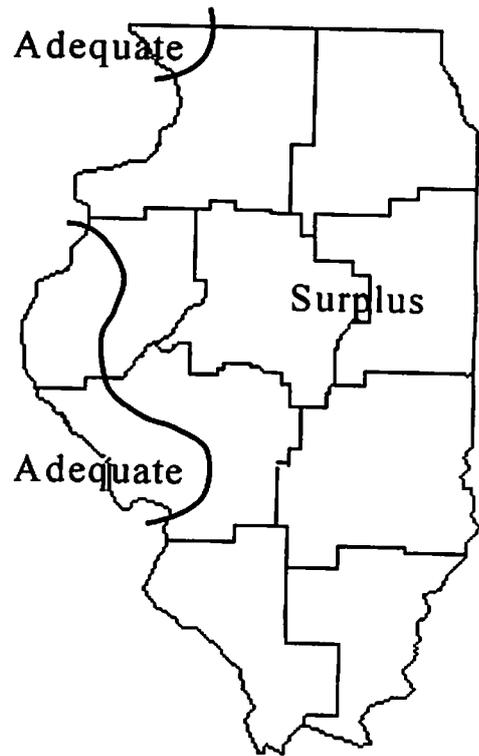
Another wet week across Illinois hindered almost all field activities. With an average of only 1.0 days suitable for fieldwork the main focus was on getting the corn into the ground. Planting was most significant in the northern half of the state. As of May 10, 39 percent of the corn had been planted, compared to the five-year average of 46 percent and 85 percent last year. Soybeans are three percent planted compared to ten percent for the five-year average and 32 percent last year. Some wheat fields are ponding and there is concern as to how much damage the excess moisture could cause. The wheat crop was rated one percent very poor, three percent poor, 23 percent fair, 61 percent good and 12 percent excellent. Heading of the crop is progressing well ahead of normal with 46 percent heading as of May 10 compared to eight percent last year and the five-year average of 11 percent. Topsoil moisture continued to increase as 85 percent was rated surplus and 15 percent adequate. Other activities included hauling grain, applying fertilizer and herbicides and wishing for drier conditions.

### Crop Progress

Crop Stage	1998	1997	5-Year Average
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	May 10		
<b>CORN:</b>			
Planted	39	85	46
Emerged	11	NA	NA
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>			
Planted	3	32	10
Emerged	1/	NA	NA
<b>SORGHUM:</b>			
Planted	1/	4	1
<b>WINTER WHEAT:</b>			
Headed	46	8	11
Filled	1	0	0
<b>OATS:</b>			
Planted	94	100	86
<b>ALFALFA HAY:</b>			
First cutting	1	1	1

1/ Less than 1 percent.



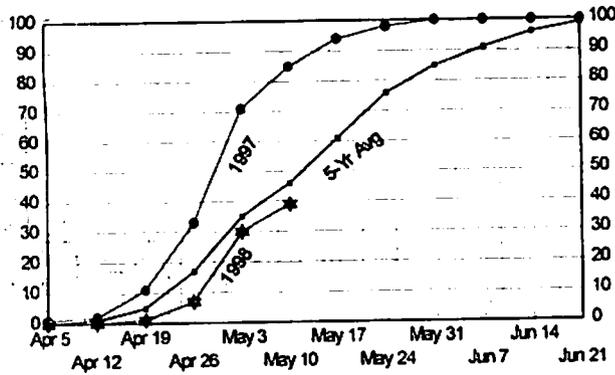
Topsoil Moisture  
May 8

### Crop Conditions

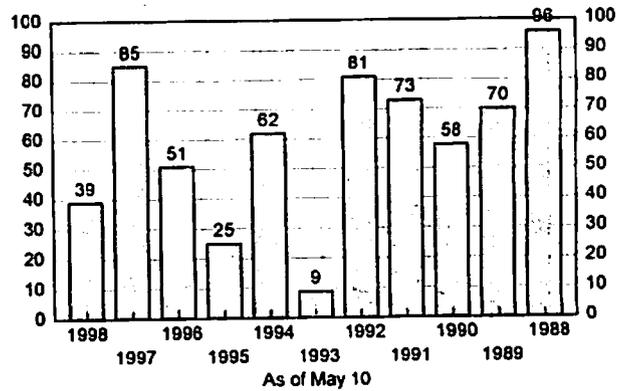
Crop	: Very Poor :	Poor :	Fair :	Good :	Excellent
			May 8		
Winter Wheat	1	3	23	61	12
Oats	-	2	24	60	14
Alfalfa	-	1	12	65	22
Red Clover	-	1	17	66	16
Pasture	-	1	13	64	22

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

**Corn - Percent Planted**  
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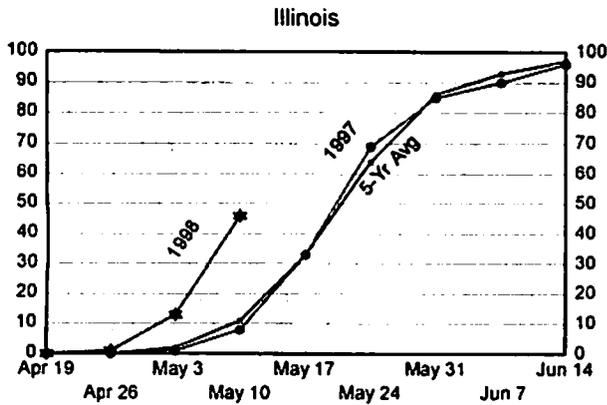
### Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	: Very Short :	Short :	Adequate :	Surplus
	May 2 - 8			May 8	
Northwest	2.5	-	-	17	83
Northeast	1.3	-	-	4	96
West	1.3	-	-	30	70
Central	1.0	-	-	14	86
East	.7	-	-	10	90
W Southwest	.6	-	-	36	64
E Southeast	.1	-	-	5	95
Southwest	.1	-	-	4	96
Southeast	1.0	-	-	11	89
State	1.0	-	-	15	85

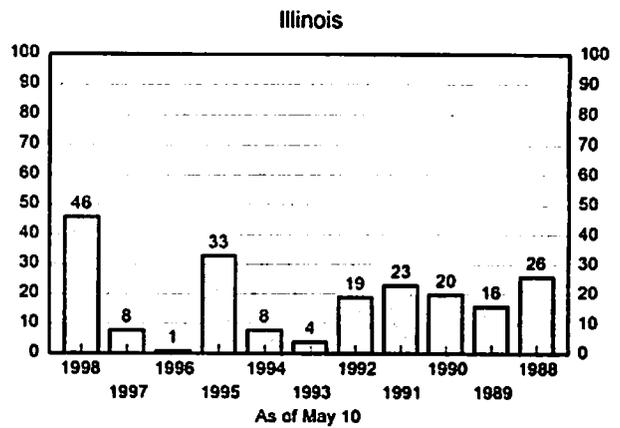
**Illinois District Summary**

		Corn	
District	:	Acreage Percent	
		Planted	
		May 10	
Northwest	:	29	
Northeast	:	31	
West	:	30	
Central	:	74	
East	:	53	
W Southwest	:	52	
E Southeast	:	33	
Southwest	:	16	
Southeast	:	16	
State		39	

**Winter Wheat - Percent Headed**



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**Temperature and Precipitation**

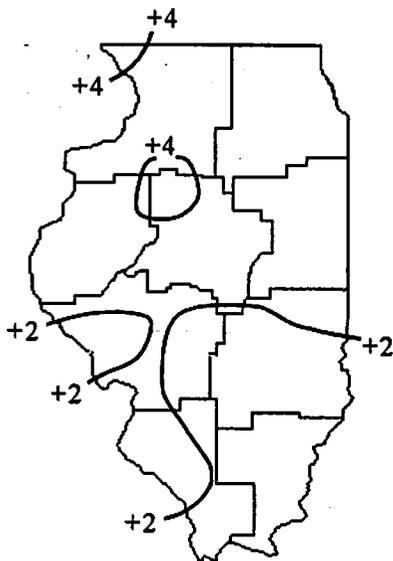
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
May 4 - 10						
Northwest	61.6	58.1	3.5	1.13	.92	.21
Northeast	60.1	56.8	3.3	2.52	.92	1.60
West	63.3	60.5	2.8	.80	1.06	-.26
Central	62.9	59.7	3.2	1.88	1.06	.82
East	62.1	59.2	2.9	2.48	1.05	1.43
W Southwest	63.5	61.4	2.1	.93	1.10	-.17
E Southeast	62.6	61.4	1.3	1.73	1.02	.72
Southwest	64.7	62.9	1.8	1.12	1.00	.12
Southeast	64.1	63.0	1.0	1.38	1.08	.30
State	62.7	60.2	2.5	1.55	1.02	.53

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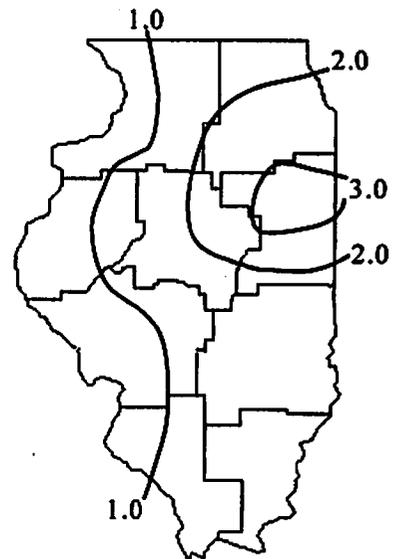
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Temperature Departure  
May 4 - 10



Precipitation Total  
May 4 - 10

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