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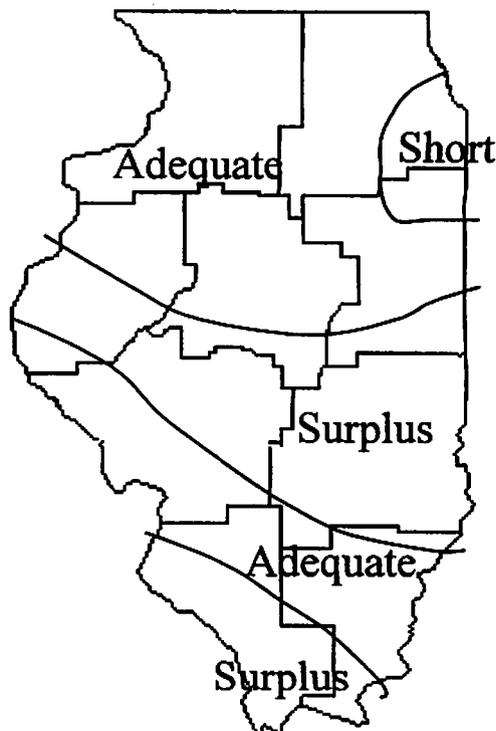
Taking advantage of the warm weather last week, farmers were able to push the harvest of wheat to 57 percent complete by June 28. This compares to five percent a year ago and 18 percent for the five-year average. Topsoil moisture benefitted from the warm weather last week, and as of June 26 was rated four percent short, 53 percent adequate and 43 percent surplus. With a statewide average of 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork, many farmers were able to finally spray herbicides on their bean fields. Farmers in the southeast district were able to make good progress planting beans. As of June 28, 94 percent of the crop had been planted, compared to 98 percent last year and 96 percent for the five-year average. Other activities last week included cultivating corn, harvesting green beans and mowing grass waterways.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 1998	: 1997	: 5-Year Average

June 28			
CORN:			
Silked	2	0	0
Height (Inches)	35	32	28
SOYBEANS:			
Planted	94	98	96
Emerged	91	NA	NA
Blooming	2	2	3
SORGHUM:			
Planted	65	88	87
WINTER WHEAT:			
Turning yellow	98	88	93
Ripe	88	43	58
Harvested	57	5	18
OATS:			
Headed	93	83	78
Filled	51	37	40
Turning yellow	8	3	9
Ripe	1	0	1
ALFALFA HAY:			
First cutting	94	96	94
Second cutting	14	12	14
RED CLOVER:			
Cut	70	77	82

NA - Not available



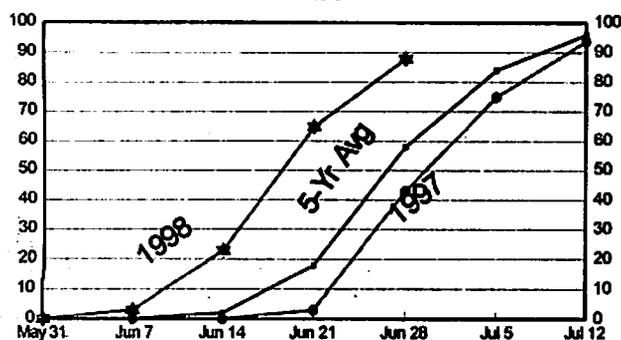
Topsoil Moisture
June 26

Crop Conditions

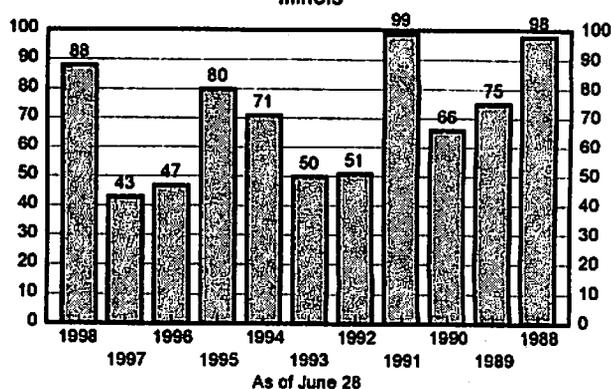
Crop	: Very Poor :	Poor :	Fair :	Good :	Excellent
June 26					
Corn	6	12	30	42	10
Soybeans	6	11	34	42	7
Oats	-	-	26	59	15
Alfalfa	1	4	24	57	14
Red Clover	4	3	33	49	11
Pasture	2	4	17	66	11

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 that site that are not shown here.

Winter Wheat - Percent Ripe
Illinois



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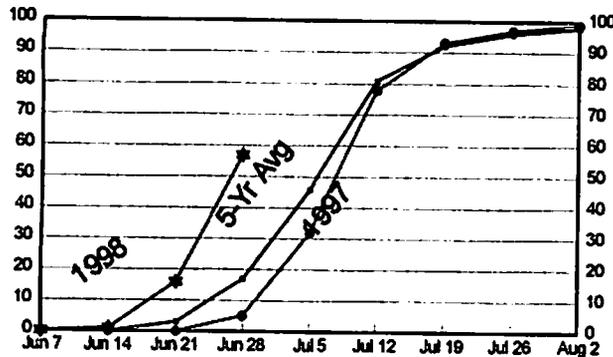
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable	Topsoil Moisture			
	for Fieldwork	: Very Short :	Short :	Adequate :	Surplus
	June 20 - 26			June 26	
Northwest	4.6	-	1	75	24
Northeast	5.9	1	19	76	4
West	2.3	-	-	34	66
Central	4.3	-	-	79	21
East	4.0	2	19	51	28
W Southwest	3.8	-	1	43	56
E Southeast	1.4	-	-	19	81
Southwest	4.6	-	-	43	57
Southeast	3.9	-	2	48	50
State	3.9	-	4	53	43

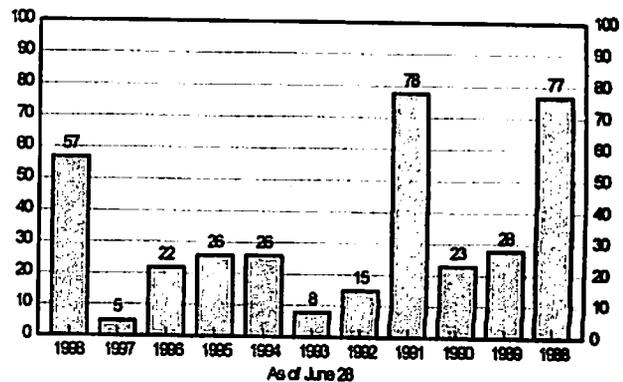
Illinois District Summary

District	Soybean Acreage % Planted	June 28	Soybean Acreage % Emerged
Northwest	99		98
Northeast	99		99
West	94		92
Central	99		99
East	99		99
W Southwest	97		95
E Southeast	83		75
Southwest	86		70
Southeast	77		60
State	94		91

Winter Wheat - Percent Harvested Illinois



Winter Wheat - Percent Harvested Illinois



Temperature and Precipitation

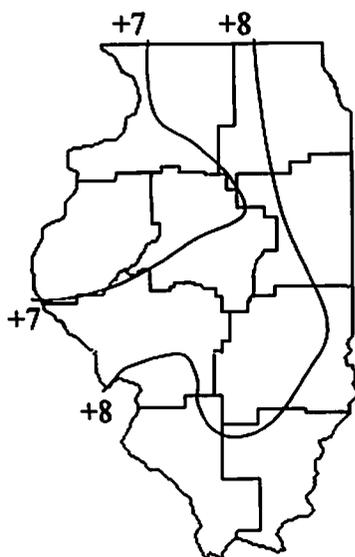
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
June 22 - 28						
Northwest	78.0	72.0	6.0	0.96	1.02	- 0.07
Northeast	78.6	71.1	7.5	1.42	0.84	0.58
West	80.6	74.3	6.3	0.87	0.72	0.16
Central	80.0	73.6	6.4	0.83	0.81	0.02
East	80.5	73.0	7.5	0.65	0.84	-0.19
W Southwest	81.8	74.7	7.1	0.96	0.65	0.31
E Southeast	82.1	74.5	7.6	0.59	0.73	-0.14
Southwest	83.2	75.5	7.7	0.06	0.76	-0.70
Southeast	83.2	75.6	7.6	0.33	0.81	-0.47
State	80.8	73.7	7.0	0.77	0.80	-0.03

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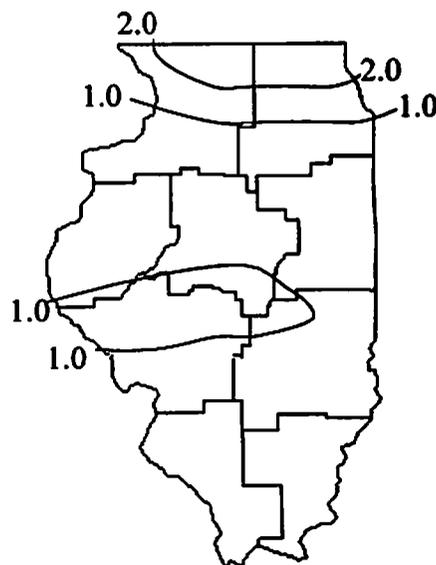
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Temperature Departure
June 22 - 28



Precipitation Total
June 22 - 28

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