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Storms hit Illinois early last week and caused some damage to the crops. Rain continued to fall on saturated ground causing low lying areas to pond and some fields are flooded from rising creeks and rivers. The excess moisture this year has left corn fields spotty and as of July 3, the crop was rated six percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 43 percent good and 11 percent excellent. The storms also produced severe winds, especially throughout the western part of the state, which left some corn with broken stalks. Topsoil moisture, as of July 3, was rated one percent short, 55 percent adequate and 44 percent surplus. After the storms rolled through, activities included harvesting wheat, potatoes and green beans, spraying and cultivating soybeans, baling hay and planting double crop soybeans.

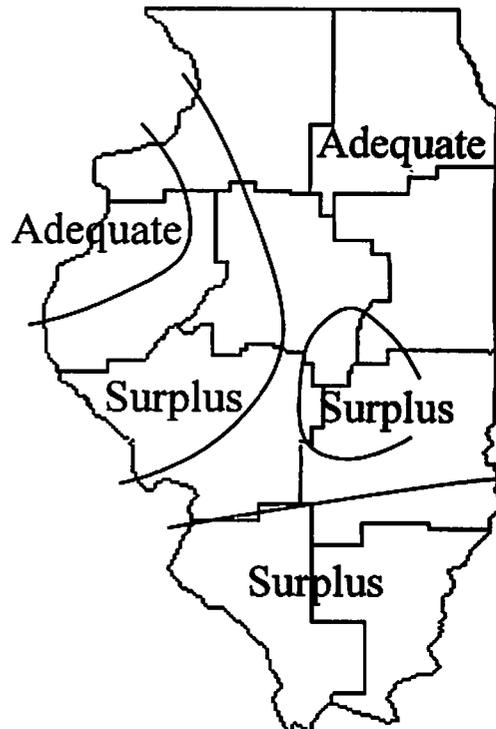
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 1998	: 1997	: 5-Year Average
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July 5

CORN:			
Silked	5	1	3
Height (Inches)	46	48	41
SOYBEANS:			
Emerged	94	NA	NA
Blooming	7	10	9
SORGHUM:			
Planted	84	94	93
WINTER WHEAT:			
Turning yellow	99	98	98
Ripe	98	75	84
Harvested	88	32	46
OATS:			
Headed	98	94	93
Filled	84	58	61
Turning yellow	40	15	24
Ripe	10	2	6
ALFALFA HAY:			
Second cutting	33	26	28
RED CLOVER:			
Cut	81	86	88

NA - Not available



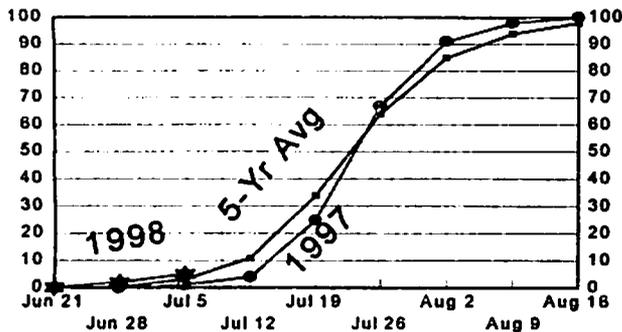
Topsoil Moisture
 July 3

Crop Conditions

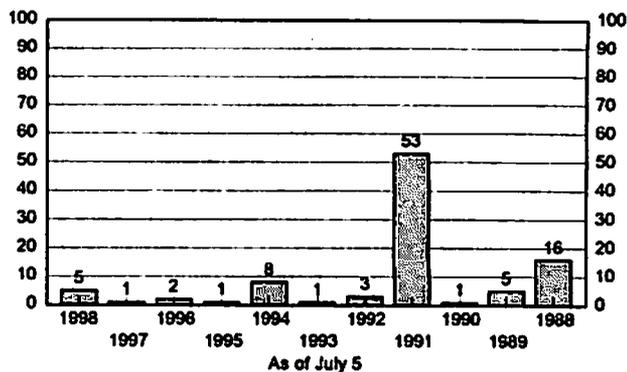
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
July 3					
Corn	6	11	29	43	11
Soybeans	5	11	32	43	9
Sorghum	10	11	39	40	-
Oats	-	2	20	57	21
Alfalfa	1	3	25	52	19
Red Clover	4	8	30	42	16
Pasture	1	3	21	58	17

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.

Corn - Percent Silked
Illinois



Corn - Percent Silked
Illinois



Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
June 27 - July 3		July 3			
Northwest	3.2	-	1	70	29
Northeast	5.3	-	1	88	11
West	3.3	-	2	36	62
Central	3.1	-	1	64	35
East	4.3	2	9	59	30
W Southwest	3.3	-	-	59	41
E Southeast	3.0	-	1	39	60
Southwest	3.8	-	-	32	68
Southeast	3.1	-	-	37	63
State	3.5	-	1	55	44

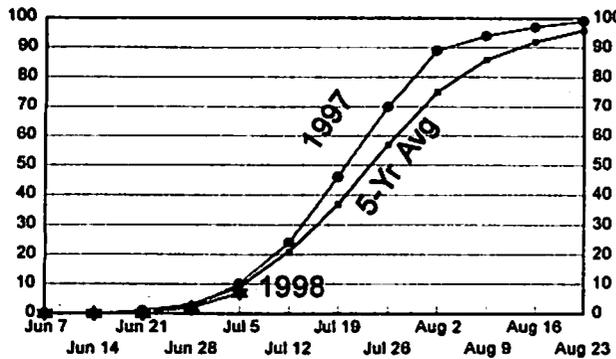
Illinois District Summary

District	Corn		Soybean	
	Acreage %	Silked	Acreage %	Blooming

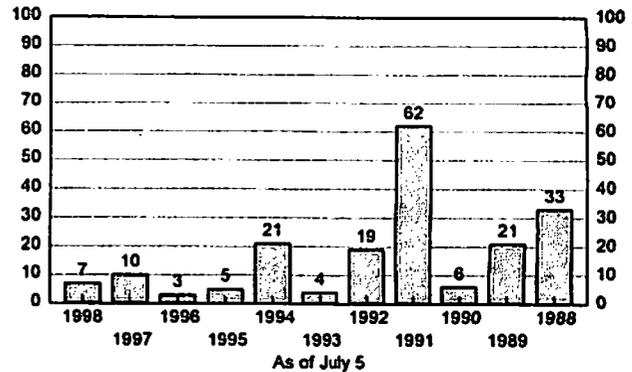
July 5				
Northwest		1		1
Northeast		1		7
West		1		5
Central		7		16
East		6		5
W Southwest		15		11
E Southeast		2		2
Southwest		9		2
Southeast		8		2

State		5		7

Soybeans - Percent Blooming
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Blooming
Illinois



Temperature and Precipitation

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure

June 29 - July 5						
Northwest	71.8	73.1	-1.3	1.28	0.88	0.39
Northeast	72.2	72.1	0.1	1.13	0.87	0.25
West	75.5	75.4	0.1	1.92	1.06	0.86
Central	74.5	74.5	0.0	1.36	0.92	0.44
East	74.2	73.9	0.3	1.82	0.96	0.86
W Southwest	76.7	75.9	0.7	1.77	1.01	0.76
E Southeast	76.9	75.9	1.0	1.26	0.93	0.34
Southwest	78.5	77.1	1.4	2.22	1.11	1.11
Southeast	78.6	77.1	1.5	1.77	1.15	0.62

State	75.3	74.9	0.4	1.58	0.98	0.60

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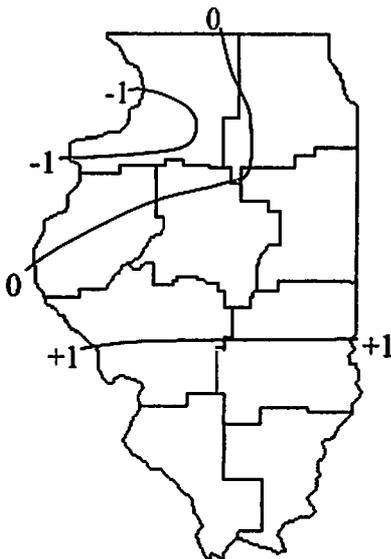
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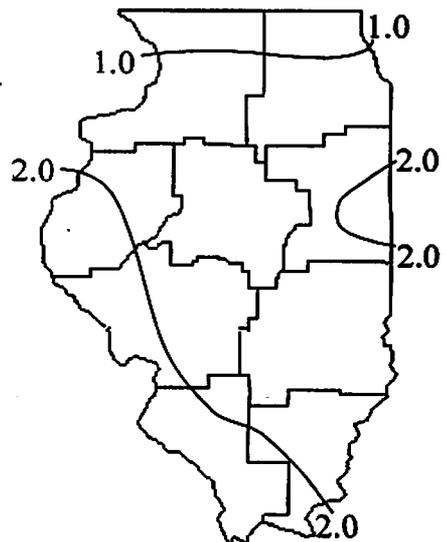
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Temperature Departure
June 29 - July 5



Precipitation Total
June 29 - July 5

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