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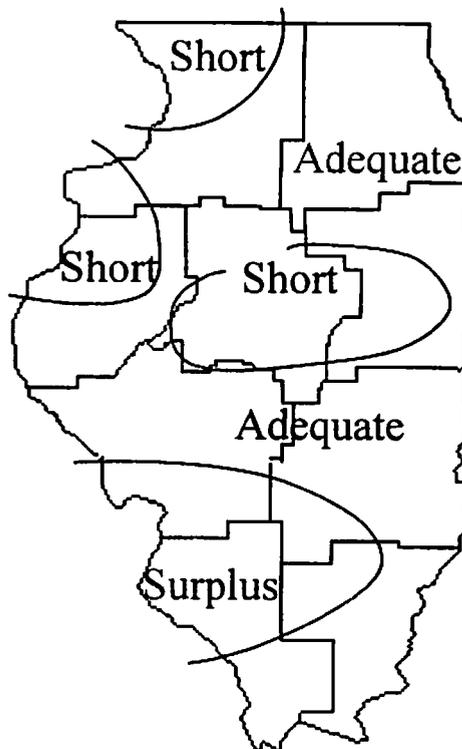
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The weather this past week was favorable for farmers across the state. Scattered showers and mild weather kept the livestock cool, while the sunshine has been beneficial for the crops. Corn is progressing ahead of schedule with 66 percent in the dough stage compared to 59 percent last year and the five-year average of 56 percent. The corn condition was rated three percent very poor, eight percent poor, 27 percent fair, 49 percent good and 13 percent excellent. Soybeans are also progressing well, considering the wet weather during planting season, with 78 percent setting pods compared to 90 percent last year and the five-year average of 70 percent. Farmers took advantage of the good weather last week and are continuing to spray the soybean crop. However, low lying areas are still having trouble from the early rain, including drowning and disease. Statewide, the soybean condition was rated three percent very poor, eight percent poor, 25 percent fair, 48 percent good and 16 percent excellent. With an average of 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork last week, farm activities included mowing roadsides, baling hay and hauling grain.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 1998	: 1997	: 5-Year Average
August 16			
CORN:			
Silked	98	100	98
Dough	66	59	56
Dented	22	12	13
Mature	1	0	0
SOYBEANS:			
Blooming	94	98	92
Setting pods	78	90	70
Turning yellow	1	0	1
SORGHUM:			
Headed	60	81	68
Coloring	11	12	10
OATS:			
Harvested	99	99	94
ALFALFA HAY:			
Second cutting	98	99	97
Third cutting	45	33	34



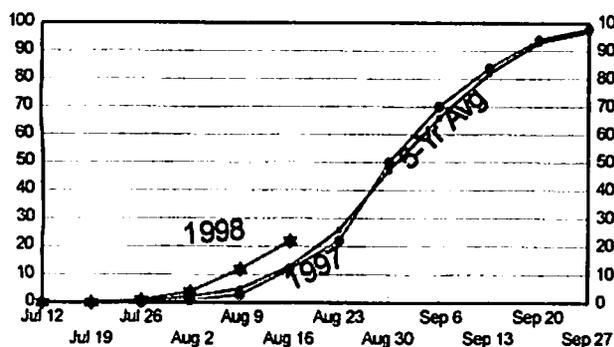
**Topsoil Moisture
August 14**

Crop Conditions

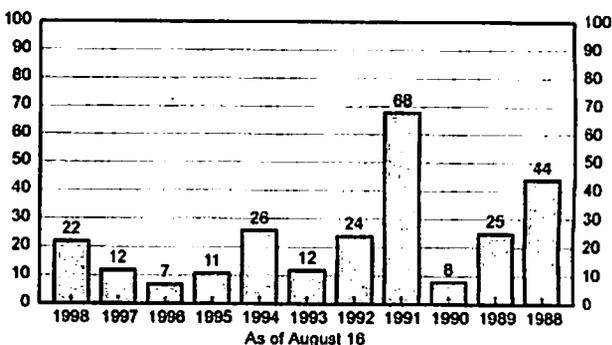
Crop	: Very Poor :	Poor :	Fair :	Good :	Excellent
	August 14				
Corn	3	8	27	49	13
Soybeans	3	8	25	48	16
Sorghum	5	4	21	68	2
Pasture	2	5	25	53	15

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 Dented
Illinois



Corn - Percent Dented
Illinois



Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable	Topsoil Moisture			
	for Fieldwork	: Very Short :	Short :	Adequate :	Surplus
	August 8 - 14	August 14			
Northwest	6.1	1	16	83	-
Northeast	6.8	7	14	79	-
West	6.1	1	19	78	2
Central	6.4	1	33	66	-
East	5.8	2	26	70	2
W Southwest	5.6	-	9	70	21
E Southeast	5.2	-	-	76	24
Southwest	3.5	-	-	44	56
Southeast	3.6	-	-	53	47
State	5.5	1	13	70	16

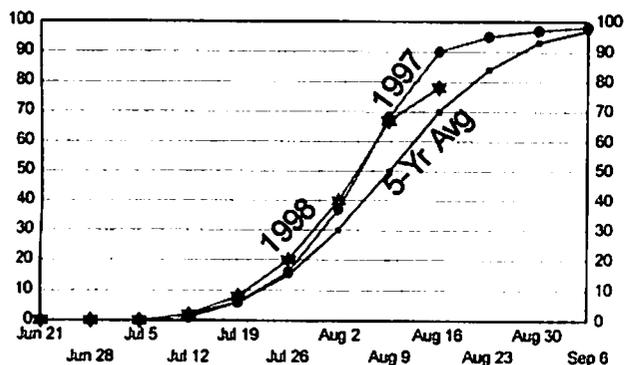
Illinois District Summary

District	: Corn : Acreage % : Dough	: Corn : Acreage % : Dent	: Soybean : Acreage % : Blooming	: Soybean : Acreage % : Setting Pods

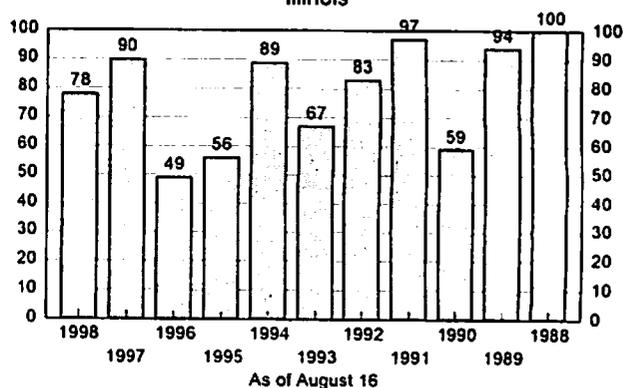
August 16				
Northwest	54	13	96	82
Northeast	58	4	99	99
West	69	25	96	80
Central	84	29	99	92
East	51	17	98	73
W Southwest	84	45	97	83
E Southeast	69	33	85	73
Southwest	53	23	86	59
Southeast	64	22	77	52

State	66	22	94	78

Soybeans - Percent Setting Pods
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Setting Pods
Illinois



Temperature and Precipitation

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	: Average	: Normal	: Departure	: Total	: Normal	: Departure

August 10 - 16						
Northwest	72.0	71.5	0.5	0.26	0.80	-0.54
Northeast	71.9	71.2	0.7	0.10	0.86	-0.77
West	75.0	73.5	1.5	0.12	0.80	-0.68
Central	74.2	72.5	1.6	0.28	0.69	-0.41
East	73.2	71.8	1.4	0.13	0.73	-0.60
W Southwest	75.1	73.9	1.2	0.19	0.60	-0.41
E Southeast	74.9	73.8	1.2	0.29	0.68	-0.39
Southwest	76.3	75.2	1.1	0.40	0.78	-0.38
Southeast	76.5	75.2	1.3	0.27	0.69	-0.43

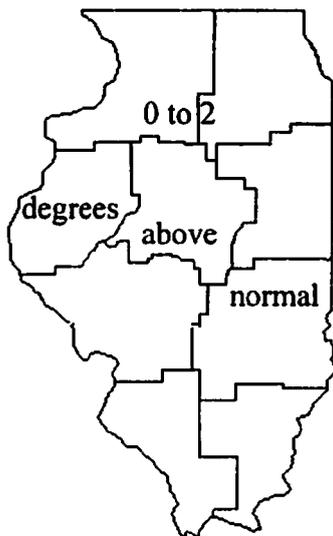
State	74.2	73.1	1.1	0.22	0.73	-0.51

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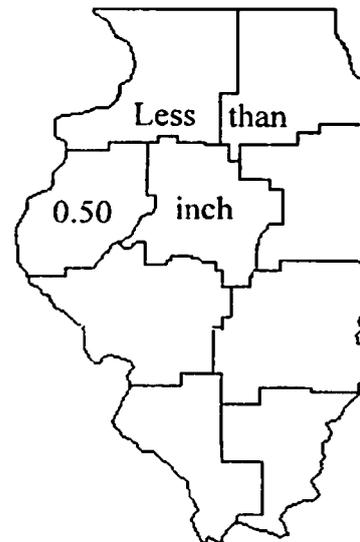
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Temperature Departure
August 10 - 16



Precipitation Total
August 10 - 16

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