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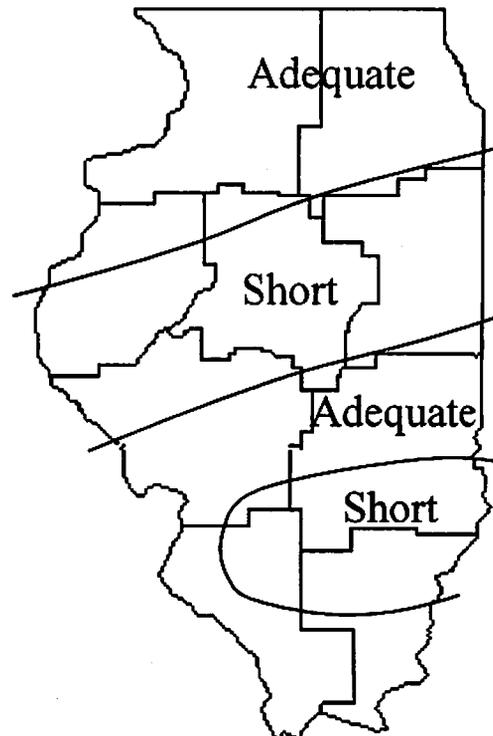
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The warm, dry weather has helped both the corn and soybean crops statewide. With 20 percent of the corn crop reported mature, compared to seven percent last year and a five-year average of ten percent, some farmers have begun harvesting their corn while others plan to begin this week. The corn condition has remained stable with four percent very poor, nine percent poor, 24 percent fair, 52 percent good and 11 percent excellent. The soybean crop condition remains favorable despite the presence of Sudden Death Syndrome with three percent very poor, eight percent poor, 23 percent fair, 51 percent good and 15 percent excellent. In addition to mowing and preparing equipment for harvest last week, farmers attended informational meetings about marketing their crop (versus storing it for next year), and collecting Loan Deficiency Payments.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 1998	: 1997	: 5-Year Average
September 6			
CORN:			
Dough	95	91	92
Dented	72	70	66
Mature	20	7	10
SOYBEANS:			
Setting pods	97	98	97
Turning yellow	30	23	21
Shedding leaves	6	4	5
SORGHUM:			
Headed	91	100	95
Coloring	47	44	44
Mature	19	1	4
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Third cutting	87	73	72



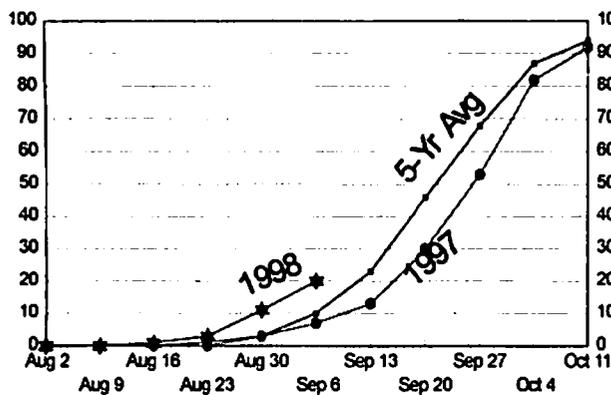
Topsoil Moisture
September 4

Crop Conditions

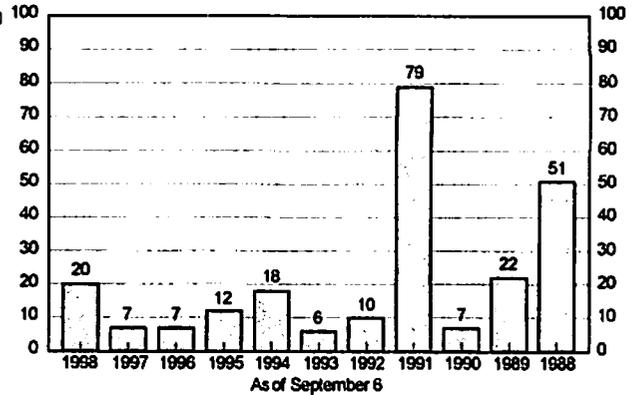
Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
September 4					
Corn	4	9	24	52	11
Soybeans	3	8	23	51	15
Sorghum	3	5	21	68	3
Pasture	4	13	25	52	6

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 Mature
Illinois



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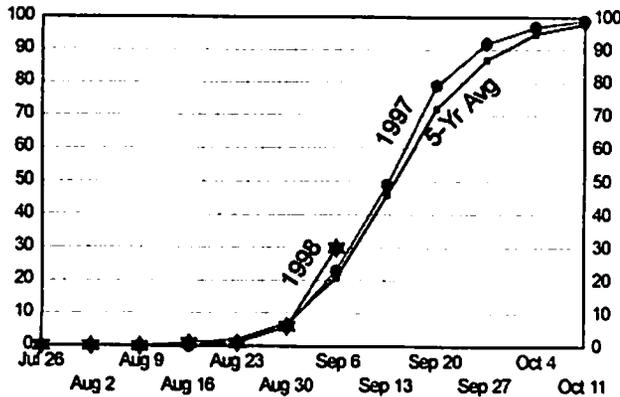
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	: Days Suitable	: Topsoil Moisture				
	: for	: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus	
	: Fieldwork					
	: August 29 - Sept. 4		September 4			
Northwest	: 6.0	-	15	76	9	
Northeast	: 6.4	6	29	65	-	
West	: 6.3	3	42	55	-	
Central	: 6.9	5	58	36	1	
East	: 7.0	27	42	31	-	
W Southwest	: 5.8	-	31	69	-	
E Southeast	: 6.6	4	61	35	-	
Southwest	: 6.3	-	43	46	11	
Southeast	: 7.0	12	55	33	-	
State	: 6.4	8	40	50	2	

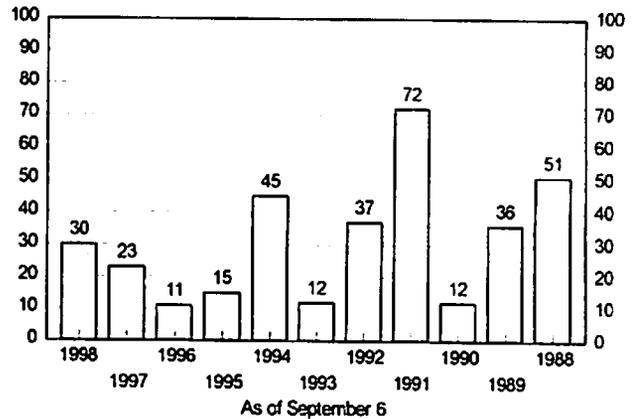
Illinois District Summary

District	Corn		Soybean	
	Acreage % Dough	Acreage % Dent	Acreage % Mature	Acreage % Turning yellow
September 6				
Northwest	99	71	4	15
Northeast	98	63	8	18
West	97	86	12	14
Central	97	79	27	58
East	94	73	18	43
W Southwest	98	83	46	40
E Southeast	92	66	22	26
Southwest	84	58	21	7
Southeast	89	69	48	11
State	95	72	20	30

Soybeans - Percent Turning Yellow
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Turning Yellow
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Temperature and Precipitation

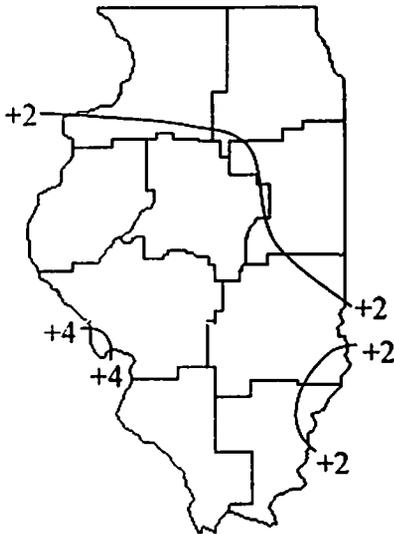
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
August 31 - Sept. 6						
Northwest	69.6	69.0	0.7	0.13	0.66	-0.53
Northeast	69.6	69.0	0.6	0.20	0.71	-0.51
West	74.5	71.3	3.2	0.43	0.67	-0.24
Central	73.5	70.7	2.8	0.11	0.61	-0.50
East	72.2	70.3	1.9	0.07	0.54	-0.47
W Southwest	75.3	72.1	3.2	0.68	0.46	0.22
E Southeast	74.6	72.2	2.4	0.39	0.49	-0.10
Southwest	76.6	73.5	3.1	0.35	0.63	-0.28
Southeast	76.2	73.7	2.5	0.20	0.62	-0.42
State	73.4	71.2	2.2	0.29	0.59	-0.30

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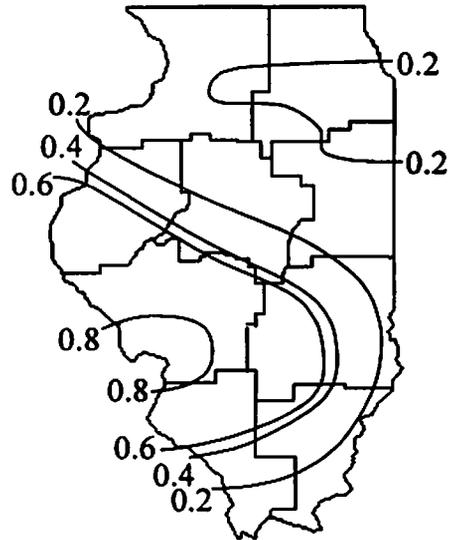
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Temperature Departure
August 31 - September 6



Precipitation Total
August 31 - September 6

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