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Both the corn and soybean crops are continuing to progress quickly with the help of last week's warm, dry weather. Forty-five percent of the corn was reported mature compared to 13 percent last year and a five-year average of 23 percent. Twenty-two percent of the soybeans are shedding leaves compared to 13 percent last year and a five-year average of 16 percent. With 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week, farmers started harvesting both corn and soybeans. However, due to some of the soybeans being planted late this spring, they will be somewhat behind corn this year. The concern for Sudden Death Syndrome has lessened as a result of dry weather and the maturation of the crop. Soybean condition was rated four percent very poor, nine percent poor, 27 percent fair, 43 percent good and 17 percent excellent. Activities for last week included hauling grain, mowing roadsides and preparing equipment for harvest.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 1998	: 1997	: 5-Year Average
September 13			
CORN:			
Dough	98	95	96
Dented	87	84	82
Mature	45	13	23
Harvested	3	0	1
SOYBEANS:			
Turning yellow	59	49	46
Shedding leaves	22	13	16
Harvested	1	0	1
SORGHUM:			
Coloring	74	61	68
Mature	20	7	14
Harvested	1	0	0
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Third cutting	92	83	82



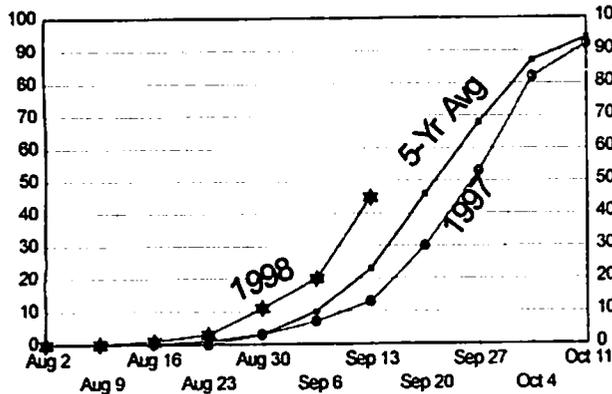
**Topsoil Moisture
September 11**

Crop Conditions

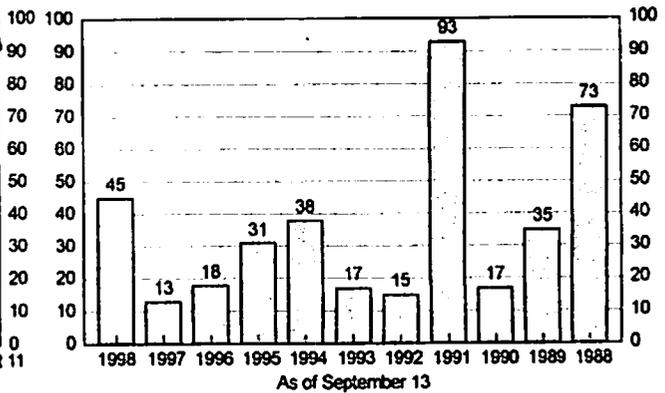
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
September 11					
Corn	4	9	29	45	13
Soybeans	4	9	27	43	17
Sorghum	6	9	32	52	1
Pasture	7	17	32	38	6

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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Illinois



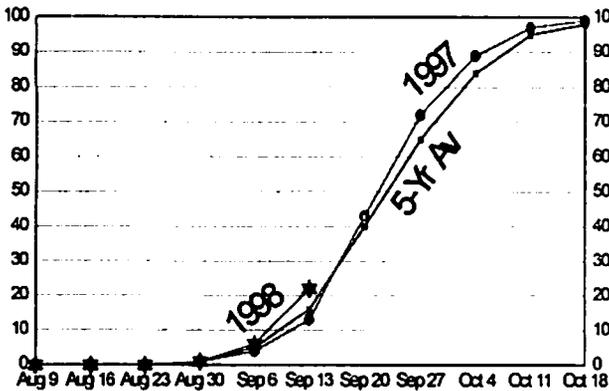
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
September 5 - 11		September 11			
Northwest	6.8	-	5	95	-
Northeast	6.6	10	20	70	-
West	6.9	14	61	25	-
Central	7.0	6	78	16	-
East	6.5	32	54	14	-
W Southwest	6.9	5	45	50	-
E Southeast	7.0	9	79	12	-
Southwest	7.0	28	52	4	16
Southeast	7.0	61	22	17	-
State	6.9	17	49	33	1

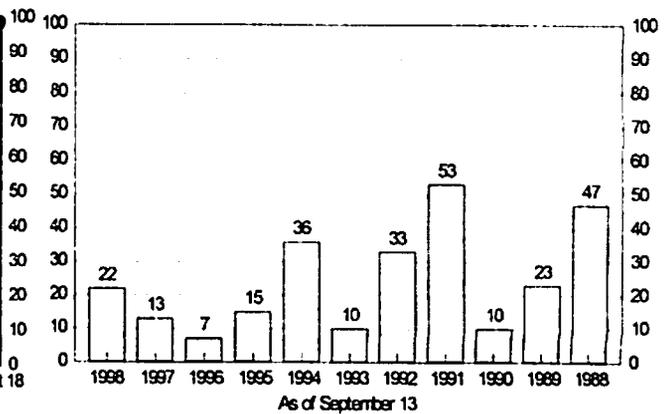
Illinois District Summary

District	Corn		Soybean	
	Acreage % Dented	Acreage % Mature	Acreage % Turning Yellow	Acreage % Shedding Leaves
September 13				
Northwest	93	29	69	21
Northeast	89	29	73	32
West	91	42	47	18
Central	90	49	85	33
East	78	43	71	24
W Southwest	92	74	63	25
E Southeast	91	53	51	20
Southwest	70	23	21	3
Southeast	71	48	42	9
State	87	45	59	22

Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
Illinois



Temperature and Precipitation

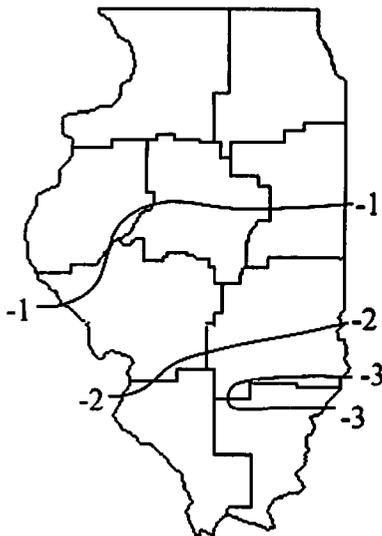
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
September 7 - 13						
Northwest	66.5	67.4	-0.9	0.20	0.92	-0.72
Northeast	67.5	67.6	0.0	0.89	0.89	-0.01
West	69.2	69.9	-0.6	0.07	1.04	-0.97
Central	68.6	69.4	-0.8	0.10	0.87	-0.78
East	68.2	68.9	-0.7	0.23	0.78	-0.55
W Southwest	69.3	70.6	-1.3	0.06	0.95	-0.89
E Southeast	68.9	70.8	-1.9	0.04	0.94	-0.90
Southwest	69.7	71.8	-2.1	0.09	0.94	-0.86
Southeast	69.6	72.2	-2.6	0.07	0.86	-0.79
State	68.6	69.7	-1.2	0.20	0.91	-0.72

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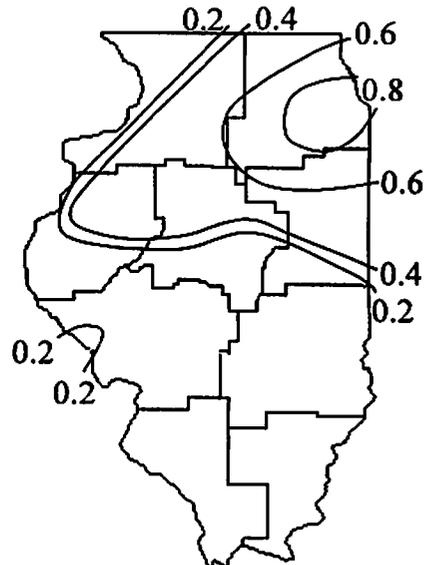
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Temperature Departure
September 7 - 13



Precipitation Total
September 7 - 13

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