

ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



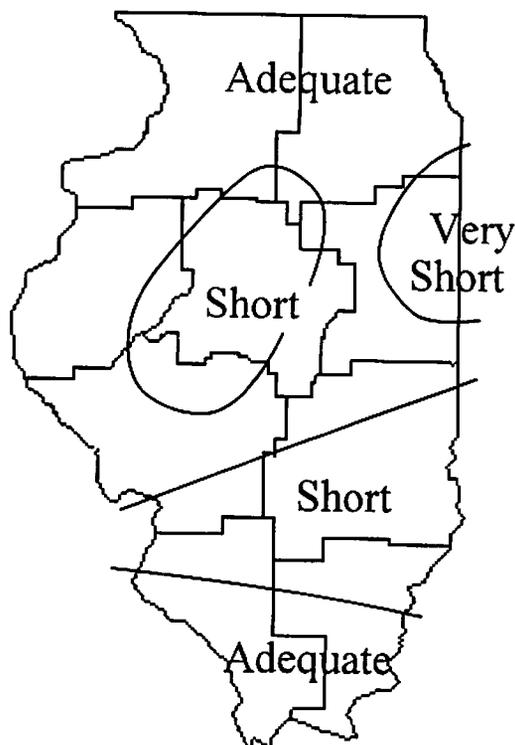
P.O. Box 19283, Springfield, IL 62794-9283
 Phone: (217)492-4295
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
<http://www.agr.state.il.us/agstats.htm>

RELEASED: September 28, 1998 3 P.M., CT
VOL. 19, NO. 31

Statewide, soybean harvest gained momentum last week reaching 17 percent complete by September 27, compared to ten percent last year and a five-year average of 12 percent. Percent harvested range from four percent in the Northwest to 38 percent in the East. Favorable weather has allowed the corn crop to mature quickly this year and as of September 27, 22 percent had been harvested. This is the largest percent harvested since the record early year of 1991, when 63 percent of the crop had been harvested by this time. In addition to preparing equipment for winter wheat seeding, farmers are continuing the final cutting of hay. Other activities for last week included chopping silage and hauling grain.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 1998	: 1997	: 5-Year Average
September 27			
CORN:			
Dented	98	98	97
Mature	85	53	68
Harvested	22	4	7
SOYBEANS:			
Turning yellow	90	92	87
Shedding leaves	77	72	65
Harvested	17	10	12
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	1	3	3
SORGHUM:			
Coloring	92	89	87
Mature	42	35	46
Harvested	3	1	3
ALFALFA HAY:			
Third cutting	98	97	94



Topsoil Moisture
September 25

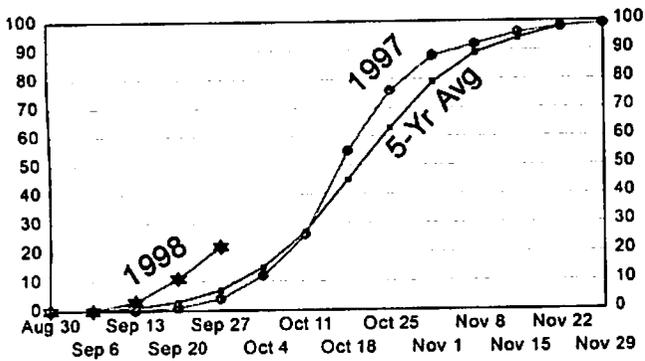
Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
September 25					
Corn	: 4	7	24	51	14
Soybeans	: 4	7	25	48	16
Sorghum	: 7	11	39	39	4
Pasture	: 4	12	31	46	7

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.

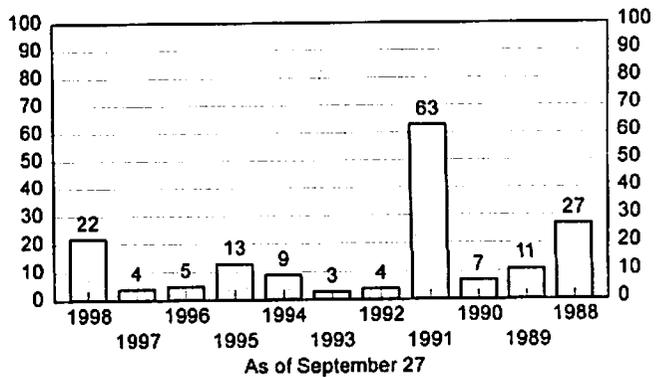
Corn - Percent Harvested

Illinois



Corn - Percent Harvested

Illinois



Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

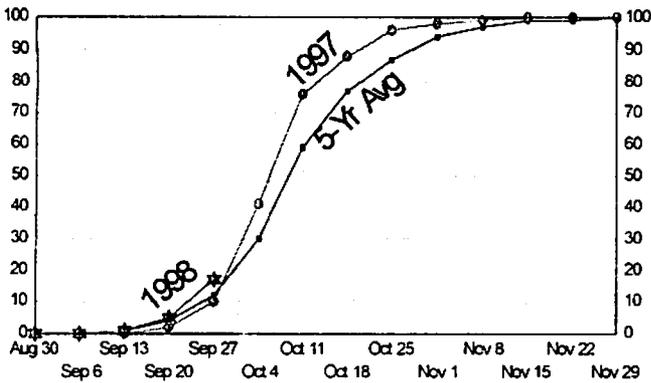
District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus
		September 19 - 25			
Northwest	: 5.3	-	3	91	6
Northeast	: 5.2	-	12	88	-
West	: 4.2	-	17	81	2
Central	: 5.5	2	66	32	-
East	: 5.9	22	50	28	-
W Southwest	: 5.0	1	21	77	1
E Southeast	: 6.3	1	74	25	-
Southwest	: 5.8	-	23	67	10
Southeast	: 6.2	20	37	43	-
		September 25			
State	: 5.4	5	32	61	2

Illinois District Summary

District	Corn		Soybean	
	Acreage %	Acreage %	Acreage %	Acreage %
	Mature	Harvested	Shedding Leaves	Harvested
September 27				
Northwest	83	8	83	4
Northeast	72	12	88	17
West	89	15	72	8
Central	82	25	79	18
East	88	37	92	38
W Southwest	95	24	75	13
E Southeast	82	15	65	11
Southwest	56	28	39	6
Southeast	85	29	62	6
State	85	22	77	17

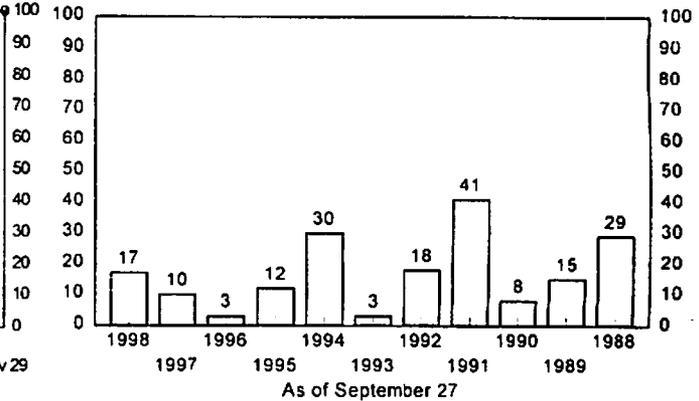
Soybeans - Percent Harvested

Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Harvested

Illinois



Temperature and Precipitation

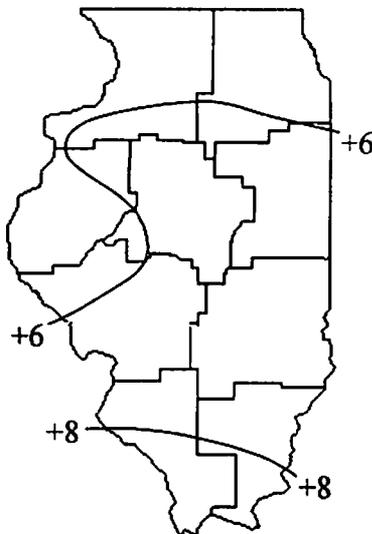
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
	September 21 - 27					
Northwest	63.5	59.5	4.0	0.26	0.85	-0.59
Northeast	65.2	59.9	5.3	0.25	0.94	-0.69
West	67.6	62.0	5.6	0.56	1.02	-0.46
Central	67.9	61.7	6.2	0.51	0.91	-0.40
East	68.3	61.6	6.7	0.81	0.79	0.02
W Southwest	70.1	63.1	7.0	0.86	0.82	0.04
E Southeast	70.0	63.5	6.5	1.14	0.68	0.46
Southwest	72.2	64.6	7.6	0.88	0.70	0.18
Southeast	72.3	65.1	7.2	0.98	0.63	0.35
State	68.4	62.2	6.2	0.69	0.82	-0.13

NEWSPAPER TIME VALUE

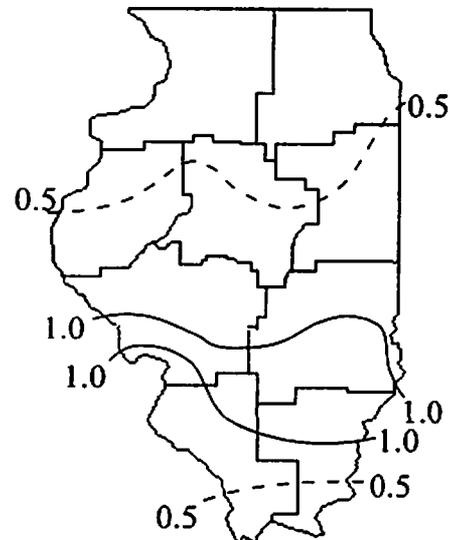
Illinois Weather & Crops
September 28, 1998

Illinois Weather & Crops (ISSN 0273-8635) is published weekly April-November, semimonthly in January, and monthly in December, February and March, by the Illinois Dept. of Agriculture, Illinois Agricultural Statistics Service, Room 54, Department of Agriculture Bldg., 801 Sangamon Ave., Springfield, IL 62702. For information on subscribing, send request to the above address. Periodical postage paid at Springfield, Illinois. Postmaster: Send Address Change to Illinois Weather & Crops, P.O. Box 19283, Springfield, IL 62794-9283.

Weather data and maps provided by the Illinois State Water Survey, Department of Natural Resources, 2204 Griffith Drive, Champaign, Il. 61820, (217)244-8226.



Temperature Departure
September 21 - 27



Precipitation Total
September 21 - 27

Crop PROGRESS INFORMATION in this report is provided voluntarily by local area officials of Farm Service Agency, Extension Service, National Resources Conservation Service, Farm Business Farm Management field staff, and agribusiness managers.

"Printed by authority of the State of Illinois" 9/28/98, 2,125, 1444

