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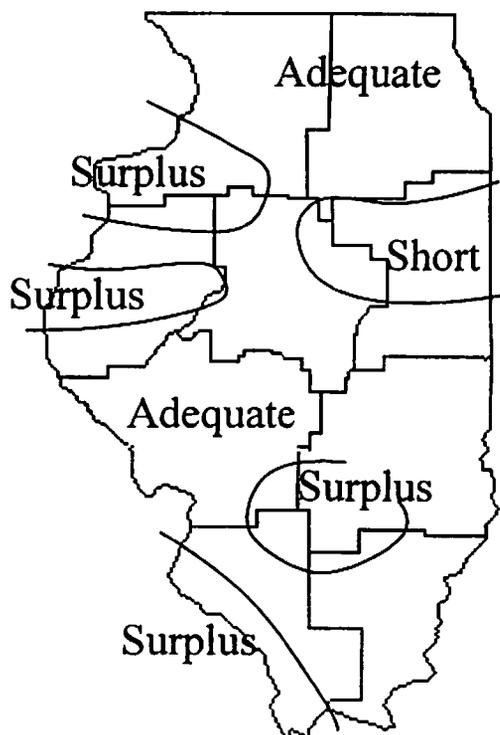
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Field activities were hampered last week as one to two inches of rain fell statewide, about twice the normal precipitation for that time period. Despite the wet conditions, farmers were able to make some progress harvesting the corn crop, and as of October 11, 46 percent of the crop had been harvested. This compares to 26 percent last year and the five-year average of 27 percent. As of October 11, 49 percent of the soybean crop had been harvested, compared to 76 percent last year and the five-year average of 59 percent. Seeding of winter wheat progressed slowly and as of October 11, only 17 percent of the crop had been seeded. This compared to 49 percent last year and the five-year average of 35 percent. Other activities last week included machine repair, hauling grain and fall tillage.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 1998	: 1997	: 5-Year Average
October 11			
CORN:			
Mature	99	92	94
Harvested	46	26	27
SOYBEANS:			
Shedding leaves	96	97	95
Harvested	49	76	59
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	17	49	35
Emerged	6	8	7
SORGHUM:			
Mature	87	87	80
Harvested	31	20	17

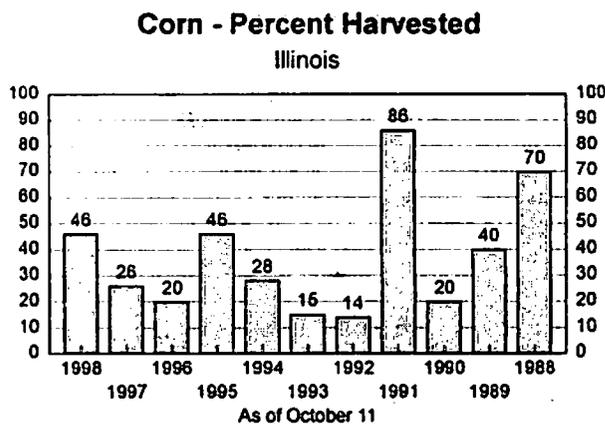
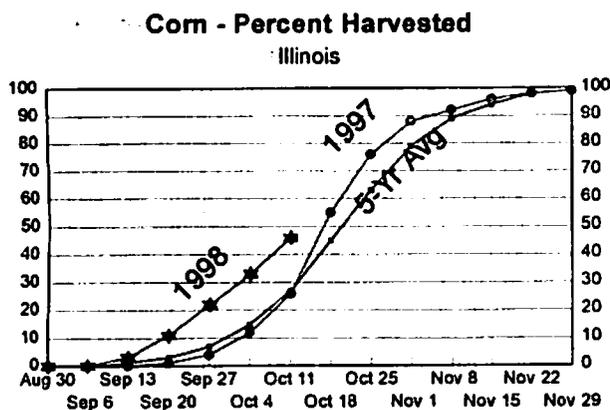


Topsoil Moisture
October 9

Crop Conditions

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			October 9		
Pasture	3	15	29	47	6

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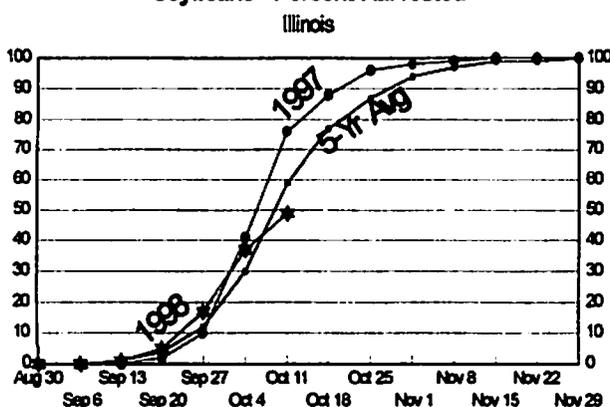
Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	October 3 - 9		October 9		
Northwest	2.0	-	-	52	48
Northeast	3.2	-	-	98	2
West	2.6	-	2	72	26
Central	2.0	-	50	50	-
East	4.9	18	48	32	2
W Southwest	3.4	-	1	90	9
E Southeast	4.3	-	17	53	30
Southwest	3.3	-	-	48	52
Southeast	4.0	-	18	57	25
State	3.3	2	10	64	24

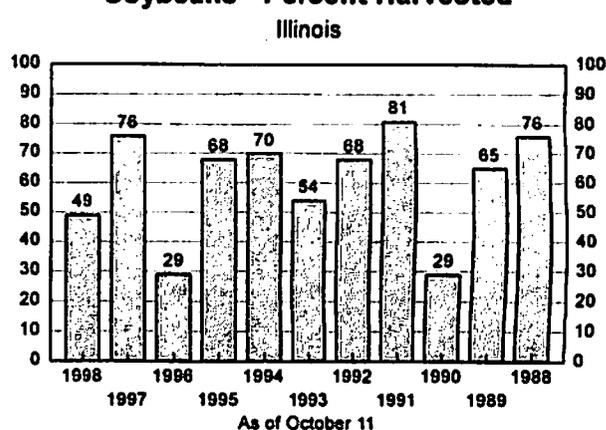
Illinois District Summary

District	Corn		Soybean	
	Acreage % Harvested		Acreage % Shedding Leaves	Soybean Acreage % Harvested
October 11				
Northwest	27		99	22
Northeast	29		94	44
West	42		95	35
Central	44		92	50
East	62		99	77
W Southwest	62		94	47
E Southeast	40		91	57
Southwest	58		95	53
Southeast	56		96	34
State	46		96	49

Soybeans - Percent Harvested



Soybeans - Percent Harvested



Temperature and Precipitation

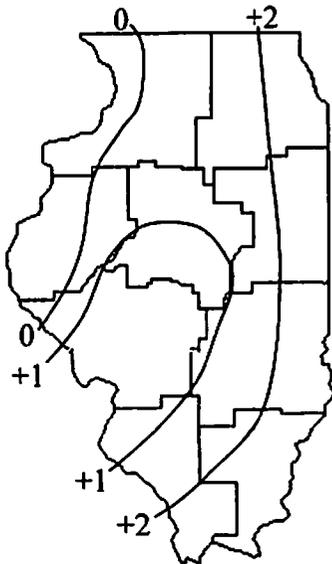
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
October 5 - 11						
Northwest	54.4	54.6	-0.2	1.18	0.67	0.52
Northeast	56.4	54.8	1.6	0.86	0.57	0.30
West	56.4	57.3	-0.9	1.70	0.69	1.01
Central	57.0	56.6	0.4	0.92	0.64	0.27
East	58.0	56.2	1.8	1.30	0.71	0.59
W Southwest	58.3	58.3	0.0	1.35	0.67	0.68
E Southeast	59.8	58.3	1.5	2.09	0.73	1.36
Southwest	60.6	59.6	0.9	2.17	0.69	1.48
Southeast	61.7	59.9	1.8	2.71	0.65	2.06
State	57.9	57.2	0.7	1.54	0.67	0.87

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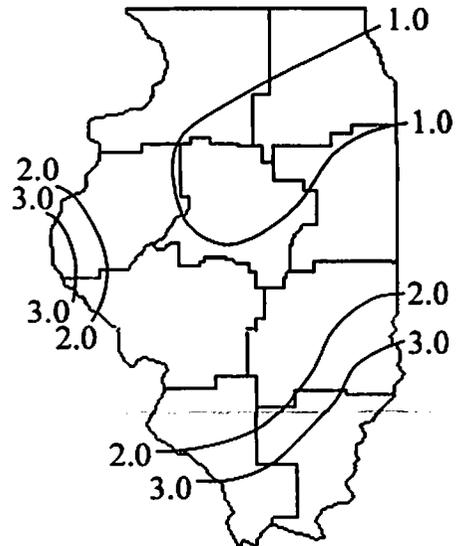
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Temperature Departure
October 5 - 11



Precipitation Total
October 5 - 11

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