

# ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



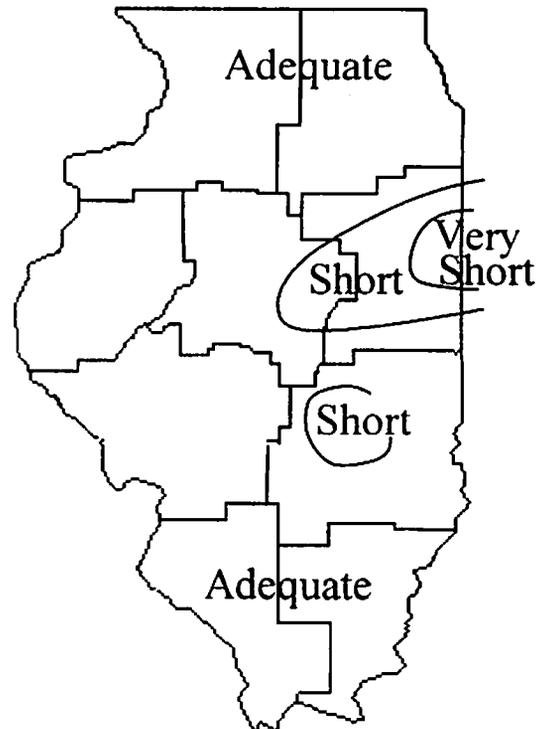
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Farmers took advantage of the 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork last week and continued harvesting corn and soybeans. As of October 18, 58 percent of the corn had been harvested, compared to 55 percent last year and a five-year average of 45 percent. Soybean harvest went from 49 percent as of October 11 to 71 percent as of October 18. This represents the highest increase in acreage harvested for this time period on record. Winter wheat seeding is in full swing with 57 percent of the crop seeded. This still trails last year's 81 percent and the five-year average of 63 percent.

### Crop Progress

Crop Stage	1998	1997	5-Year Average
October 18			
<b>CORN:</b>			
Harvested	58	55	45
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>			
Shedding leaves	97	99	98
Harvested	71	88	77
<b>WINTER WHEAT:</b>			
Seeded	57	81	63
Emerged	20	40	25
<b>SORGHUM:</b>			
Mature	88	94	88
Harvested	34	48	35



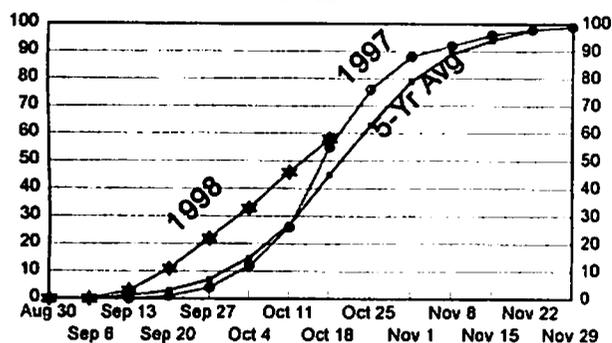
Topsoil Moisture  
October 16

**Crop Conditions**

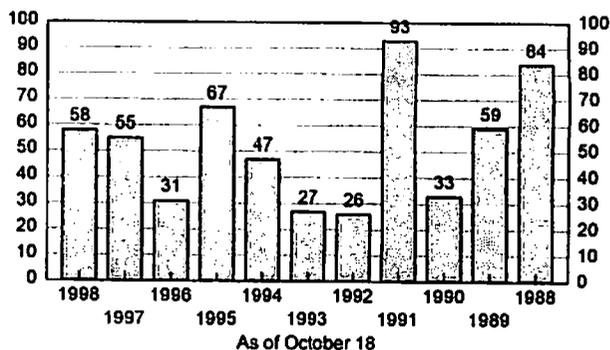
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	4	7	30	53	6

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 Harvested  
Illinois**



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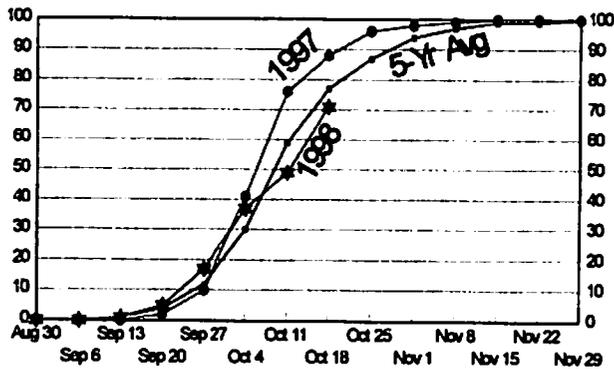
**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture**

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	October 10-16		October 16		
Northwest	5.3	-	2	94	4
Northeast	6.4	-	9	91	-
West	5.6	-	7	89	4
Central	5.8	-	18	81	1
East	6.0	29	26	43	2
W Southwest	6.6	-	16	84	-
E Southeast	6.6	2	11	86	1
Southwest	6.5	-	7	93	-
Southeast	6.8	-	16	84	-
State	6.2	2	12	85	1

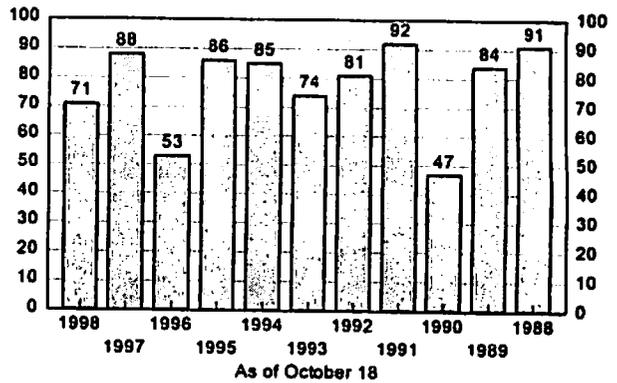
### Illinois District Summary

District	Corn Acreage % Harvested	Soybean Acreage % Harvested
October 18		
Northwest	36	51
Northeast	37	61
West	54	70
Central	81	86
East	89	98
W Southwest	70	71
E Southeast	58	70
Southwest	60	67
Southeast	60	53
State	58	71

**Soybeans - Percent Harvested**  
Illinois



**Soybeans - Percent Harvested**  
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### Temperature and Precipitation

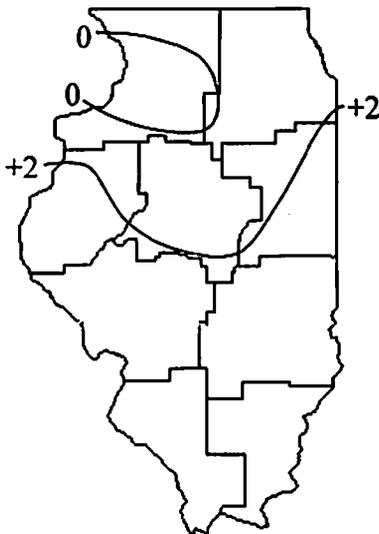
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
October 12 - 18						
Northwest	53.5	53.9	-0.4	4.21	0.79	3.42
Northeast	55.0	54.1	0.9	2.71	0.83	1.88
West	58.9	56.5	2.4	2.20	0.77	1.43
Central	57.5	56.0	1.5	1.72	0.75	0.97
East	57.9	55.6	2.3	0.64	0.69	-0.05
W Southwest	60.3	57.6	2.8	1.20	0.76	0.44
E Southeast	60.3	57.6	2.7	0.62	0.71	-0.09
Southwest	61.9	59.1	2.8	0.96	0.80	0.15
Southeast	62.4	59.4	3.1	0.57	0.81	-0.24
State	58.4	56.5	1.9	1.71	0.77	0.94

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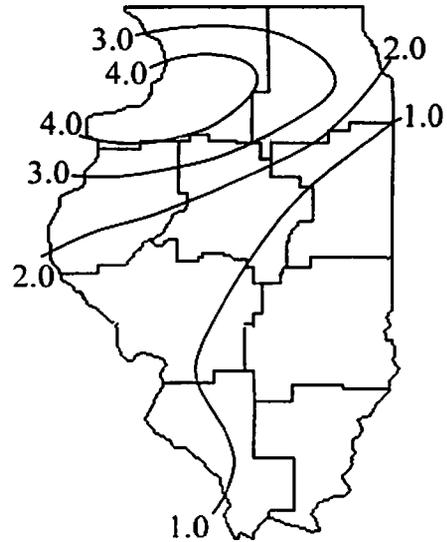
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Temperature Departure  
October 12 - 18



Precipitation Total  
October 12 - 18

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