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In the Northwest and Northeast districts of the state, continued rains prevented farmers from completing corn and soybean harvest. Corn harvest is just over 80 percent complete in the northern districts compared to over 95 percent complete in the rest of the state. Statewide, corn harvest is 92 percent complete. With harvest winding down, storage is filling up and many areas are seeing corn piled on the ground. Soybean harvest is 96 percent complete statewide with most areas of the state nearly finished. Only the Northwest and Southeast districts have significant acreage left to harvest with just over 90 percent now complete. Scattered showers and mild temperatures have helped the winter wheat crop emerge. With 84 percent of the crop emerged, winter wheat was rated three percent poor, 18 percent fair, 67 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Other activities for last week included fall tillage, anhydrous ammonia application, and preparing livestock facilities for the upcoming winter season.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 1998	: 1997	: 5-Year Average
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November 8

CORN:

Harvested	92	92	89
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SOYBEANS:

Harvested	96	99	97
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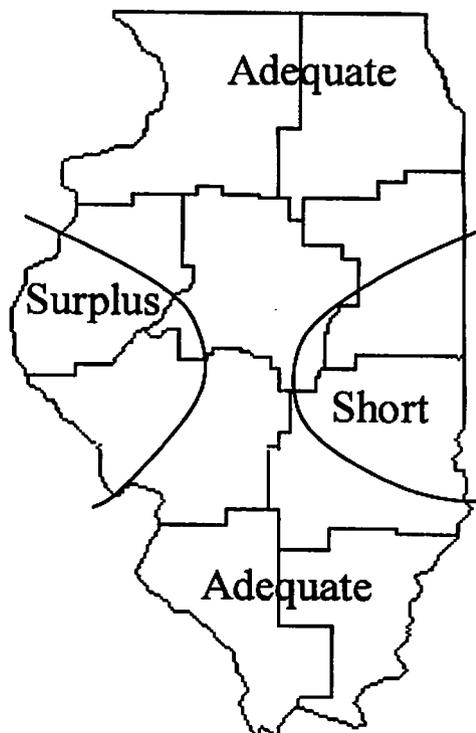
WINTER WHEAT:

Seeded	96	99	95
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Emerged	84	92	84
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SORGHUM:

Harvested	86	91	83
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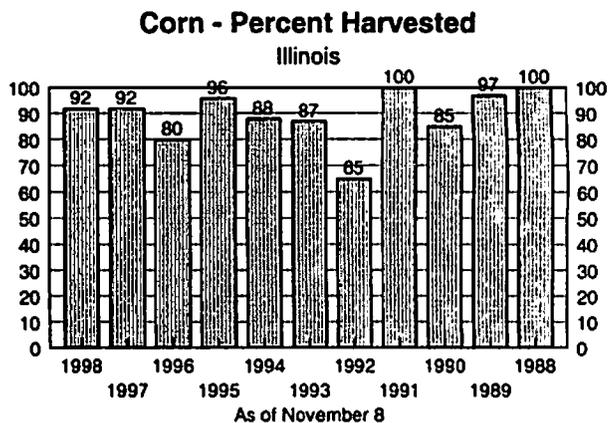
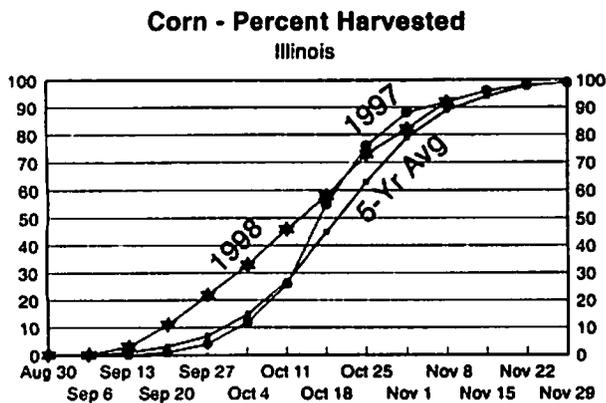


Topsoil Moisture
November 6

Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
	November 6				
Winter Wheat	-	3	18	67	12

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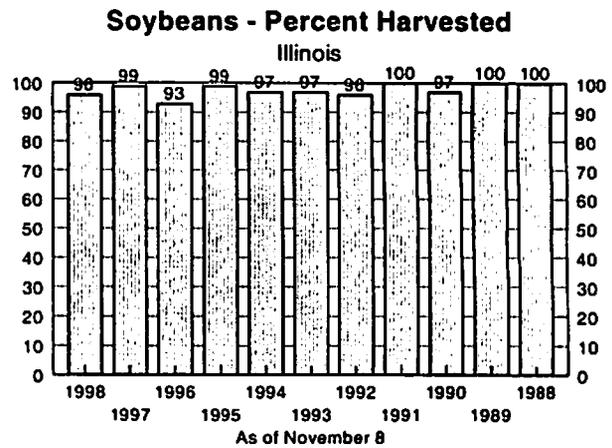
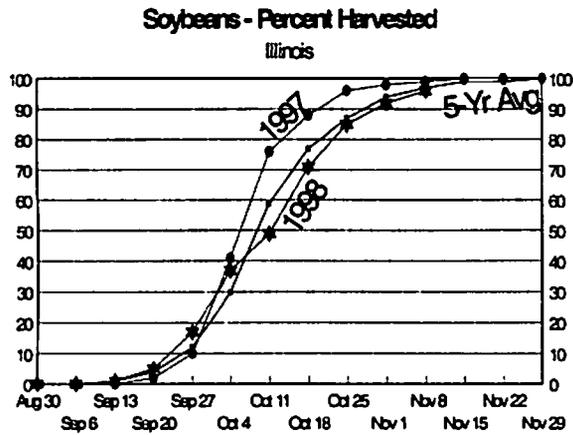


Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable	Topsoil Moisture			
	for Fieldwork	: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus
	Oct. 31 - Nov. 6	November 6			
Northwest	4.9	-	-	80	20
Northeast	5.6	-	-	100	-
West	2.1	-	-	56	44
Central	3.3	-	-	84	16
East	4.3	9	28	62	1
W Southwest	3.0	-	-	90	10
E Southeast	3.5	-	12	78	10
Southwest	4.7	-	-	89	11
Southeast	3.7	-	2	85	13
State	3.8	1	5	79	15

Illinois District Summary

District	Corn		Soybean	
	Acreage %	Harvested	Acreage %	Harvested
November 8				
Northwest	82		90	
Northeast	81		96	
West	87		92	
Central	99		99	
East	99		99	
W Southwest	95		97	
E Southeast	95		96	
Southwest	97		96	
Southeast	96		91	
State	92		96	



Temperature and Precipitation

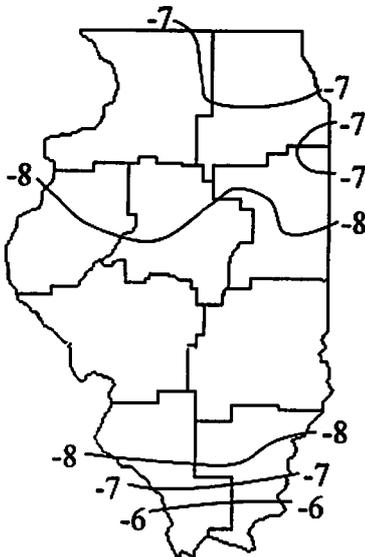
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
Nov. 2 - 8						
Northwest	36.6	44.1	-7.6	0.37	0.39	-0.02
Northeast	37.8	44.8	-6.9	0.21	0.48	-0.27
West	38.5	46.8	-8.3	2.33	0.45	1.89
Central	37.9	46.3	-8.5	1.07	0.45	0.62
East	38.6	46.3	-7.7	0.59	0.51	0.08
W Southwest	39.0	48.2	-9.2	2.31	0.49	1.81
E Southeast	39.7	48.6	-8.9	1.47	0.57	0.90
Southwest	42.7	50.1	-7.4	1.06	0.71	0.35
Southeast	43.3	50.4	-7.2	0.75	0.67	0.08
State	39.1	47.1	-8.0	1.15	0.52	0.63

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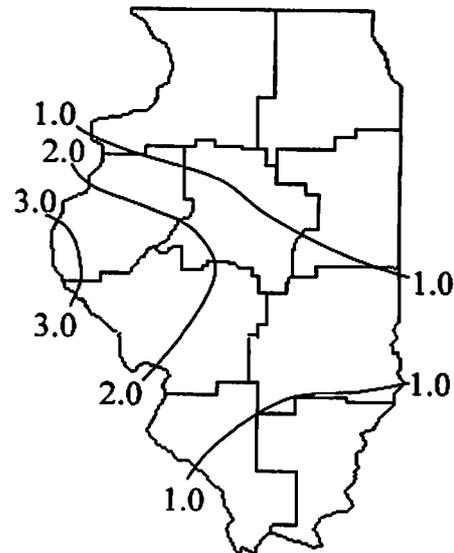
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Temperature Departure
November 2 - 8



Precipitation Total
November 2 - 8

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