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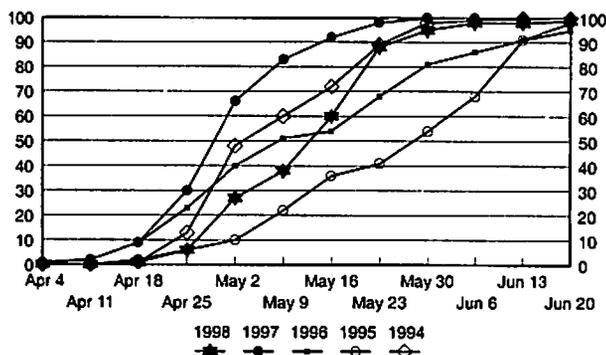
Farmers took advantage of the 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork and are planting oats at a record pace. As of April 4, 67 percent of the crop had been planted compared to 17 percent last year and 25 percent for the five-year average. In addition, many are preparing equipment and tilling soil, anxious to plant corn, with some farmers ahead of schedule due to dry soils from a lack of precipitation prior to the weekend. As of April 4, one percent of the corn crop had been planted. The wheat crop condition remained steady and was rated seven percent excellent, 61 percent good, 29 percent fair, two percent poor and one percent very poor. Other activities for the first week of April included hauling grain, spreading fertilizer and continuing to apply anhydrous ammonia and herbicide.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 1999	: 1998	: 5-Year Average
April 4			
CORN:			
Planted	1	1/	1/
OATS:			
Planted	67	17	25

1/ Less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Planted
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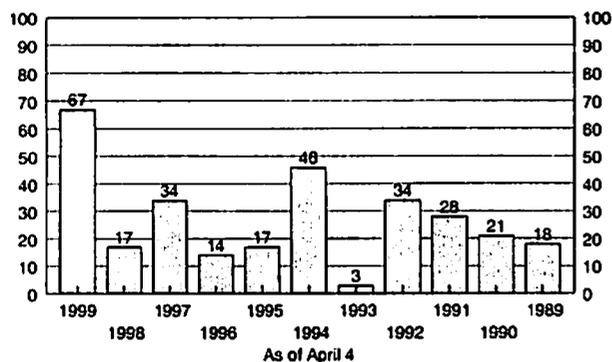
Crop Conditions

Crop	:	Very Poor	:	Poor	:	Fair	:	Good	:	Excellent
						April 2				
Winter Wheat	:	1		2		29		61		7
Alfalfa	:	1		3		28		61		7
Pasture	:	2		7		36		49		6

The charts on this page are available from the World Wide Web site noted on the front page. There are also additional charts at the site that are not shown here.

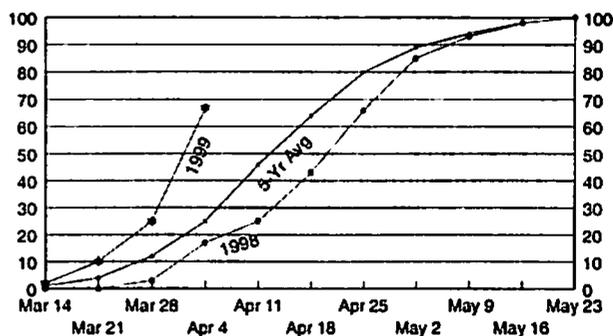
Oats - Percent Seeded

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Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	:	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	:	Topsoil Moisture	:	Very Short	:	Short	:	Adequate	:	Surplus
		March 27 - April 2						April 2				
Northwest	:	6.7				4		51		45		-
Northeast	:	6.3				13		44		43		-
West	:	6.4				2		34		62		2
Central	:	6.6				5		49		46		-
East	:	7.0				8		25		59		8
W Southwest	:	5.4				1		20		78		1
E Southeast	:	4.4				-		11		83		6
Southwest	:	2.3				-		-		69		31
Southeast	:	2.0				-		-		40		60
State	:	5.7				4		30		59		7

Weather Summary

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation
----- March 29 - April 4, 1999 -----				
Aurora	77	24	13.0	0.31
Bentley	79	35	14.0	0.70
Bloomington	80	27	9.0	0.40
Brownstown	78	34	9.0	0.94
Carbondale	79	34	9.0	2.31

Carlinville	81	35	9.0	0.66
Champaign	80	27	10.0	0.23
Chicago	75	34	14.0	0.12
De Kalb	77	33	15.0	0.25
Decatur	78	31	11.0	0.00

Flora	79	33	10.0	2.53
Freeport	75	31	16.0	0.37
Galesburg	77	33	14.0	0.42
Hutsonville	76	32	6.0	0.98
Iuka	79	38	8.0	2.73

Kewanee	76	29	12.0	0.31
Lake Villa	76	38	17.0	0.30
Lawrenceville	76	33	5.0	1.18
Lebanon	81	36	7.0	1.27
Lincoln	80	23	7.0	0.59

McHenry	76	31	15.0	0.46
Moline	76	30	15.0	1.02
Morris	78	32	13.0	0.32
Morrisonville	80	32	9.0	0.44
Mount Carroll	76	28	15.0	0.37

Mt Vernon	77	34	8.0	2.47
Newton	76	37	9.0	1.06
Olive Branch	79	36	6.0	2.41
Ottawa	79	34	13.0	0.20
Paris	77	34	9.0	0.00

Park Forest	76	31	14.0	0.33
Paw Paw	79	31	14.0	0.32
Peoria	77	32	12.0	0.45
Pontiac	79	30	12.0	0.34
Quincy	78	38	13.0	0.51

Rochelle	77	32	13.0	0.64
Rockford	76	30	15.0	0.30
Springfield	81	27	11.0	0.87
Windsor	78	29	12.0	0.55

Departure is from the overall average for the week during the 1961-90 period.

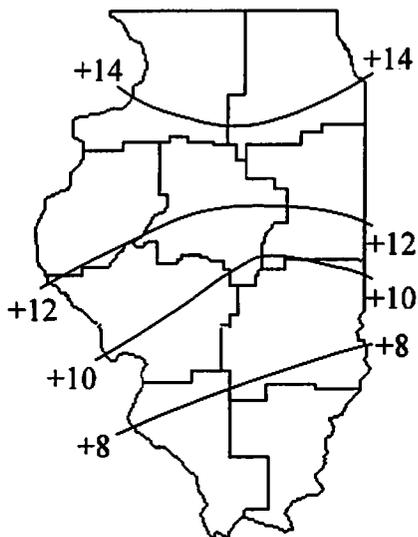
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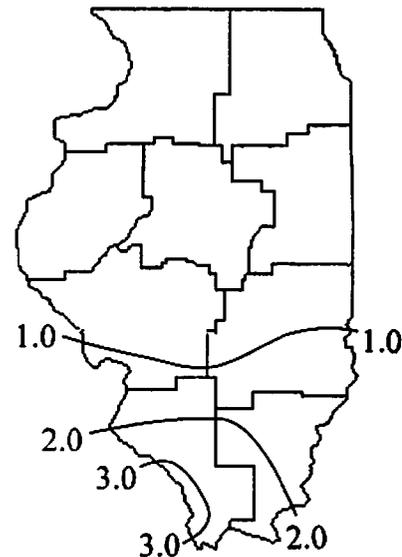
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Temperature Departure
March 29 - April 4



Precipitation Total
March 29 - April 4

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