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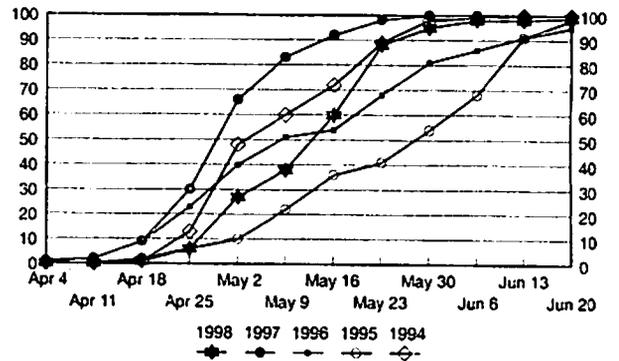
Above average rainfall across the state was met with mixed reviews last week. For farmers in the northern districts where soil conditions were dry, showers were welcomed and helped improve crop conditions. However, the rainfall was not as welcome in the southern districts, where the reported topsoil moisture is mostly surplus. Statewide the rain had a beneficial impact, improving crop conditions for wheat and alfalfa. Farmers continued seeding oats at a near record pace, and in some fields the crop is already beginning to emerge. As of April 11, 84 percent of the crop had been planted, compared to 25 percent last year and 46 percent for the five-year average. Preparation continued for the planting of the corn crop, as farmers were busy tilling land, applying herbicides and fertilizer and preparing equipment. Other activities for the week included hauling grain, picking up seed and seeding filter strips and waterways.

Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 1999	: 1998	: 5-Year Average
April 11			
CORN:			
Planted	2	<u>1</u> /	1
OATS:			
Planted	84	25	46

1/ Less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Planted Illinois



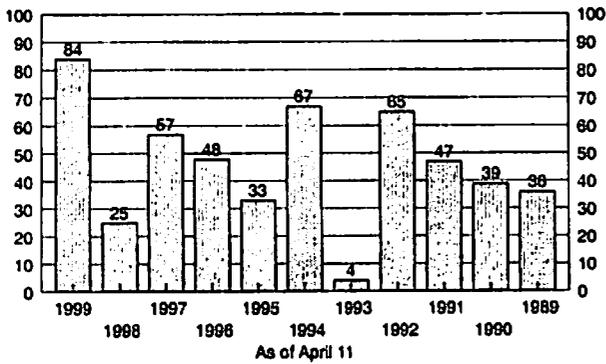
Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
	April 9				
Winter Wheat	-	2	18	67	13
Alfalfa	-	1	20	70	9
Pasture	1	1	22	67	9

There are additional charts at the World Wide Web site that are not shown here.

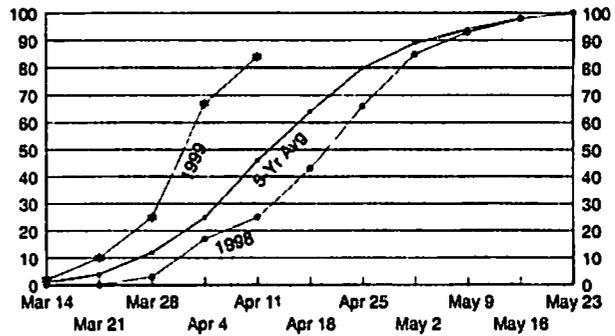
Oats - Percent Seeded

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Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable	Topsoil Moisture			
	for Fieldwork	: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus
	April 3 - 9	April 9			
Northwest	3.3	-	1	88	11
Northeast	5.0	-	18	78	4
West	3.8	-	22	73	5
Central	4.2	2	23	66	9
East	3.9	12	34	52	2
W Southwest	3.2	-	9	73	18
E Southeast	2.2	-	2	31	67
Southwest	0.6	-	-	25	75
Southeast	0.3	-	-	3	97
State	3.2	2	13	59	26

Weather Summary

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation	Growing Degree Days
April 5 - 11, 1999					
Aurora	77	31	7.0	1.36	28
Bentley	80	43	9.0	0.89	49
Bloomington	79	39	5.0	0.43	34
Brownstown	78	42	11.0	0.90	80
Carbondale	77	49	11.0	1.19	100
Carlinville	80	44	8.0	0.85	68
Champaign	77	37	9.0	1.58	50
Chicago	77	33	6.0	1.76	25
De Kalb	78	37	7.0	0.98	20
Decatur	75	40	6.0	1.44	48
Flora	78	42	10.0	0.57	83
Freeport	76	35	5.0	1.23	10
Galesburg	79	42	7.0	0.50	35
Hutsonville	73	41	6.0	1.60	57
Iuka	77	46	8.0	1.13	78
Kewanee	78	35	6.0	1.19	23
Lake Villa	76	35	8.0	1.81	21
Lawrenceville	76	43	6.0	1.29	63
Lebanon	79	47	8.0	1.30	79
Lincoln	78	37	6.0	1.02	36
McHenry	78	37	7.0	1.26	14
Moline	79	40	7.0	0.90	29
Morris	78	38	7.0	0.96	32
Morrisonville	78	46	7.0	0.82	61
Mount Carroll	79	31	7.0	1.98	16
Mt Vernon	77	47	11.0	0.67	89
Newton	74	44	9.0	0.58	64
Olive Branch	77	49	9.0	0.99	98
Ottawa	80	39	7.0	0.96	40
Paris	74	42	6.0	0.53	50
Park Forest	75	37	7.0	1.52	24
Paw Paw	77	34	6.0	0.53	14
Peoria	80	38	9.0	0.32	47
Pontiac	77	39	7.0	1.36	35
Quincy	79	45	8.0	1.16	58
Rochelle	78	36	5.0	1.16	17
Rockford	77	34	7.0	1.34	19
Springfield	80	41	8.0	0.99	59
Windsor	76	41	7.0	0.61	56

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

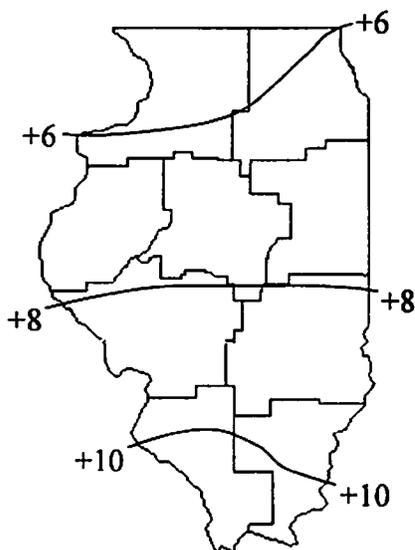
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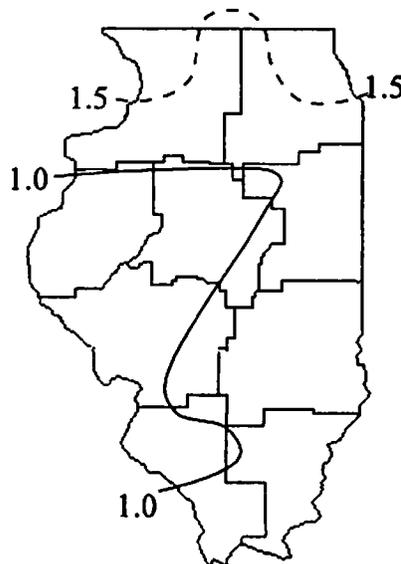
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Temperature Departure
April 5 - 11



Precipitation Total
April 5 - 11

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