

# ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



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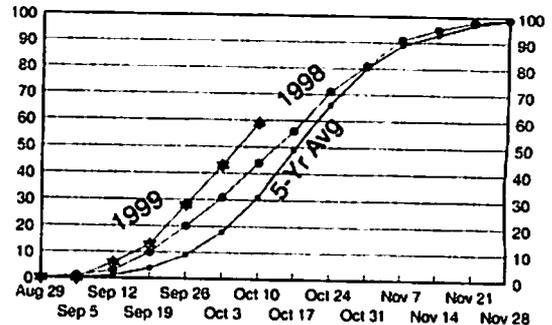
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With 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork last week, harvest progressed steadily. Statewide, corn harvest is ahead of normal with 59 percent complete compared to 44 percent last year and a five-year average of 31 percent. Soybean harvest is 51 percent complete, compared to 47 percent last year and a five-year average of 55 percent. Progress continues to vary across the state with farmers nearest completion in the southern portion of the state. Winter wheat seeding is at a rapid pace with 36 percent complete as of October 10. At this time last year, 16 percent of the crop had been seeded and the five-year average is 30 percent. Other activities for last week include hauling grain, spreading fertilizer and applying for LDP's.

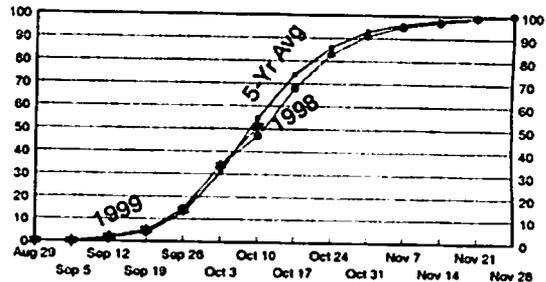
### Crop Progress

Crop Stage	1999	1998	5-Year Average
October 10			
<b>CORN:</b>			
Mature	99	98	94
Harvested	59	44	31
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>			
Shedding leaves	98	94	93
Harvested	51	47	55
<b>SORGHUM:</b>			
Mature	91	83	78
Harvested	51	28	19
<b>WINTER WHEAT:</b>			
Seeded	36	16	30
Emerged	3	5	6

**Corn - Percent Harvested**  
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**Soybeans - Percent Harvested**  
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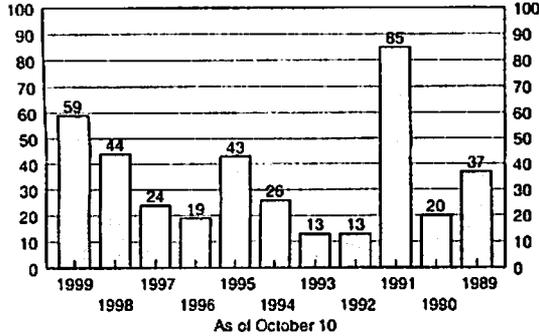


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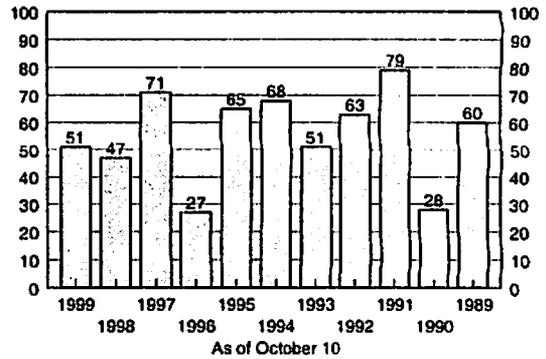
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
October 8					
Pasture	22	21	35	21	1

These and additional charts are available on our World Wide Web site.

**Corn - Percent Harvested**  
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**Soybeans - Percent Harvested**  
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**Crop Progress by District**

District	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Shedding Leaves	Soybeans Harvested
October 10			
Northwest	39	99	40
Northeast	29	99	39
West	54	99	35
Central	72	99	51
East	62	99	54
W Southwest	76	99	54
E Southeast	72	96	63
Southwest	80	92	60
Southeast	91	89	69

**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture**

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork		Topsoil Moisture		
	October 2 - 8	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 2 - 8					
Northwest	4.9	-	10	82	8
Northeast	5.1	-	34	66	-
West	4.5	5	31	64	-
Central	5.5	-	10	90	-
East	4.6	4	30	59	7
W Southwest	4.6	2	61	37	-
E Southeast	5.4	15	25	59	1
Southwest	5.6	41	34	25	-
Southeast	6.5	38	62	-	-
October 8					
State	5.1	9	30	59	2

**Weather Summary**

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation
October 4 - 10				
<b>Northwest:</b>				
Freeport	74	32	-4	0.62
Kewanee	75	33	-3	0.80
Moline	77	37	-1	0.44
Mount Carroll	77	31	-3	0.40
Paw Paw	73	32	-5	0.71
Rochelle	74	34	-4	0.53
Rockford	74	34	-3	0.55
<b>Northeast:</b>				
Aurora	74	33	-4	0.76
Chicago	73	36	-3	0.79
De Kalb	74	34	-4	0.62
Lake Villa	68	38	-4	0.67
McHenry	71	34	-4	0.76
Morris	75	35	-2	0.91
Ottawa	77	34	-6	0.72
Park Forest	73	36	-4	1.16
<b>West:</b>				
Bentley	78	37	-2	0.70
Galesburg	82	38	3	0.61
Quincy	77	36	-3	0.80
<b>Central:</b>				
Bloomington	78	34	-5	1.38
Decatur	75	34	-5	1.91
Lincoln	77	31	-5	1.04
Peoria	75	36	-2	0.99
<b>East:</b>				
Champaign	76	31	-4	1.90
Pontiac	74	34	-6	1.06
<b>West Southwest:</b>				
Carlinville	78	34	-4	2.02
Morrisonville	77	31	-5	1.86
Springfield	77	32	-4	1.54
<b>East Southeast:</b>				
Brownstown	80	33	-2	2.06
Flora	76	32	-2	2.90
Hutsonville	76	33	-5	1.59
Iuka	81	31	-4	1.35
Lawrenceville	80	37	-3	2.30
Newton	74	32	-4	1.32
Paris	76	33	-4	1.65
Windsor	77	33	-3	1.59
<b>Southwest:</b>				
Carbondale	82	32	-2	2.87
Lebanon	79	34	-4	1.51
Olive Branch	82	33	-3	2.96
<b>Southeast:</b>				
Mt Vernon	80	31	-4	1.87

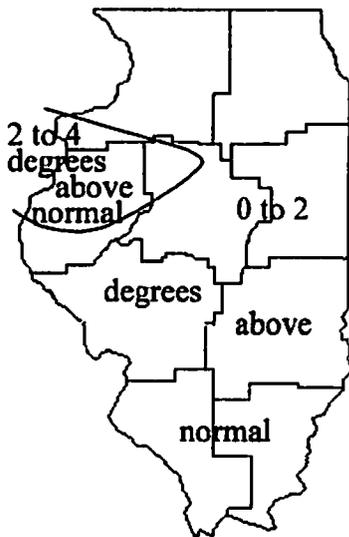
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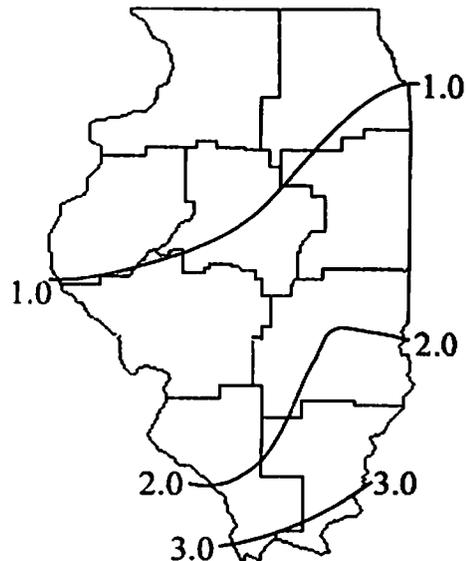
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Temperature Departure  
October 4 - 10



Precipitation Total  
October 4 - 10

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