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Rains across the state slowed or halted field work, but farmers still used the 2.6 days suitable to continue the record pace for planting corn last week. Statewide, 31 percent was planted as of April 23 compared to seven percent last year and 11 percent for the five-year average. The West Southwest District is leading the state with 74 percent in the ground, while farmers in the northern districts are waiting for warmer, drier weather and only have nine to 12 percent planted. The cool temperatures have significantly slowed emergence of the early planted corn, with only three percent emerged as of April 23. Those farmers who finished their corn planting have begun planting soybeans, with two percent already in the ground. Topsoil conditions improved dramatically with the recent showers, increasing from 29 percent adequate or surplus last week to 68 percent this week. Reports indicate that the ground absorbed the rainfall without erosion damage or run-off. Good soaking rains should recharge the subsoil, but more will be needed to replenish ponds and wells. Oat planting progressed to 91 percent as of April 23 compared to 92 percent last year and the five-year average of 76 percent. The winter wheat crop is reported to be a week or two ahead of normal with one percent already headed. One respondent in the southwest said "We look for harvest by the first of June". That would also give an early start to planting double-crop soybeans. The wheat condition was rated four percent poor, 17 percent fair, 63 percent good and 16 percent excellent. Other activities last week consisted of preparing and maintaining equipment, tending to livestock and cleaning up damage from thunderstorms.

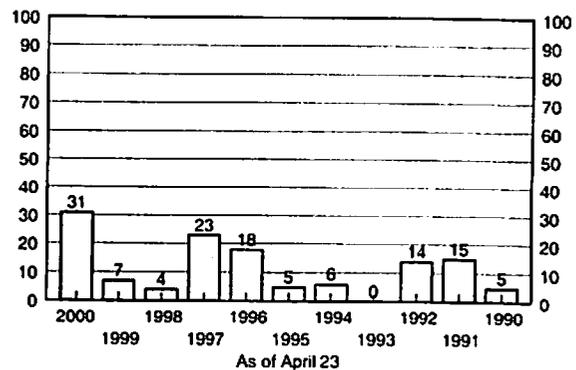
### Crop Progress

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 Crop Stage : 2000 : 1999 : 5-Year Average  
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April 23

<b>CORN:</b>			
Planted	31	7	11
Emerged	3	2	N/A
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>			
Planted	2	0	0
<b>WHEAT:</b>			
Headed	1	0	0
<b>OATS:</b>			
Planted	91	92	76

**Corn - Percent Planted**  
 Illinois



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 N/A Not available.

**Crop Conditions**

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
	April 21				
Winter Wheat	0	4	17	63	16
Alfalfa	0	2	21	60	17
Pasture	0	5	31	55	9

**Crop Progress by Districts**

District	: Corn Planted
	April 23
Northwest	9
Northeast	12
West	28
Central	29
East	30
W Southwest	74
E Southeast	32
Southwest	40
Southeast	36
State	31

**Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture**

District	: Days Suitable : for Fieldwork	: Topsoil Moisture			
		: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus
	April 15-21		April 21		
Northwest	2.7	0	8	79	13
Northeast	1.8	0	2	58	40
West	3.1	11	54	34	1
Central	2.1	2	23	72	3
East	1.4	10	20	60	10
W Southwest	3.6	12	48	39	1
E Southeast	2.2	7	24	51	18
Southwest	3.9	7	30	56	7
Southeast	3.8	0	16	69	15
State	2.6	6	26	57	11

**Weather Summary**

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation
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April 17 - 23				
<b>Northwest:</b>				
Freeport	68	33	-3	2.20
Kewanee	68	31	-3	2.98
Moline	70	33	1	3.38
Mount Carroll	69	30	-2	2.29
Paw Paw	70	33	-2	2.48
Rochelle	66	33	-4	2.66
Rockford	66	30	-2	2.76
<b>Northeast:</b>				
Aurora	68	31	-2	2.72
Chicago	65	31	-3	4.43
De Kalb	65	32	-4	2.84
Lake Villa	63	34	-3	3.12
McHenry	64	32	-4	3.32
Morris	67	33	-2	2.54
Ottawa	72	33	-3	2.91
Park Forest	66	32	-3	3.16
<b>West:</b>				
Bentley	75	36	1	1.35
Galesburg	71	20	-4	0.84
Quincy	75	38	2	0.41
<b>Central:</b>				
Bloomington	78	36	-2	1.06
Decatur	74	35	-4	0.87
Lincoln	74	36	-2	1.95
Peoria	74	36	2	1.72
<b>East:</b>				
Champaign	74	33	-1	0.98
Pontiac	70	34	-3	1.69
<b>West Southwest:</b>				
Carlinville	80	37	-3	0.16
Morrisonville	78	34	-3	0.70
Springfield	75	32	0	0.75
<b>East Southeast:</b>				
Brownstown	78	36	-2	1.21
Flora	80	33	-2	0.55
Hutsonville	76	36	-4	1.60
Iuka	79	36	-3	0.37
Lawrenceville	76	36	-4	1.32
Newton	73	37	-5	0.82
Paris	73	37	-3	2.61
Windsor	77	36	-2	1.46
<b>Southwest:</b>				
Carbondale	81	31	0	0.44
Lebanon	81	40	-2	1.07
Olive Branch	82	37	-3	0.65
<b>Southeast:</b>				
Mt Vernon	79	34	-3	0.72

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

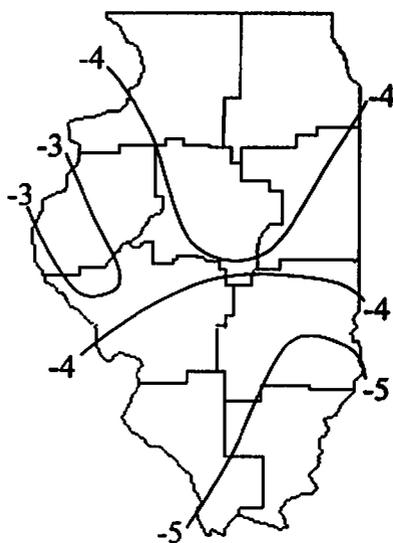
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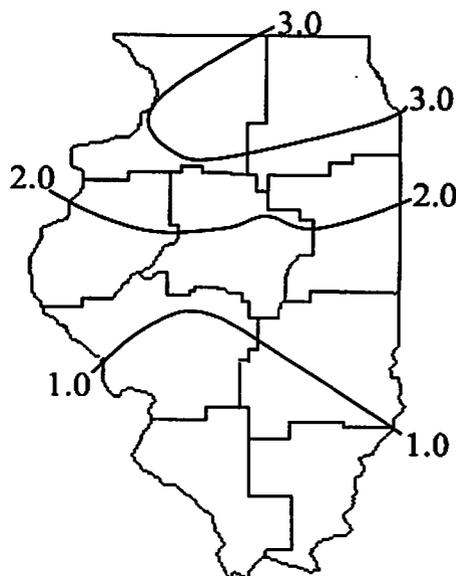
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Temperature Departure  
April 17 - 23



Precipitation Total  
April 17 - 23

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