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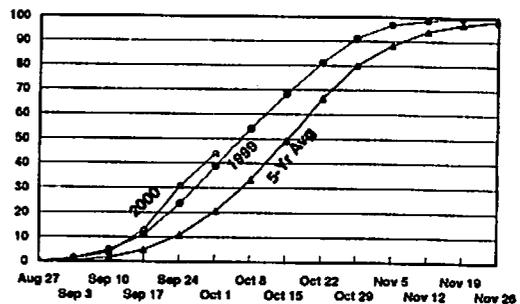
Weekend rains slowed harvest progress and delayed the opening day of the Farm Progress Show near Cantrall until Wednesday. Weather conditions after the rains were ideal for drying down the crops. Priority was given to harvesting the worst lodged corn fields first and then switching to soybeans as the week progressed. Downed soybeans were slowing harvest and raising losses in the West Southwest District. Rains fell most everywhere across the state but were heaviest in the south where soil conditions were becoming soft. Corn stalk quality continues to be a great concern in every area of the state with the excess moisture which fell the last three months as one of the main culprits. Several corn reels were being installed to pick up the downed corn with one farmer reportedly putting his grain platform on to harvest his worst lodged corn field! Corn harvest progressed to 44 percent harvested as of September 24 compared to 39 percent last year and the average of 21 percent. Soybean harvest stood at 30 percent complete compared to 28 percent last year and the average of 23 percent. Other activities last week included filling out LDP paperwork, chisel plowing, chopping silage, baling hay, sowing wheat and attending the Farm Progress Show.

Crop Progress

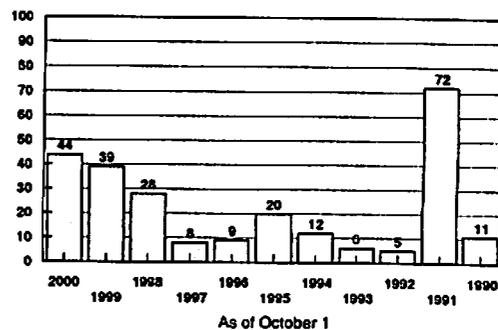
| Crop Stage | 2000 | 1999 | 5-Year Average |
|----------------------|------|------|----------------|
| October 1 | | | |
| CORN: | | | |
| Mature | 99 | 97 | 83 |
| Harvested | 44 | 39 | 21 |
| SOYBEANS: | | | |
| Turning yellow | 98 | 97 | 93 |
| Shedding leaves | 92 | 87 | 78 |
| Harvested | 30 | 28 | 23 |
| SORGHUM: | | | |
| Mature | 81 | 84 | 55 |
| Harvested | 13 | 18 | 6 |
| WINTER WHEAT: | | | |
| Seeded | 4 | 6 | 5 |
| Emerged | 1/ | 0 | 1 |

1/ Less than one percent

Corn - Percent Harvested
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Corn - Percent Harvested
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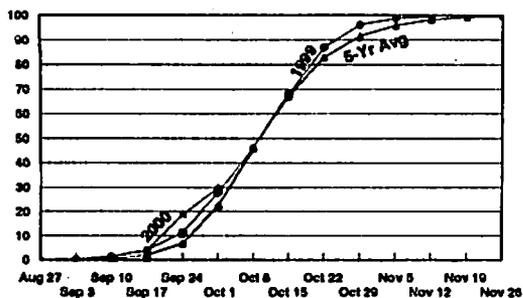
Crop Conditions

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|------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|
| Crop | : Very Poor | : Poor | : Fair | : Good | : Excellent |
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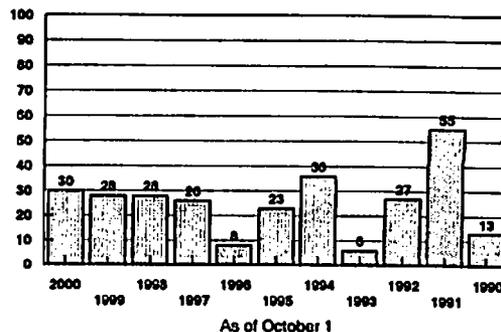
September 29

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|---------|---|---|----|----|---|
| Pasture | 2 | 9 | 33 | 48 | 8 |
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Soybeans - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Harvested
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Crop Progress by Districts

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| District | : Corn : Mature | : Corn : Harvested | : Soybeans : Shedding : Leaves | : Soybeans : Harvested |
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October 1

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|-------------|----|----|----|----|
| Northwest | 99 | 16 | 96 | 18 |
| Northeast | 98 | 24 | 94 | 24 |
| West | 99 | 47 | 96 | 26 |
| Central | 99 | 66 | 96 | 35 |
| East | 99 | 59 | 98 | 46 |
| W Southwest | 98 | 50 | 96 | 30 |
| E Southeast | 96 | 35 | 87 | 27 |
| Southwest | 97 | 66 | 81 | 28 |
| Southeast | 96 | 51 | 75 | 24 |

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

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|----------|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| District | : Days Suitable : for Fieldwork | : Very Short | : Topsoil Moisture : Short | : Adequate | : Surplus |
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|-------------|-------------------|----|--------------|----|----|
| | September 23 - 29 | | September 29 | | |
| Northwest | 4.8 | 0 | 9 | 86 | 5 |
| Northeast | 5.0 | 0 | 32 | 61 | 7 |
| West | 4.5 | 4 | 23 | 69 | 4 |
| Central | 4.9 | 1 | 21 | 76 | 2 |
| East | 5.0 | 10 | 27 | 52 | 11 |
| W Southwest | 3.6 | 1 | 3 | 69 | 27 |
| E Southeast | 3.9 | 0 | 1 | 66 | 33 |
| Southwest | 4.6 | 1 | 2 | 85 | 12 |
| Southeast | 4.7 | 3 | 10 | 66 | 21 |

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| State | 4.6 | 2 | 14 | 71 | 13 |
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Weather Summary

| Location : | Maximum : | Temperature Minimum : | Departure : | Precipitation : |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| September 25 - October 1 | | | | |
| Northwest: | | | | |
| Freeport | 76 | 38 | -2 | 0.00 |
| Kewanee | 76 | 37 | -5 | 0.24 |
| Moline | 79 | 39 | 0 | 0.44 |
| Mount Carroll | 78 | 34 | -1 | 0.00 |
| Paw Paw | 75 | 37 | -4 | 0.03 |
| Rochelle | 77 | 38 | -3 | 0.00 |
| Rockford | 77 | 38 | -2 | 0.00 |
| Northeast: | | | | |
| Aurora | 77 | 34 | -3 | 0.01 |
| Chicago | 77 | 42 | -2 | 0.01 |
| De Kalb | 77 | 38 | -3 | 0.00 |
| Lake Villa | 75 | 39 | -2 | 0.00 |
| McHenry | 78 | 37 | -3 | 0.00 |
| Morris | 78 | 37 | -3 | 0.00 |
| Ottawa | 79 | 40 | -4 | 0.03 |
| Park Forest | 77 | 38 | -5 | 0.00 |
| West: | | | | |
| Bentley | 78 | 39 | -3 | 0.60 |
| Galesburg | 78 | 38 | -3 | 0.39 |
| Quincy | 79 | 38 | -3 | 0.58 |
| Central: | | | | |
| Bloomington | 79 | 37 | -7 | 0.35 |
| Decatur | 78 | 37 | -7 | 0.97 |
| Lincoln | 80 | 34 | -6 | 0.52 |
| Peoria | 78 | 37 | -4 | 0.34 |
| East: | | | | |
| Champaign | 79 | 34 | -5 | 0.98 |
| Pontiac | 78 | 37 | -4 | 0.28 |
| West Southwest: | | | | |
| Carlinville | 79 | 37 | -7 | 1.28 |
| Morrisonville | 79 | 34 | -6 | 1.37 |
| Springfield | 80 | 35 | -4 | 0.98 |
| East Southeast: | | | | |
| Brownstown | 78 | 37 | -6 | 1.96 |
| Flora | 80 | 37 | -6 | 4.98 |
| Hutsonville | 76 | 38 | -8 | 1.74 |
| Iuka | 78 | 35 | -8 | 2.04 |
| Lawrenceville | 78 | 40 | -8 | 2.19 |
| Newton | 75 | 37 | -8 | 2.10 |
| Paris | 76 | 37 | -8 | 1.45 |
| Windsor | 80 | 38 | -6 | 2.25 |
| Southwest: | | | | |
| Carbondale | 79 | 38 | -8 | 1.19 |
| Lebanon | 79 | 41 | -8 | 2.43 |
| Olive Branch | 79 | 40 | -7 | 1.09 |
| Southeast: | | | | |
| Mt Vernon | 75 | 37 | -9 | 1.77 |

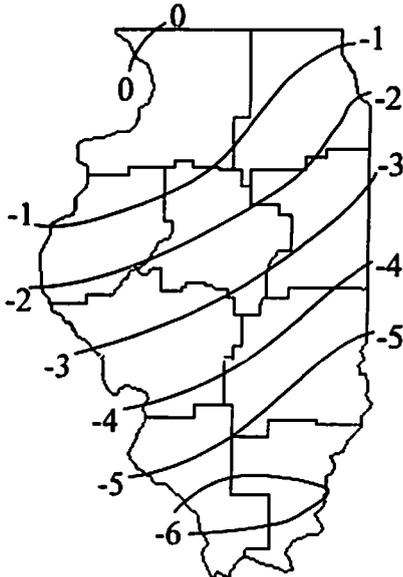
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 Departure is from the overall average for the week during the 1961-90 period.

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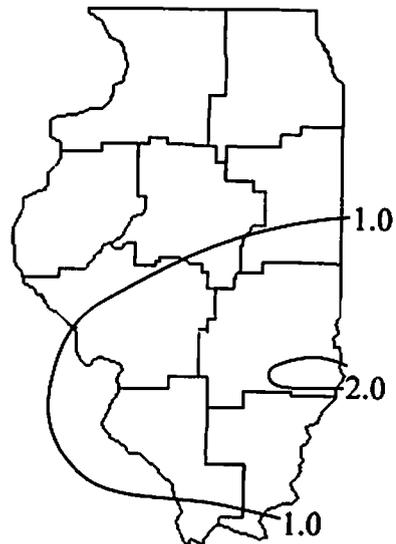
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Temperature (°F) Departure
September 25 - October 1



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 25 - October 1

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