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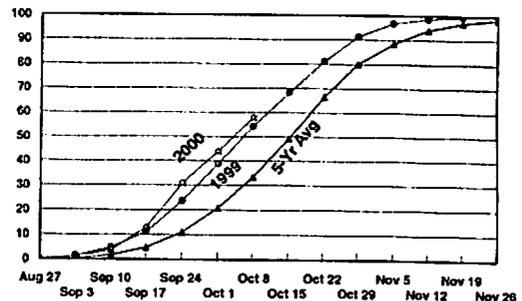
Agricultural Summary

Rains during the middle of the week slowed harvest down again and, when coupled with high winds, caused more damage to the crops. Some fields that are flat are beginning to rot in the mud. Areas in the West Southwest and East Southeast Districts received the most rain, with reports of over seven inches. As of October 6, topsoil moisture was rated 28 percent surplus, 64 percent adequate, seven percent short and one percent very short. Using the 4.4 days that were suitable for fieldwork, farmers were able to harvest 14 percent more of the corn crop last week, reaching 58 percent harvested statewide. They are slightly ahead of last year's 54 percent and well ahead of the five-year average of 33 percent. Soybean harvest stood at 53 percent complete compared to last year's progress and the five-year average of 46 percent. Some downed soybeans are slowing harvest and raising losses. The cool, wet conditions are also causing winter wheat producers to fall behind, with only 12 percent seeded by October 8, compared to 28 percent last year and an average of 20 percent. Other activities last week included fall tillage and fertilizing, repairing equipment and caring for livestock.

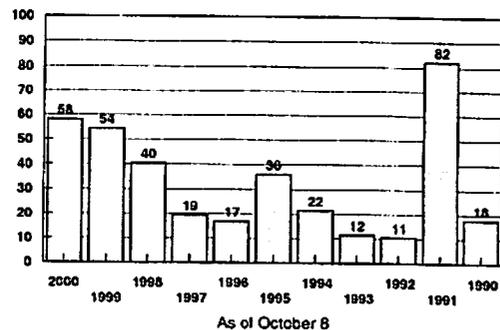
Crop Progress Table

Crop Stage	2000	1999	5-Year Average
October 8			
CORN:			
Harvested	58	54	33
SOYBEANS:			
Shedding leaves	97	96	90
Harvested	53	46	46
SORGHUM:			
Mature	92	90	74
Harvested	32	42	18
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	12	28	20
Emerged	1	2	3

Corn - Percent Harvested
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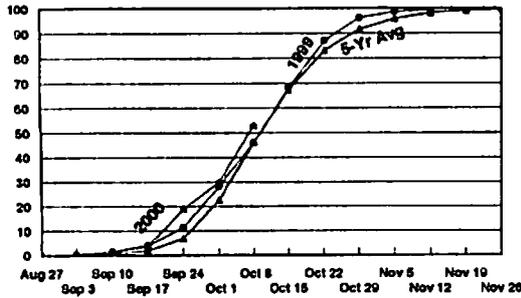
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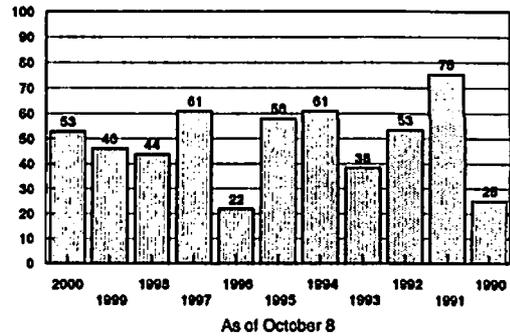
Crop Condition Table

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
October 6					
Pasture	2	7	25	53	13

**Soybeans - Percent Harvested
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Crop Progress by Districts Table

District	: Corn		: Soybeans	
	: Harvested	: Shedding	: Leaves	: Soybeans Harvested
October 8				
Northwest	30	99	99	53
Northeast	33	97	97	56
West	61	99	99	41
Central	76	99	99	57
East	76	99	99	63
W Southwest	70	98	98	50
E Southeast	49	97	97	49
Southwest	76	93	93	50
Southeast	77	87	87	48

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	: Days Suitable for Fieldwork		: Topsoil Moisture		
	: Sept. 30 - Oct. 6	: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus
Sept. 30 - Oct. 6					
Northwest	4.3	0	3	88	9
Northeast	4.6	0	6	85	9
West	3.6	3	16	75	6
Central	4.4	0	13	75	12
East	4.3	2	10	65	23
W Southwest	4.1	0	1	53	46
E Southeast	3.9	0	0	15	85
Southwest	5.6	2	12	68	18
Southeast	6.8	13	18	52	17
October 6					
State	4.4	1	7	64	28

Weather Information Table

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation
October 2 - 8				
Northwest:				
Freeport	82	29	-3	0.67
Kewanee	82	28	-4	1.48
Moline	84	29	-3	1.17
Mount Carroll	81	28	-2	0.78
Paw Paw	82	23	-5	0.90
Rochelle	83	27	-4	0.82
Rockford	82	28	-3	0.71
Northeast:				
Aurora	83	27	-2	1.20
Chicago	83	31	-2	0.90
De Kalb	82	29	-3	0.99
Lake Villa	81	30	-3	2.13
McHenry	82	29	-3	1.07
Morris	82	28	-2	1.52
Ottawa	83	28	-5	1.96
Park Forest	82	30	-3	1.75
West:				
Bentley	83	27	-5	1.56
Galesburg	79	20	-6	1.56
Quincy	84	27	-5	1.11
Central:				
Bloomington	84	32	-4	1.58
Decatur	84	29	-4	1.89
Lincoln	85	29	-3	1.57
Peoria	84	28	-3	1.25
East:				
Champaign	86	27	-2	1.43
Pontiac	83	29	-3	2.20
West Southwest:				
Carlinville	86	30	-3	2.10
Morrisonville	86	30	-4	4.06
Springfield	85	29	-3	1.44
East Southeast:				
Brownstown	87	30	1	1.32
Flora	86	29	-3	1.19
Hutsonville	85	30	-2	4.61
Iuka	87	28	-3	1.73
Lawrenceville	85	32	-2	1.57
Newton	83	29	-2	1.87
Paris	84	30	-3	3.50
Windsor	84	30	-5	4.69
Southwest:				
Carbondale	87	30	3	0.04
Lebanon	89	30	-3	0.26
Olive Branch	88	31	3	0.56
Southeast:				
Mt Vernon	85	31	0	0.12

Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
 Departure is from the overall average for the week during the 1961-90 period.

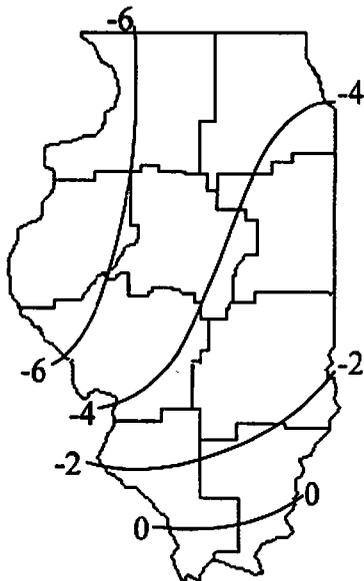
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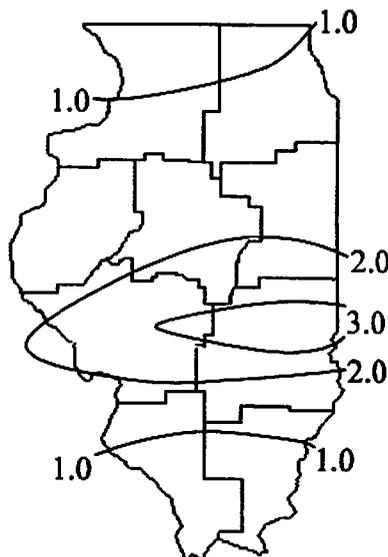
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Temperature (°F) Departure
October 2 - 8



Precipitation (in.) Total
October 2 - 8

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