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Agricultural Summary

Harvest progress gained momentum last week with only minor delays from light rain showers during last week's near ideal harvest conditions. Temperatures dropped to record or near record lows in several locations across the state on Tuesday and Wednesday. Light frost in low lying areas was common across many areas of the state, but only minimal damage to the upper soybean plant leaves were reported. Farmers across the southern half of the state were switching from harvesting corn to soybeans as the beans dried down enough to harvest. Then, in far southern Illinois, farmers were switching back to corn as they were completing harvest on all their early soybean varieties. In northern Illinois seed corn harvest and chopping silage was in full swing and farmers were just getting serious about harvesting corn and soybeans as many varieties are still a week away from being ready. Ground preparations and wheat seeding were occurring last week as quickly as farmers harvested their soybean crop. Corn harvested statewide, as of September 30, was 31 percent complete but varied from 83 percent in the Southwest to just five percent in the Northeast. Soybean harvest progressed to 28 percent complete varying from 46 percent in the central region to just eight percent in the northeast. Farmers spent time waiting in elevator lines last week calculating average yields and current LDP rates, or they attended the Farm Progress Show in Indiana if they had a rain out day.

Crop Progress Table

Crop Stage : : : 5-Year
: 2001 : 2000 : Average

September 30

CORN:

Mature	94	98	82
Harvested	31	42	24

SOYBEANS:

Turning yellow	98	98	92
Shedding leaves	87	91	77
Harvested	28	28	21

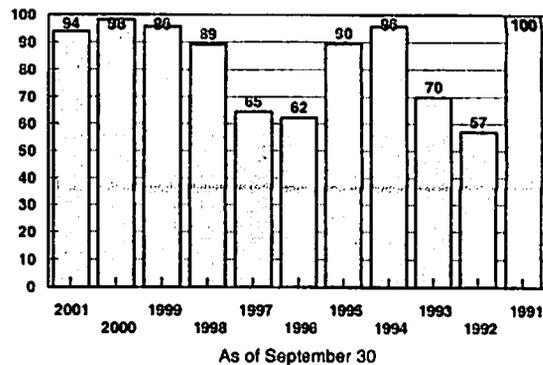
SORGHUM:

Coloring	94	99	95
Mature	82	84	62
Harvested	37	12	7

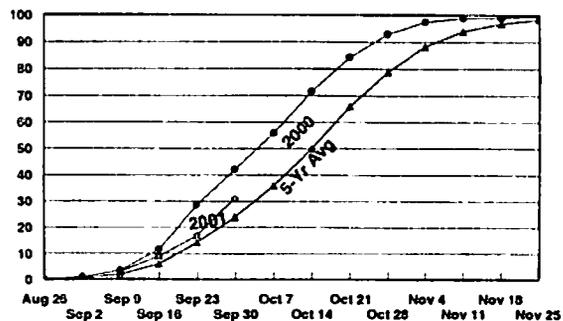
WINTER WHEAT:

Seeded	10	4	4
Emerged	1	0	0

Corn - Percent Mature Illinois



Corn - Percent Harvested Illinois



Crop Conditions

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
September 28					
Pasture	3	10	38	43	6

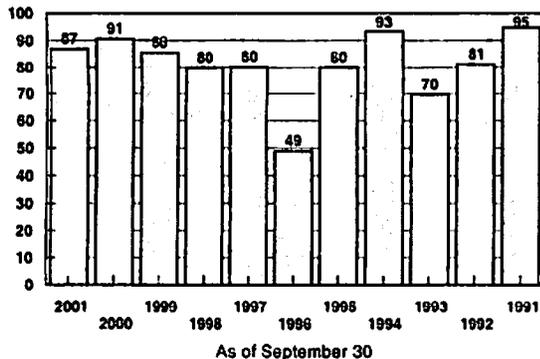
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork		Topsoil Moisture			
	September 22 - 28	September 28	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	5.3	-	3	94	3	
Northeast	5.1	5	9	80	6	
West	5.8	-	15	84	1	
Central	6.7	-	17	82	1	
East	6.1	1	9	86	4	
W Southwest	6.4	-	11	89	-	
E Southeast	6.8	3	22	72	3	
Southwest	6.5	2	44	54	-	
Southeast	7.0	10	35	53	2	
State	6.1	3	15	80	2	

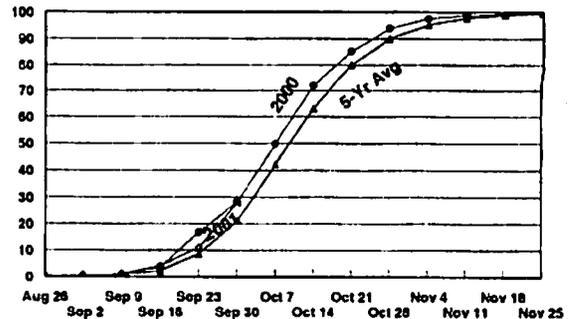
Crop Progress by Districts

District	Corn		Soybeans		
	Mature	Harvested	Turning yellow	Shedding leaves	Harvested
September 30					
Northwest	93	9	96	81	8
Northeast	90	5	99	89	9
West	94	23	97	85	12
Central	98	40	100	88	46
East	98	27	99	95	28
W. Southwest	98	53	99	91	29
E. Southeast	97	43	96	84	44
Southwest	98	83	95	80	33
Southeast	100	70	98	80	27

Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
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Soybeans - Percent Harvested
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Weather Information Table

Location	Temperature		Departure	Precipitation
	Maximum	Minimum		
September 24 - 30				
Northwest:				
Freeport	70	35	-8	1.15
Kewanee	70	37	-9	0.39
Moline	72	37	-7	0.29
Mount Carroll	70	32	-7	0.10
Paw Paw	71	33	-8	0.52
Rochelle	69	35	-9	0.64
Rockford	69	35	-7	0.51
Northeast:				
Aurora	69	37	-9	0.60
Chicago	69	40	-7	0.53
De Kalb	68	35	-9	1.30
Lake Villa	67	37	-8	0.67
McHenry	67	37	-9	0.44
Morris	70	37	-7	0.30
Ottawa	73	36	-9	0.56
Park Forest	67	41	-9	0.69
West:				
Bentley	74	37	-8	0.12
Galesburg	72	36	-9	0.40
Quincy	75	37	-9	0.03
Central:				
Bloomington	73	35	-11	0.02
Decatur	75	37	-8	0.00
Lincoln	73	36	-10	0.02
Peoria	70	37	-9	0.53
East:				
Champaign	76	34	-9	0.02
Pontiac	71	38	-9	0.55
West Southwest:				
Carlinville	76	37	-10	0.06
Morrisonville	78	35	-10	0.00
Springfield	74	36	-11	0.06
East Southeast:				
Brownstown	80	36	-9	0.00
Flora	76	36	-9	0.00
Hutsonville	85	36	-8	0.00
Iuka	84	34	-10	0.00
Lawrenceville	82	37	-10	0.14
Newton	81	36	-9	0.00
Paris	79	37	-10	0.02
Windsor	74	39	-9	0.00
Southwest:				
Carbondale	84	36	-9	0.00
Lebanon	81	39	-9	0.11
Olive Branch	86	38	-9	0.53
Southeast:				
Mt. Vernon	81	33	-10	0.00

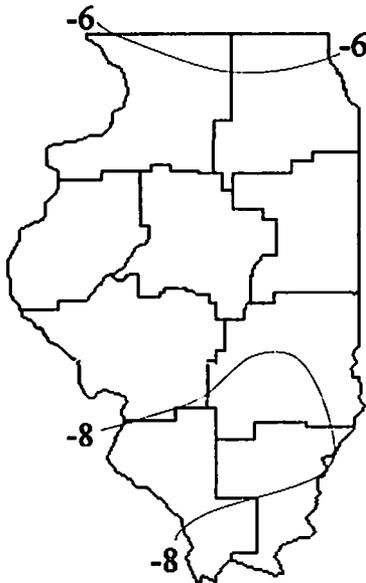
Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
 Departure is from the overall average for the week during the 1961-90 period.

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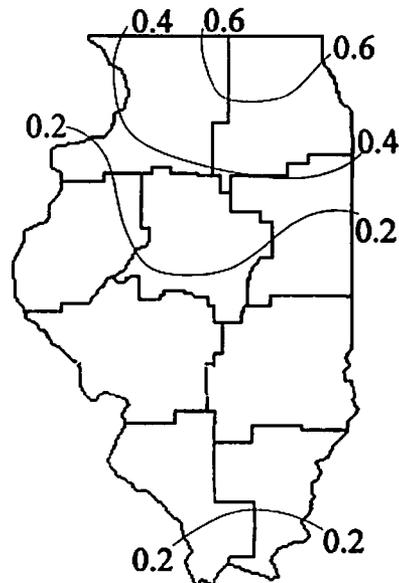
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Temperature (°F) Departure
September 24 - 30



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 24 - 30

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