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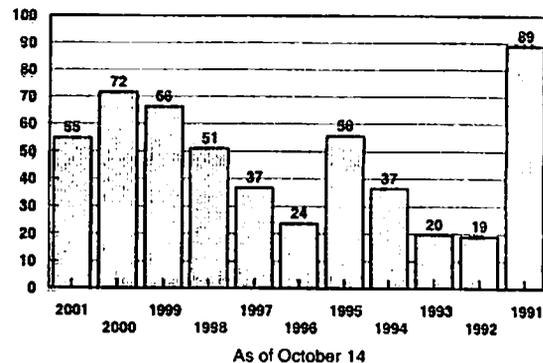
Agricultural Summary

Corn and soybean harvest continued early in the week after being rained out the previous weekend, but the rain showers returned to most of the state by midweek and stalled all harvesting operations again. Additional heavy rains then fell this past weekend. Corn harvest made very little progress this past week reaching 55 percent harvested, up from 47 percent last week, as the main emphasis was on getting the soybean crop in the bin. Soybean harvest advanced to 65 percent complete compared to 52 percent last week. This slowdown in harvest activity holds the amount harvested to just a few days ahead of the average as opposed to the seven to ten days ahead of average that had been common so far this fall. Better than expected yields have been common as harvest has progressed across the state, but nearly every county has that dry pocket where yields are reported below average. Topsoil moisture supplies increased from 80 percent adequate or surplus last week to 95 percent this week. The southern half of the state saw the greatest increases after three to five inches of rainfall soaked the area. Farmers are now concerned about soil compaction, getting the remainder of their crop out and planting conditions as they prepare to finish seeding the wheat crop. Wheat seeding progressed to 55 percent complete compared to 24 percent last week and the average of 45 percent. Farmers spent down time this past week repairing machinery and waiting their turn at the FSA office to file loan or LDP paperwork.

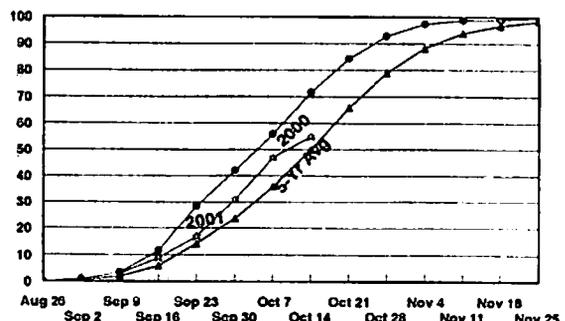
Crop Progress Table

Crop Stage	2001	2000	5-Year Average
October 14			
CORN:			
Harvested	55	72	50
SOYBEANS:			
Shedding leaves	99	99	97
Harvested	65	72	63
SORGHUM:			
Mature	95	98	89
Harvested	74	59	38
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	55	40	45
Emerged	20	5	12

Corn - Percent Harvested
Illinois



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Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
Pasture	2	8	41	45	4

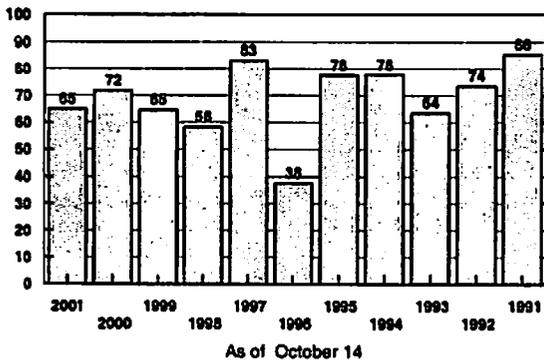
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork		Topsoil Moisture		
	October 6 - 12	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	4.1	-	1	92	7
Northeast	4.1	-	-	87	13
West	3.7	-	5	86	9
Central	4.0	-	8	72	20
East	3.5	1	3	52	44
W Southwest	3.5	-	17	55	28
E Southeast	3.9	-	2	66	32
Southwest	3.6	-	24	46	30
Southeast	4.1	3	6	52	39
State	3.8	-	5	72	23

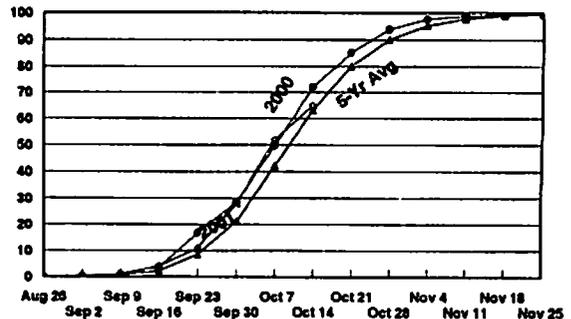
Crop Progress by Districts

District	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Harvested
	October 14	
Northwest	30	48
Northeast	26	44
West	56	51
Central	70	75
East	55	79
W. Southwest	82	68
E. Southeast	76	81
Southwest	94	63
Southeast	94	59

Soybeans - Percent Harvested Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Harvested Illinois



Weather Information Table

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation
October 8 - 14				
Northwest:				
Freeport	72	22	2	1.65
Kewanee	73	33	3	1.46
Moline	75	41	5	0.85
Mount Carroll	74	37	4	1.10
Paw Paw	73	36	2	1.40
Rochelle	73	31	2	1.12
Rockford	72	39	4	1.23
Northeast:				
Aurora	74	38	4	2.80
Chicago	73	39	4	4.77
De Kalb	72	31	1	1.89
Lake Villa	65	29	2	2.68
McHenry	73	28	2	2.26
Morris	74	29	4	3.50
Ottawa	76	36	1	3.22
Park Forest	72	32	1	3.24
West:				
Bentley	73	37	1	1.61
Galesburg	73	36	2	1.57
Quincy	75	44	3	1.46
Central:				
Bloomington	74	36	-2	2.70
Decatur	73	36	-1	2.60
Lincoln	74	32	2	3.03
Peoria	72	45	4	1.89
East:				
Champaign	73	36	2	1.56
Pontiac	73	33	1	3.63
West Southwest:				
Carlinville	73	36	1	2.87
Morrisonville	73	41	1	3.37
Springfield	73	44	3	2.68
East Southeast:				
Brownstown	72	34	2	4.15
Flora	72	31	2	4.60
Hutsonville	71	33	-3	3.86
Iuka	73	34	1	4.92
Lawrenceville	71	33	-2	7.93
Newton	69	33	0	5.77
Paris	71	34	0	5.63
Windsor	73	42	2	2.52
Southwest:				
Carbondale	73	35	4	4.75
Lebanon	73	36	1	2.41
Olive Branch	74	36	1	4.06
Southeast:				
Mt Vernon	71	33	2	5.47

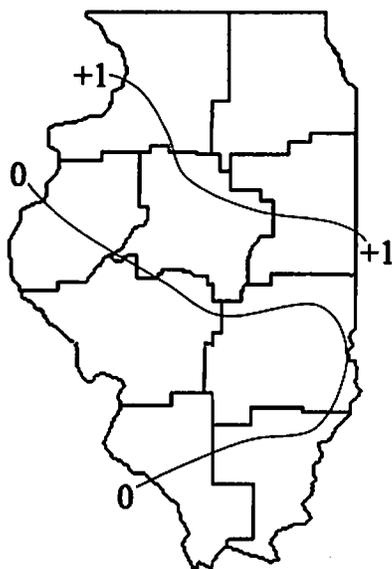
Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
 Departure is from the overall average for the week during the 1961-90 period.

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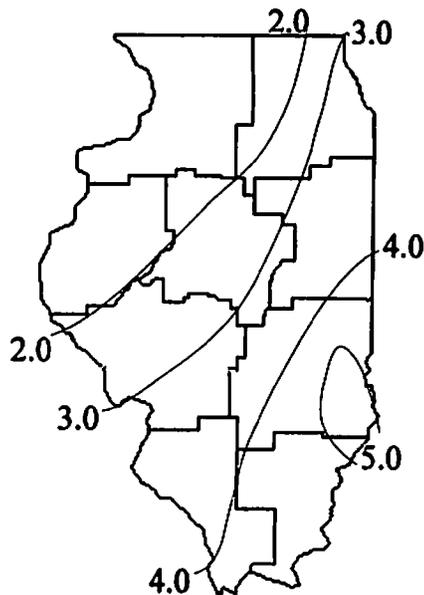
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Temperature (°F) Departure
October 8 - 14



Precipitation (in.) Total
October 8 - 14

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