

# ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



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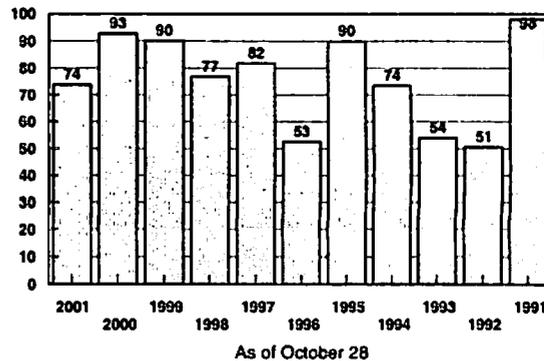
## Agricultural Summary

Rains, high winds and saturated soils kept combines sidelined most of the week with only 2.8 days suitable for fieldwork across the state during the period. Some harvest progress was made either early or late in the week, before or after the rains and cold fronts moved across the state. Forty-seven percent of the topsoil in the state is rated surplus of moisture with 53 percent being rated adequate. Reporters stressed concerns with crops that are left in the field. High winds across the state on Thursday could have easily blown down weakened corn stalks and the continued rains on already saturated soils will make harvesting soybeans a challenge and cause additional compaction and rutting in fields. "It's been a few years since we had to finish in the mud" was reported from Saline county. Wheat seeding in southern Illinois has been hampered and may prevent some acres from being seeded at all if drier weather does not return quickly. Wheat that has been sown already has experienced ponding and drowning in portions of the fields. Farmers took advantage of the weather and the high soybean LDP to file paperwork at the FSA office last week. In areas where soils are drier some fall tillage was completed. A small amount of anhydrous was also knifed in last week as soil temperatures dropped to under 50 degrees. Farmers spent rain-out time last week cleaning up and repairing equipment, hoping to make one last shot at harvest as the weather dries out in the coming week.

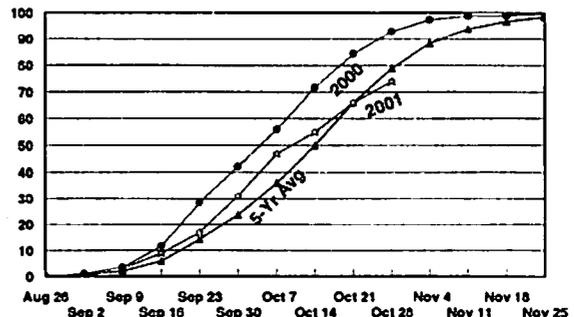
Crop Progress Table

Crop Stage	2001	2000	5-Year Average
October 28			
<b>CORN:</b>			
Harvested	74	93	79
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>			
Harvested	82	94	90
<b>SORGHUM:</b>			
Harvested	81	90	72
<b>WINTER WHEAT:</b>			
Seeded	80	87	88
Emerged	62	49	59

Corn - Percent Harvested  
Illinois



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**Crop Conditions**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
October 26					
Winter Wheat	1	2	33	57	7
Pasture	1	6	35	49	9

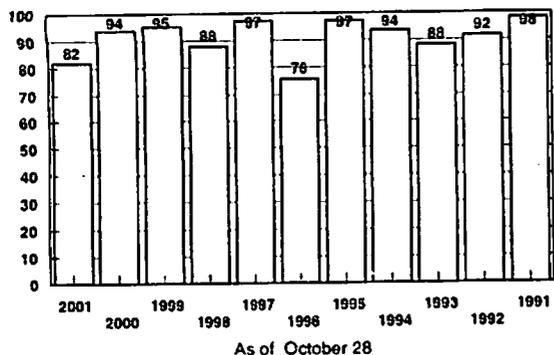
**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table**

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 20 - 26					
Northwest	2.9	-	-	80	20
Northeast	2.6	-	1	33	66
West	3.6	-	1	88	11
Central	3.0	-	1	66	33
East	1.8	-	-	34	66
W. Southwest	3.6	-	-	71	29
E. Southeast	2.5	-	-	20	80
Southwest	3.0	-	-	46	54
Southeast	2.5	-	-	13	87
State	2.8	-	-	53	47

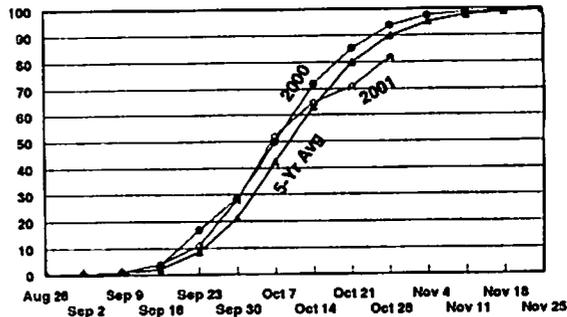
**Crop Progress by Districts**

District	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Harvested
October 28		
Northwest	60	73
Northeast	49	75
West	72	74
Central	90	90
East	68	84
W. Southwest	93	84
E. Southeast	85	87
Southwest	98	85
Southeast	96	78

**Soybeans - Percent Harvested  
Illinois**



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Illinois**



**Weather Information Table**

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation
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October 22 - 28				
<b>Northwest:</b>				
Freeport	69	30	-2	1.55
Kewanee	70	28	0	1.77
Moline	69	31	1	1.98
Mount Carroll	71	29	0	1.56
Paw Paw	69	27	2	2.57
Rochelle	70	28	-2	2.77
Rockford	67	28	1	2.22
<b>Northeast:</b>				
Aurora	69	29	2	1.79
Chicago	67	30	0	2.44
De Kalb	69	28	-1	2.59
Lake Villa	66	29	0	2.23
McHenry	65	26	-1	4.00
Morris	69	31	2	1.06
Ottawa	72	31	0	0.93
Park Forest	68	30	1	1.50
<b>West:</b>				
Bentley	74	26	0	1.08
Galesburg	70	28	-2	1.31
Quincy	76	25	1	0.14
<b>Central:</b>				
Bloomington	73	27	-3	1.63
Decatur	73	31	-2	2.06
Lincoln	74	26	1	0.56
Peoria	72	30	2	1.32
<b>East:</b>				
Champaign	72	25	0	1.61
Pontiac	71	29	2	1.86
<b>West Southwest:</b>				
Carlinville	75	28	1	1.12
Morrisonville	72	28	-2	0.86
Springfield	74	28	1	0.72
<b>East Southeast:</b>				
Brownstown	75	27	2	1.37
Flora	77	25	-2	1.18
Hutsonville	77	26	1	2.46
Iuka	77	27	0	1.24
Lawrenceville	77	27	-1	1.09
Newton	75	26	1	0.98
Paris	75	30	-1	2.26
Windsor	75	33	0	1.72
<b>Southwest:</b>				
Carbondale	78	27	3	3.25
Lebanon	79	27	2	0.91
Olive Branch	80	27	2	0.86
<b>Southeast:</b>				
Mt Vernon	75	26	2	1.16

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.

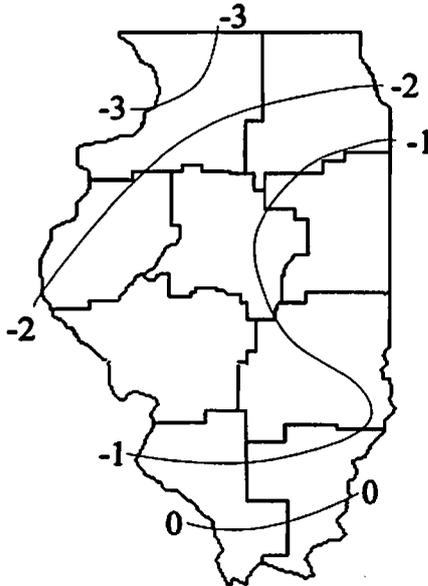
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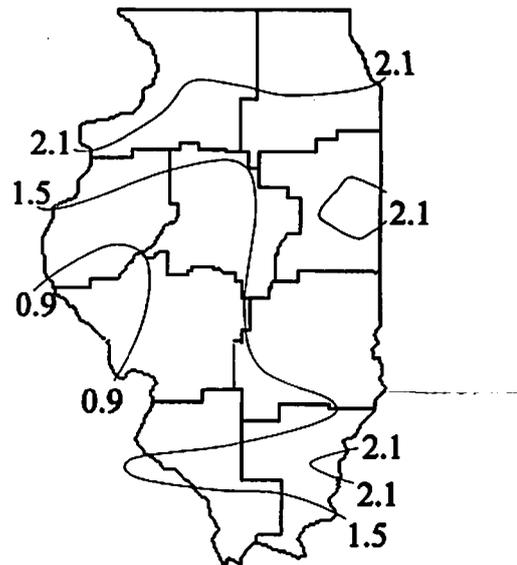
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Temperature (°F) Departure  
October 22 - 28



Precipitation (in.) Total  
October 22 - 28

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