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Agricultural Summary

Planting progress slowed to a crawl last week due to rains over the weekend and then more again at midweek. Days suitable for fieldwork last week averaged a mere 1.5 days statewide. Planters were just beginning to roll on Friday when heavy rains hit many areas once again this past weekend with planting delays now expected to be 7-10 days. Wheat and emerging corn crops are reported to be yellowing as the soils remained saturated and cooler than normal temperatures covered the state. Minor flooding has begun along low lying streams and rivers with many fields having standing water. Farmers remain upbeat at this time but are anxiously waiting for the chance to return to their fields and continue planting. Weather delays have allowed farmers more time to prepare equipment for fieldwork and continue working with their livestock. The wettest area of the state continues to be southern Illinois where 80 plus percent of the area is rated surplus in soil moisture. Other activities last week included applying herbicides when it was not too windy, watching it rain and trenching water off saturated fields.

Crop Progress

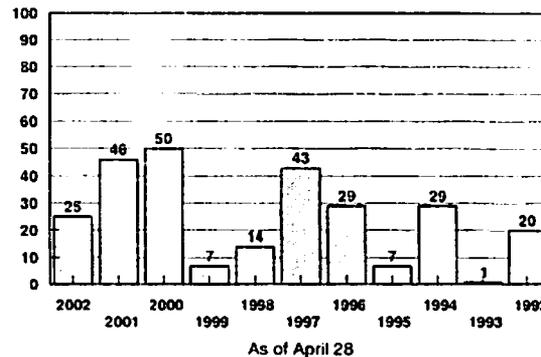
Crop Stage : : : 5-Year
: 2002 : 2001 : Average

April 28

CORN:			
Planted	25	46	32
Emerged	5	12	N/A
SOYBEANS:			
Planted	1	5	3
Emerged	1/	0	0
SORGHUM:			
Planted	2	6	2
WHEAT:			
Headed	1	1	3
OATS:			
Planted	91	88	89
ALFALFA HAY:			
First cutting	1/	1	0

1/ Less than one percent

**Corn - Percent Planted
Illinois**



Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
	April 26				
Winter Wheat	-	4	26	54	16
Alfalfa	-	1	21	67	11
Red Clover	-	1	27	54	18
Pasture	-	1	23	63	13

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	:	Topsoil Moisture		
			: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate : Surplus
	April 20 - 26			April 26	
Northwest	2.1	-	4	86	10
Northeast	1.8	-	5	83	12
West	1.1	-	1	56	43
Central	1.2	-	1	54	45
East	1.3	-	1	55	44
W. Southwest	1.0	-	-	46	54
E. Southeast	1.0	-	-	23	77
Southwest	2.1	-	-	18	82
Southeast	1.4	-	-	8	92
State	1.5	-	1	52	47

Crop Progress by Districts

District	Corn Planted
	April 28
Northwest	12
Northeast	12
West	48
Central	48
East	31
W Southwest	42
E Southeast	9
Southwest	25
Southeast	4

Weather Information Table

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation	Growing Degree Days
April 22 - 28					
Northwest:					
Freeport	69	31	-8	0.87	2
Kewanee	64	32	-9	1.66	2
Moline	68	33	-6	1.28	13
Mount Carroll	68	29	-7	1.41	1
Paw Paw	69	30	-7	0.99	1
Rochelle	71	31	-9	1.18	2
Rockford	69	31	-6	0.88	7
Northeast:					
Aurora	71	30	-6	1.19	9
Chicago	73	31	-6	0.92	11
Lake Villa	72	30	-7	0.91	4
McHenry	71	28	-7	0.60	3
Morris	73	31	-7	1.46	7
Ottawa	72	30	-8	1.81	7
Park Forest	73	32	-5	1.48	7
West:					
Galesburg	68	34	-8	1.83	5
Prairie City	70	32	-8	2.77	4
Quincy	70	35	-5	2.85	22
Central:					
Bloomington	74	31	-10	2.23	6
Decatur	70	37	-6	2.87	21
Havana	70	33	-7	2.27	9
Lincoln	69	34	-8	2.68	10
Peoria	70	33	-5	2.16	19
East:					
Champaign	70	31	-7	2.05	13
Pontiac	71	34	-8	2.03	5
West Southwest:					
Carlinville	72	38	-6	2.63	23
Morrisonville	69	34	-7	2.56	15
Springfield	68	36	-5	3.26	25
East Southeast:					
Effingham	70	35	-5	2.73	22
Flora	73	37	-4	1.88	35
Hutsonville	72	36	-6	2.63	23
Iuka	78	35	-5	2.01	33
Newton	67	37	-6	2.68	17
Paris	69	37	-8	2.57	11
Windsor	70	37	-6	3.39	18
Southwest:					
Carbondale	81	40	-1	1.48	61
Lebanon	74	40	-5	2.05	39
Steeleville	76	37	-6	1.80	40
Southeast:					
Benton	81	43	-2	1.81	56
Grayville	81	39	-5	2.72	48
Mt Vernon	77	40	-4	1.36	36

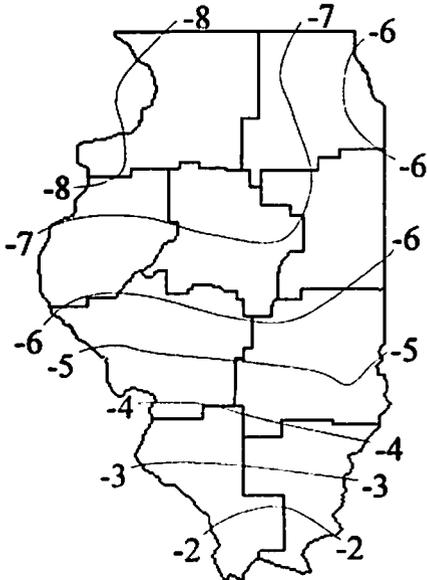
Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
 Departure is from the overall average for the week during the 1961-90 period.

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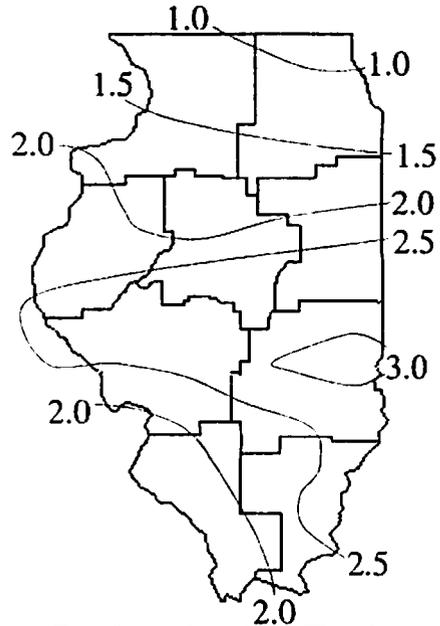
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Temperature (°F) Departure
April 22 - 28



Precipitation (in.) Total
April 22 - 28

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