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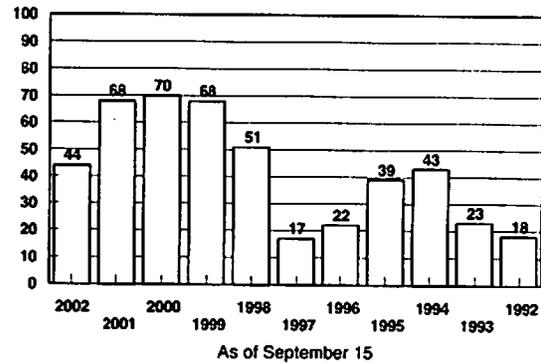
Agricultural Summary

Some combines ventured into the fields across the state as corn, soybeans and sorghum crops are rapidly maturing. Corn mature rose to 44 percent last week and four percent was harvested compared to eight percent at this time last year and seven percent on average. Twenty-eight percent of the soybean crop was reported shedding leaves and one percent was harvested compared to four percent last year and two percent average. Sorghum harvest has also begun with three percent harvested compared to five percent last year and two percent average. Larger farms in the state have reportedly begun harvesting corn early to stay ahead of the weather. Corn silage chopping continued across the state last week. Some farmers in the southern part of the state still are experiencing drought and report a shortage of hay and concerns about alfatoxins in corn. Statewide, topsoil moisture was 30 percent very short, 40 percent short, and 30 percent adequate. Farmers were also busy mowing roadsides and waterways and baling hay.

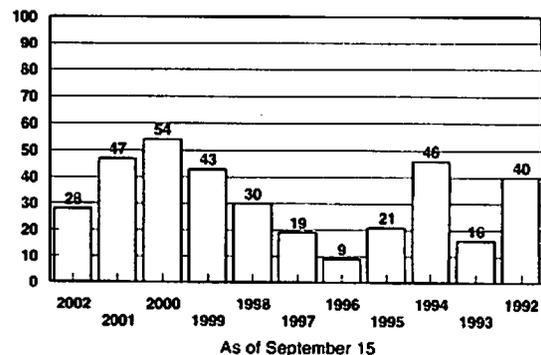
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2002	2001	5-Year Average
September 15			
CORN:			
Dented	92	97	93
Mature	44	68	55
Harvested	4	8	7
SOYBEANS:			
Turning yellow	68	80	73
Shedding leaves	28	47	39
Harvested	1	4	2
SORGHUM:			
Coloring	86	90	82
Mature	48	61	37
Harvested	3	5	2
ALFALFA HAY:			
Third cutting	90	96	94

Corn - Percent Mature
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
Illinois



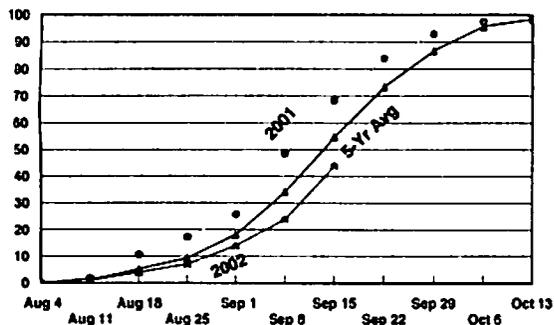
Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
September 15					
Corn	12	18	31	33	6
Soybeans	12	14	31	37	6
Sorghum	24	36	30	9	1
Pasture	33	18	30	18	1

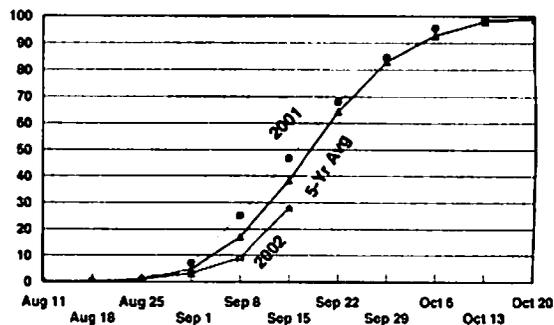
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	: Days Suitable for Fieldwork	: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus
September 9 - 15					
Northwest	6.7	3	40	56	1
Northeast	6.8	30	51	19	-
West	6.9	1	59	40	-
Central	6.7	6	33	61	-
East	6.6	26	54	20	-
W. Southwest	6.4	11	52	36	1
E. Southeast	6.7	58	35	7	-
Southwest	6.8	89	11	-	-
Southeast	6.8	87	13	-	-
State	6.7	30	40	30	-

Corn - Percent Mature Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves Illinois



Crop Progress by Districts

District	: Corn Dented	: Corn Mature	: Corn Harvested	: Soybeans Turning Yellow	: Soybeans Shedding Leaves
September 15					
Northwest	91	25	1	77	34
Northeast	92	20	1	80	44
West	95	54	3	54	17
Central	86	54	3	60	18
East	92	37	1	69	30
W Southwest	96	53	4	56	6
E Southeast	93	58	7	68	32
Southwest	93	57	11	66	15
Southeast	99	78	17	77	42
State	92	44	4	68	28

Weather Information Table

Location	Temperature		Precipitation	Growing Degree Days					
	Maxi- : mum	Mini- : mum		Deapar- : ture	Current : week	Since : May 1	Deapar- : ture	Current : week	Since : May 1
September 9 - 15									
Northwest:									
Freeport	90	49	6	0.06	22.39	5.38	131	2615	212
Kewanee	90	46	3	0.12	17.67	-0.04	127	2650	33
Moline	94	48	5	0.01	18.77	-1.07	148	2944	208
Mount Carroll	92	44	6	0.00	24.25	5.57	127	2608	307
Paw Paw	90	44	6	0.02	19.15	0.91	132	2562	213
Rochelle	94	48	8	0.01	18.44	0.38	153	2727	180
Rockford	90	47	5	0.04	20.84	2.39	133	2745	283
Northeast:									
Aurora	91	44	4	0.00	16.81	-1.23	132	2708	224
Chicago	92	49	6	0.03	20.43	3.38	149	2790	292
Lake Villa	91	51	7	0.01	12.49	-5.07	143	2565	321
McHenry	89	45	5	0.02	15.87	-2.43	124	2486	122
Morris	94	48	6	0.09	13.93	-2.62	148	2848	263
Ottawa	94	49	5	0.01	17.07	-0.40	151	2851	65
Park Forest	93	49	7	0.06	17.86	0.33	155	2787	234
West:									
Galesburg	91	48	4	0.00	22.46	4.61	138	2811	64
Prairie City	92	53	5	0.08	22.97	4.21	140	2842	98
Quincy	91	54	5	0.32	23.27	4.26	157	3144	211
Central:									
Bloomington	95	48	4	0.15	21.18	3.78	157	2994	54
Decatur	94	54	7	0.21	18.89	0.55	176	3338	377
Havana	95	44	3	0.18	25.88	9.06	141	2971	30
Lincoln	93	48	3	0.13	24.08	6.47	145	2952	102
Peoria	90	50	4	0.13	16.06	-0.88	151	3136	326
East:									
Champaign	91	52	5	0.11	19.89	1.58	154	2997	178
Pontiac	91	51	5	0.08	19.79	3.04	150	2863	125
West Southwest:									
Carlinville	93	52	4	0.34	21.59	4.76	163	3191	159
Morrisonville	93	52	5	0.40	23.09	5.79	161	3056	128
Springfield	92	49	4	0.16	21.63	6.05	156	3140	173
East Southeast:									
Effingham	97	53	6	0.49	16.04	-0.73	171	3239	289
Flora	95	50	6	0.03	13.29	-3.92	179	3412	342
Hutsonville	100	56	9	0.79	18.59	0.54	187	3449	396
Iuka	96	50	5	0.00	11.24	-5.60	175	3302	143
Newton	93	51	5	1.12	19.04	1.86	164	3077	135
Paris	93	53	5	0.12	14.14	-4.23	168	3164	185
Windsor	94	49	4	0.35	15.78	-0.67	161	3258	278
Southwest:									
Carbondale	96	47	7	0.00	9.33	-8.87	184	3512	382
Lebanon	95	52	5	0.26	18.17	1.90	170	3337	223
Steeleville	97	52	3	0.20	20.09	3.03	164	3354	53
Southeast:									
Benton	97	54	7	0.00	14.78	-1.96	188	3507	355
Grayville	97	54	5	0.02	16.28	-1.23	187	3487	152
Mt Vernon	93	55	6	0.00	14.24	-2.42	172	3301	244

Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
 Growing Degree Days are base 50 using a maximum temperature of 86 degrees.

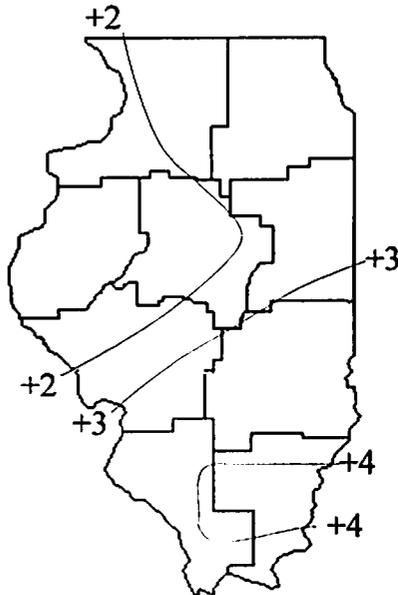
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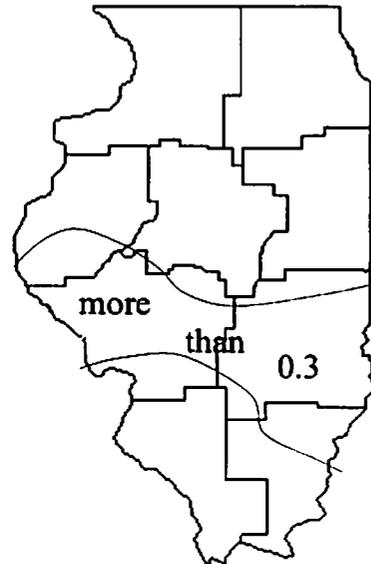
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Temperature (°F) Departure
September 9 - 15



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 9 - 15

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