

# ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



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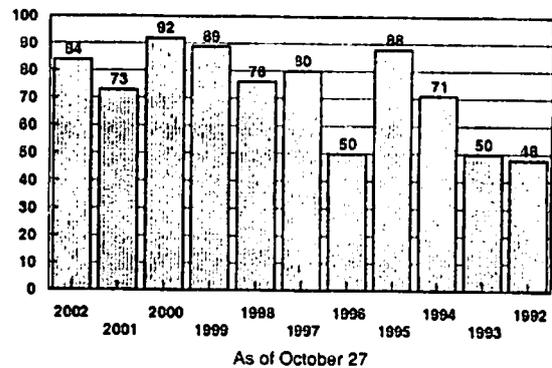
## Agricultural Summary

Harvest progress continued at a slow pace last week due to rain showers and cloudy weather conditions. Soybean producers in northern Illinois were reporting some tough going in fields where the stems were still green. Double crop soybean harvest continued in the south last week as soybean harvest neared completion. Some reported that double crop beans were out-yielding their single crop fields in southern Illinois. Statewide soybean harvest advanced to 92 percent complete as of October 27 compared to 80 percent last year and 90 percent for the five-year average. Corn harvest continued with only minor delays from the showers and advanced to 84 percent complete compared to 73 percent complete at this time last year and 82 percent average. Wheat seeding continued despite short topsoil moisture in many areas but farmers are optimistic that enough rain will fall to bring the crop up. Wheat seeding advanced to 94 percent complete compared to 78 percent complete at this time last year and 87 percent average. Numerous reports of larger acreages being planted to wheat this fall were received. Lime and fertilizers were being spread as farmers completed harvest, but fall tillage was minimal last week due to the rain showers. Some farmers began applying anhydrous as the soil temperatures fell to acceptable levels across most of the area north of Illinois Route 16.

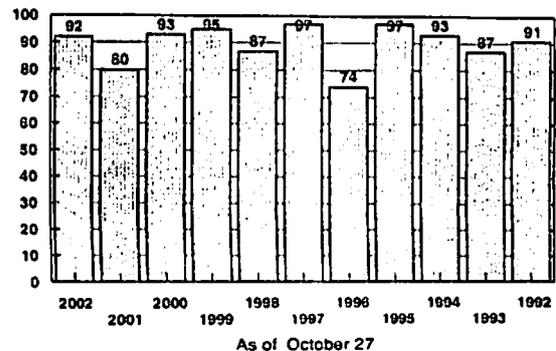
### Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2002	2001	5-Year Average
October 27			
<b>CORN:</b>			
Harvested	84	73	82
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>			
Harvested	92	80	90
<b>SORGHUM:</b>			
Harvested	88	80	79
<b>WINTER WHEAT:</b>			
Seeding	94	78	87
Emerged	70	60	59

Corn - Percent Harvested  
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Harvested  
Illinois



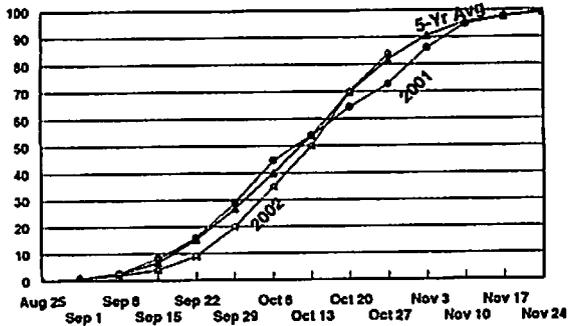
**Crop Conditions**

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
October 27					
Winter Wheat	0	2	26	68	4
Pasture	8	21	41	27	3

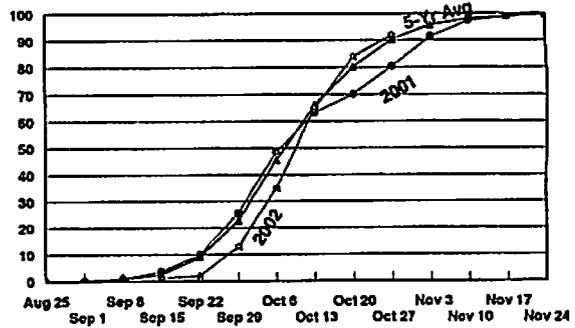
**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table**

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork		Topsoil Moisture		
	: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus	
October 21 - 27					
Northwest	3.8	-	19	80	1
Northeast	4.4	4	42	54	-
West	4.7	9	46	45	-
Central	5.1	-	40	60	-
East	5.4	3	14	79	4
W Southwest	4.4	11	21	63	5
E Southeast	5.3	16	28	56	-
Southwest	5.0	12	5	71	12
Southeast	4.6	1	22	70	7
State	4.8	7	28	63	2

**Corn - Percent Harvested  
Illinois**



**Soybeans - Percent Harvested  
Illinois**



**Crop Progress by Districts**

District	: Corn Harvested	: Soybeans Harvested
October 27		
Northwest	66	91
Northeast	57	93
West	89	91
Central	95	96
East	88	95
W Southwest	87	91
E Southeast	90	95
Southwest	90	87
Southeast	92	82
State	84	92

Weather Information Table

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation
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October 21 - 27

<b>Northwest:</b>				
Freeport	55	27	-7	0.60
Kewanee	60	27	-7	0.67
Moline	63	32	-6	0.72
Mount Carroll	59	28	-5	0.83
Paw Paw	56	26	-7	0.47
Rochelle	57	24	-7	0.56
Rockford	55	34	-6	0.51
<b>Northeast:</b>				
Aurora	57	29	-7	0.39
Chicago	56	33	-6	0.34
Lake Villa	53	29	-7	0.47
McHenry	53	30	-6	0.52
Morris	60	27	-7	0.31
Ottawa	61	28	-8	0.49
Park Forest	57	30	-7	0.34
<b>West:</b>				
Galesburg	61	27	-9	0.71
Prairie City	62	26	-8	0.54
Quincy	62	33	-8	0.48
<b>Central:</b>				
Bloomington	61	28	-8	0.32
Decatur	61	36	-7	0.62
Havana	63	26	-9	0.32
Lincoln	60	28	-7	0.30
Peoria	59	33	-7	0.25
<b>East:</b>				
Champaign	59	33	-7	0.69
Pontiac	59	27	-8	0.37
<b>West Southwest:</b>				
Carlinville	62	31	-7	0.82
Morrisonville	61	30	-8	1.16
Springfield	61	29	-7	0.44
<b>East Southeast:</b>				
Effingham	62	32	-5	1.04
Flora	65	30	-5	1.20
Hutsonville	66	34	-5	1.24
Iuka	68	30	-6	0.89
Newton	64	32	-6	1.07
Paris	61	30	-7	1.22
Windsor	61	31	-6	0.80
<b>Southwest:</b>				
Carbondale	68	32	-3	1.06
Lebanon	64	32	-7	1.17
Steeleville	63	31	-8	0.94
<b>Southeast:</b>				
Benton	66	34	-5	0.87
Grayville	68	36	-6	0.95
Mt Vernon	65	34	-4	0.87

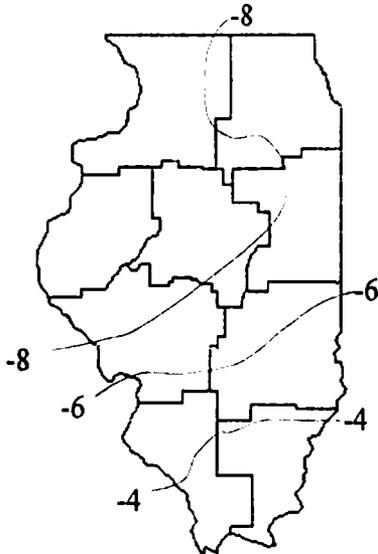
Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.  
 Departure is from the overall average for the week during the 1961-90 period.

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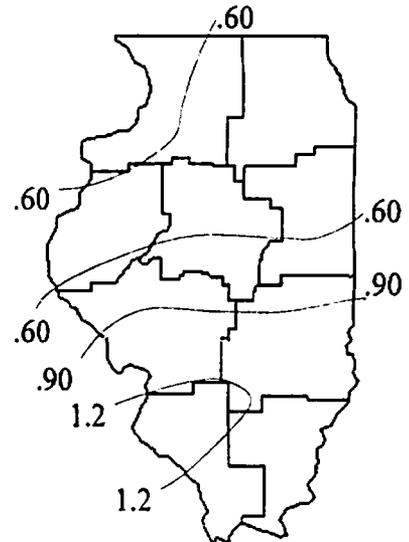
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Temperature (°F) Departure  
October 21 - 27



4 Inch Bare Soil Temperature (°F)  
October 27



Precipitation (in.) Total  
October 21 - 27

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