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Agricultural Summary

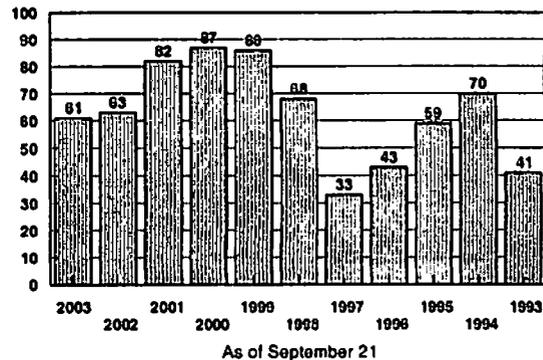
Harvest continued to spread slowly across the state last week with farmers beginning to harvest Group II soybeans and early planted corn. Reports of good drydown in the fields had some farmers shelling corn while the high cost of drying kept others waiting for lower moisture levels. Corn yield reports of good to excellent were common. Soybean farmers reported fields that looked excellent were actually quite disappointing. Small seed size and disappointing yields were the norm for the early soybean varieties being harvested. Farmers are still hopeful that the later soybean varieties will have received a benefit from the late August rain. Final baling of alfalfa hay was being completed last week as well as preparations for wheat seeding. Recent rains have been beneficial by helping recharge alfalfa fields and pastures prior to winter. Farmers were mowing waterways and road ditches along with preparing equipment for harvest last week.

Crop Progress

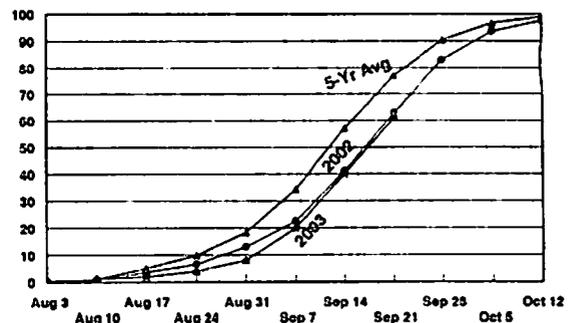
Crop Stage	2003	2002	5-Year Average
September 21			
CORN:			
Dented	97	96	97
Mature	61	63	77
Harvested	8	8	15
SOYBEANS:			
Turning Yellow	84	83	88
Shedding Leaves	50	48	61
Harvested	4	2	8
SORGHUM:			
Coloring	87	93	91
Mature	20	68	58
Harvested	1/	9	8
ALFALFA:			
Third Cutting	97	96	97
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	3	1	1

1/ Less than one percent

Corn - Percent Mature
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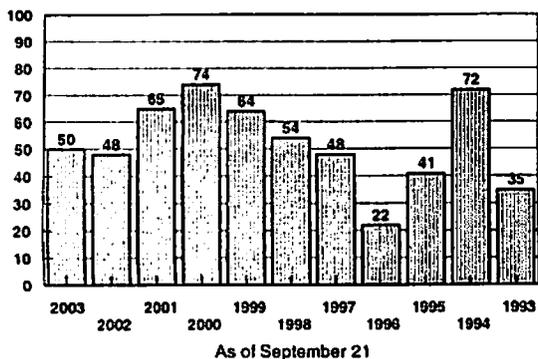
Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor :	Poor :	Fair :	Good :	Excellent
September 21					
Corn	2	6	24	52	16
Soybeans	5	12	37	40	6
Sorghum	1	19	38	35	7
Pasture	5	15	39	39	2

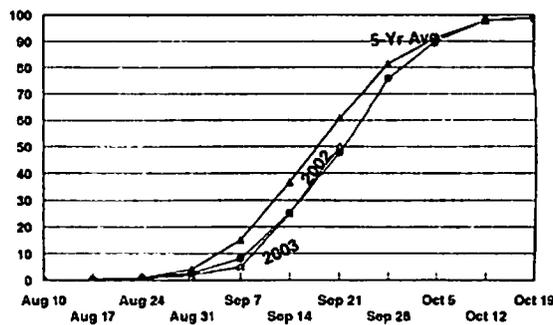
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	: Days Suitable for Fieldwork :	: Very Short :	: Topsoil Moisture Short :	: Adequate :	: Surplus
September 15 - 21					
Northwest	5.7	7	38	55	-
Northeast	6.5	11	44	45	-
West	5.9	3	17	74	6
Central	6.7	1	16	82	1
East	6.7	16	31	53	-
W Southwest	6.6	4	29	64	3
E Southeast	6.6	1	16	82	1
Southwest	6.6	29	32	39	-
Southeast	6.8	30	27	43	-
State	6.4	9	27	63	1

Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
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Crop Progress by Districts

District	: Corn : Dent :	: Corn : Mature :	: Corn : Harvested :	: Soybeans : Turning : Yellow :	: Soybeans : Shedding : Leaves
September 21					
Northwest	96	47	4	93	58
Northeast	92	27	3	87	64
West	97	62	5	88	54
Central	97	76	11	90	65
East	99	82	5	98	79
W Southwest	96	51	7	74	38
E Southeast	99	67	11	80	39
Southwest	89	52	24	45	16
Southeast	97	59	29	35	12
State	97	61	8	84	47

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	Deapar- ture
September 15 - 21									
Northwest:									
Freeport	81	39	-1	0.17	19.11	1.32	77	2451	-18
Kewanee	82	38	-3	0.03	22.51	4.05	81	2516	-180
Moline	84	41	0	0.21	17.84	-2.80	98	2867	49
Mount Carroll	83	35	1	0.05	19.84	0.40	79	2417	53
Paw Paw	83	41	-2	0.00	19.26	0.24	79	2369	-49
Rochelle	85	41	0	0.02	14.62	-4.20	90	2582	-40
Rockford	83	39	1	0.40	12.85	-6.36	88	2606	71
Northeast:									
Aurora	84	34	-3	0.05	15.45	-3.37	78	2422	-138
Chicago	82	41	-1	0.15	18.19	0.38	93	2541	-38
Lake Villa	81	43	1	0.07	17.77	-0.57	87	2360	48
McHenry	81	38	-2	0.25	16.77	-2.31	74	2249	-182
Morris	83	43	2	0.14	23.69	6.41	102	2656	-8
Ottawa	86	43	-1	0.00	17.60	-0.65	104	2733	-143
Park Forest	82	44	0	0.01	24.62	6.37	100	2505	-131
West:									
Galesburg	83	40	-3	0.08	17.99	-0.67	87	2678	-155
Prairie City	82	46	0	0.17	18.74	-0.92	102	2927	98
Quincy	82	42	-4	0.48	20.98	0.99	93	2934	-94
Central:									
Bloomington	87	43	-3	0.13	21.63	3.42	102	2914	-126
Decatur	85	45	-1	0.00	20.57	1.57	117	3094	31
Havana	86	34	-6	0.00	21.86	4.26	81	2718	-318
Lincoln	85	38	-4	0.00	22.33	4.00	89	2725	-218
Peoria	82	42	-3	0.03	17.65	-0.10	96	2883	-20
East:									
Champaign	84	40	-4	0.00	21.15	2.18	94	2744	-170
Pontiac	85	43	-1	0.00	16.77	-0.71	102	2690	-136
West Southwest:									
Carlinville	84	41	-5	0.09	23.68	6.14	94	2967	-170
Morrisonville	84	41	-5	0.06	26.71	8.75	91	2804	-223
Springfield	83	38	-4	0.00	18.73	2.49	95	2911	-155
East Southeast:									
Effingham	84	40	-5	0.00	22.24	4.81	90	2943	-104
Flora	83	40	-5	0.00	18.07	0.26	100	3097	-79
Hutsonville	84	42	-2	0.00	22.97	4.26	103	3229	77
Iuka	85	39	-7	0.00	20.33	2.88	89	2863	-405
Newton	83	42	-4	0.00	22.37	4.56	96	2883	-158
Paris	82	44	-3	0.00	26.81	7.84	106	2867	-215
Windsor	84	44	-2	0.00	18.45	1.34	116	3024	-60
Southwest:									
Carbondale	85	41	-5	0.01	15.02	-3.78	93	3200	-35
Lebanon	84	43	-5	0.04	23.85	6.92	96	3069	-152
Steeleville	84	41	-6	0.03	20.64	2.92	99	3026	-390
Southeast:									
Benton	84	42	-5	0.00	22.54	5.19	96	3085	-174
Grayville	86	44	-6	0.00	16.74	-1.25	103	3153	-301
Mt Vernon	82	41	-5	0.00	18.00	0.68	91	2969	-191

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.

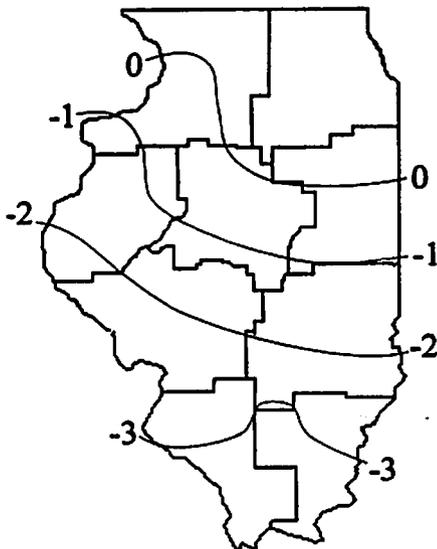
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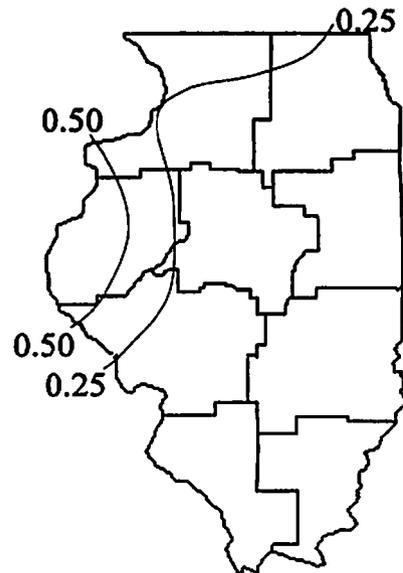
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Temperature (°F) Departure
September 15 - 21



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 15 - 21

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