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Agricultural Summary

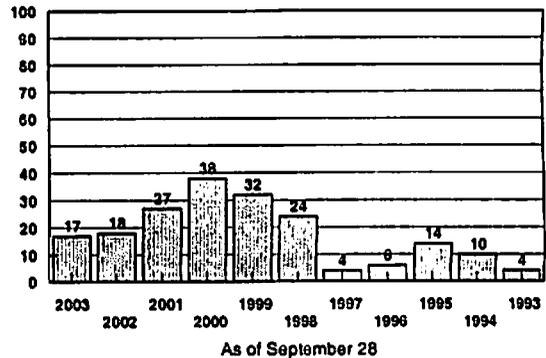
Rain showers scattered across the state last week caused minor harvest delays with the exception of eastern Illinois where heavy rains washed out the final two days of the 50th annual Farm Progress Show. The first day of the show opened on a picture perfect autumn day and welcomed a phenomenal number of visitors from around the globe. Harvest continued after the brief showers were allowed to dry off in most areas. April planted corn was being harvested with most May planted corn still holding moisture levels above the mid twenties. Poor stalk quality in some corn fields have farmers scouting their fields to find which ones to harvest first. Farmers were quickly switching their attention to harvesting soybeans last week as many fields were getting mature enough. Corn yields continue to surprise farmers while soybean yields are reported as "disappointing". Wheat seeding and preparations for wheat seeding were occurring last week as soon as the soybean crop was hauled away. Concerns of high natural gas prices have many farmers holding off drying corn and trying to lock in an anhydrous price before any further price hikes.

Crop Progress

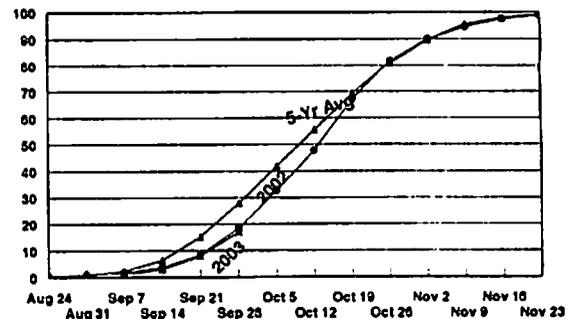
Crop Stage	2003	2002	5-Year Average

September 28			
CORN:			
Mature	87	83	91
Harvested	17	18	28
SOYBEANS:			
Turning Yellow	92	93	95
Shedding Leaves	75	76	81
Harvested	15	11	20
SORGHUM:			
Coloring	93	97	96
Mature	48	80	73
Harvested	5	17	16
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	4	4	4

Corn - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Corn - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent

	September 28				
Pasture	3	14	38	39	6

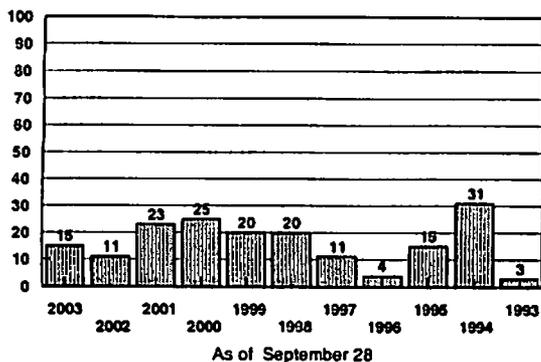
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	: Days Suitable for Fieldwork	: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus

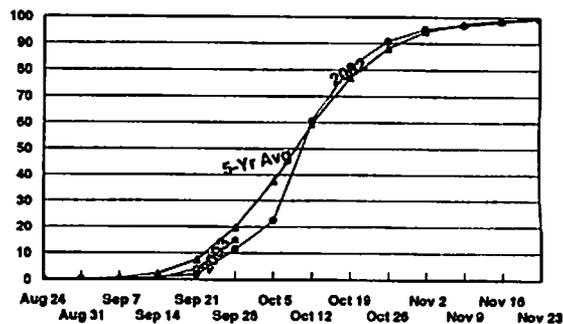
	September 22 - 28		September 28		
Northwest	5.2	14	33	53	-
Northeast	5.0	10	28	62	-
West	5.4	2	18	80	-
Central	5.8	1	12	86	1
East	4.3	8	19	50	23
W Southwest	5.1	1	13	86	-
E Southeast	4.7	-	4	90	6
Southwest	6.1	10	33	40	17
Southeast	5.4	22	12	65	1

State	5.1	7	19	68	6

Soybeans - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Crop Progress by Districts

District	: Corn : Mature	: Corn : Harvested	: Soybeans : Turning : Yellow	: Soybeans : Shedding : Leaves	: Soybeans : Harvested

September 28					
Northwest	89	8	97	82	17
Northeast	79	10	97	83	24
West	85	14	92	73	6
Central	96	26	99	94	25
East	96	10	100	89	17
W Southwest	72	29	78	60	8
E Southeast	88	21	87	68	13
Southwest	65	35	71	34	5
Southeast	85	35	77	34	3

State	87	17	92	75	15

Weather Information Table

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation
September 22 - 28				
Northwest:				
Freeport	73	41	-4	0.55
Kewanee	76	43	-6	0.91
Moline	74	43	-3	0.58
Mount Carroll	75	37	-4	0.33
Paw Paw	78	38	-5	1.37
Rochelle	78	39	-5	1.08
Rockford	77	43	-3	0.47
Northeast:				
Aurora	77	36	-4	1.10
Chicago	76	45	-4	0.81
Lake Villa	74	43	-4	1.18
McHenry	74	42	-4	1.08
Morris	79	40	-5	1.48
Ottawa	77	43	-6	1.75
Park Forest	76	42	-5	1.43
West:				
Galesburg	77	41	-5	1.46
Prairie City	80	41	-4	0.96
Quincy	80	43	-3	1.40
Central:				
Bloomington	84	43	-5	0.68
Decatur	82	40	-5	0.67
Havana	83	37	-6	1.17
Lincoln	86	43	-3	0.15
Peoria	79	42	-3	0.46
East:				
Champaign	86	42	-3	2.10
Pontiac	80	43	-4	1.87
West Southwest:				
Carlinville	86	45	-4	1.50
Morrisonville	88	39	-4	1.11
Springfield	85	42	-3	0.54
East Southeast:				
Effingham	86	43	-3	1.47
Flora	85	44	-3	3.21
Hutsonville	86	45	-2	2.73
Iuka	85	40	-6	1.89
Newton	83	45	-3	2.63
Paris	83	44	-5	2.76
Windsor	84	47	-3	2.67
Southwest:				
Carbondale	83	43	-1	0.61
Lebanon	88	46	-4	2.31
Steeleville	88	42	-5	1.71
Southeast:				
Benton	84	46	-4	1.72
Grayville	83	46	-5	1.98
Mt Vernon	84	42	-4	1.32

Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

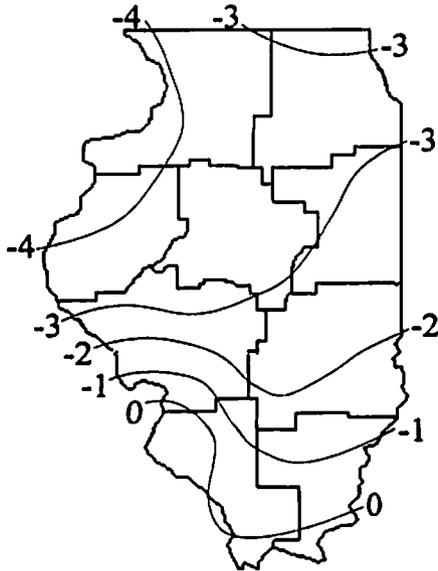
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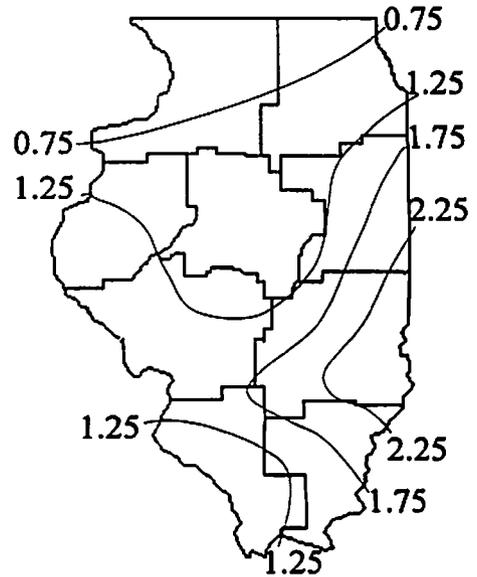
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Temperature (°F) Departure
September 22 - 28



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 22 - 28

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