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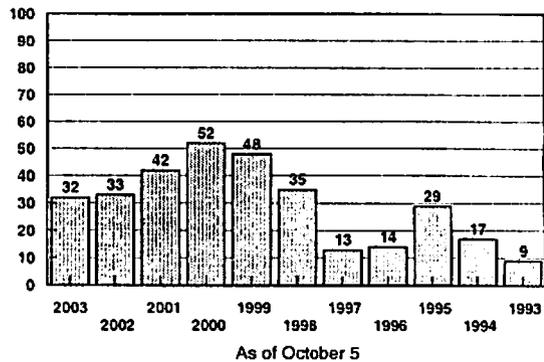
Agricultural Summary

The return of cold weather to the state last week brought crop damaging frost to many areas. Southern Illinois crops were most vulnerable with double crop soybeans and late planted crops being the big losers. The total effect of the early freeze will only be known once harvest has been completed. Harvest is now in full swing with 32 percent of the corn and 38 percent of the state's soybean acreage harvested. Harvest conditions were good last week as many farmers began to focus their attention on harvesting their soybean crop. Farmers reported that the later beans were yielding better than their early beans but still well below average and less than expected. Corn yields continue to be reported "much better than expected" which is causing downward price pressure to the point where Loan Deficiency Payments became available late last week. Cattle prices continued their rise to record levels last week on shorter supplies and increased consumer demand. Livestock are not currently under any stress, but in some areas the dry summer has resulted in feeding hay and silage earlier than normal.

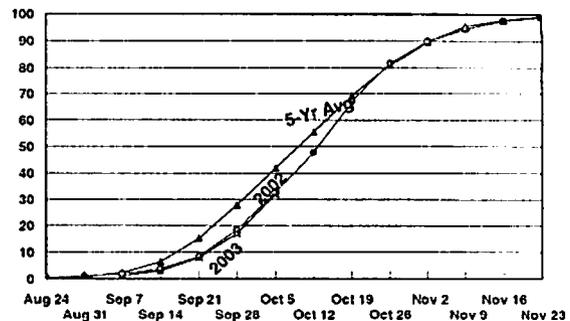
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2003	2002	5-Year Average
October 5			
CORN:			
Mature	95	94	97
Harvested	32	33	42
SOYBEANS:			
Shedding Leaves	92	90	91
Harvested	38	32	40
SORGHUM:			
Mature	67	92	84
Harvested	7	36	30
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	13	25	15
Emerged	2	3	2

Corn - Percent Harvested
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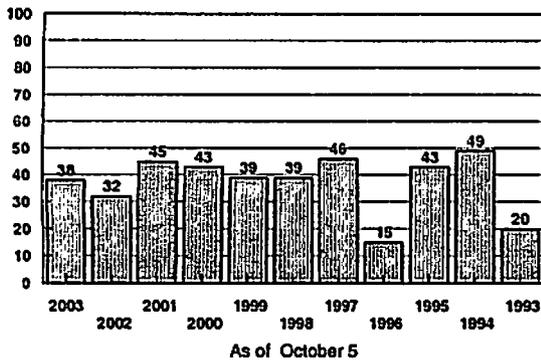
Crop Conditions

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
October 5					
Pasture	3	12	38	41	6

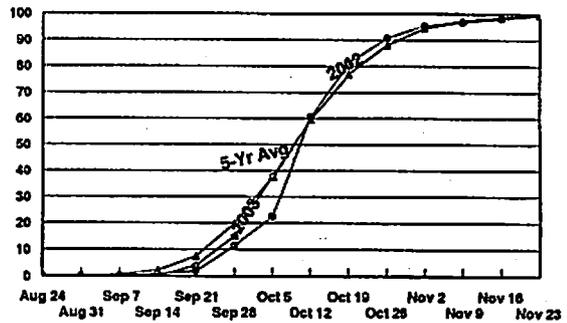
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork		Topsoil Moisture		
	September 29 - October 5	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	5.8	16	41	42	1
Northeast	5.7	14	40	46	-
West	6.3	4	21	74	1
Central	6.4	1	21	78	-
East	6.1	7	21	68	4
W Southwest	5.6	-	18	82	-
E Southeast	5.8	-	5	88	7
Southwest	5.3	4	35	46	15
Southeast	4.5	-	-	80	20
State	5.9	6	24	67	3

Soybeans - Percent Harvested Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Harvested Illinois



Crop Progress by Districts

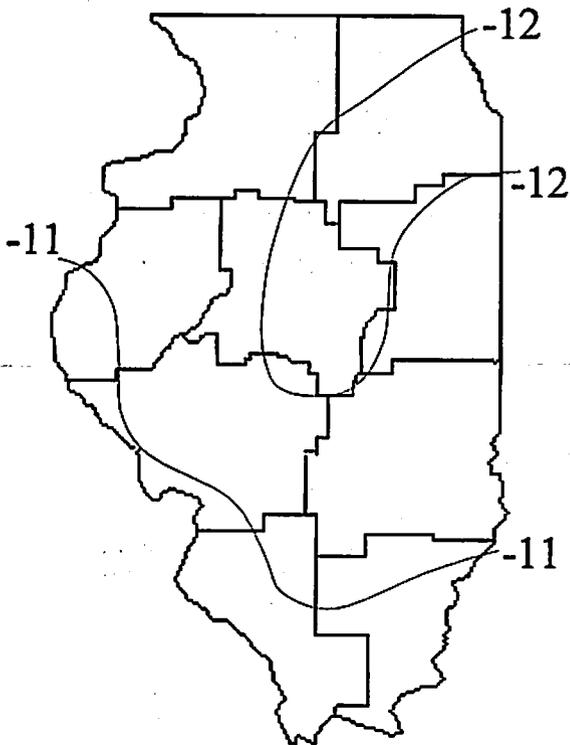
District	Corn Mature	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Shedding Leaves	Soybeans Harvested
October 5				
Northwest	96	18	95	39
Northeast	90	21	95	46
West	98	23	96	20
Central	97	51	99	53
East	100	25	99	57
W Southwest	90	44	86	26
E Southeast	93	41	90	34
Southwest	84	42	58	8
Southeast	93	38	54	4
State	95	32	92	38

Weather Information Table

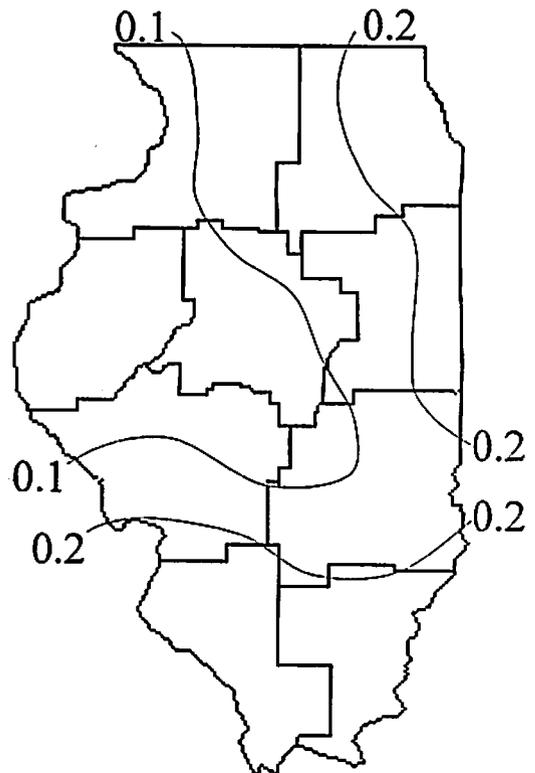
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
September 29 - October 5						
Northwest	45.6	57.3	-11.7	0.09	0.79	-0.70
Northeast	45.6	57.7	-12.1	0.23	0.80	-0.57
West	48.8	60.2	-11.3	0.03	1.00	-0.98
Central	47.8	59.7	-12.0	0.08	0.86	-0.78
East	47.7	59.4	-11.7	0.19	0.80	-0.61
W Southwest	49.8	61.3	-11.6	0.11	0.72	-0.61
E Southeast	49.9	61.6	-11.7	0.13	0.71	-0.58
Southwest	51.4	62.4	-11.0	0.34	0.55	-0.21
Southeast	52.3	62.8	-10.5	0.36	0.57	-0.21
State	48.6	60.2	-11.6	0.16	0.76	-0.60

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**Temperature (°F) Departure
 September 29 - October 5**



**Precipitation (in.) Total
 September 29 - October 5**

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