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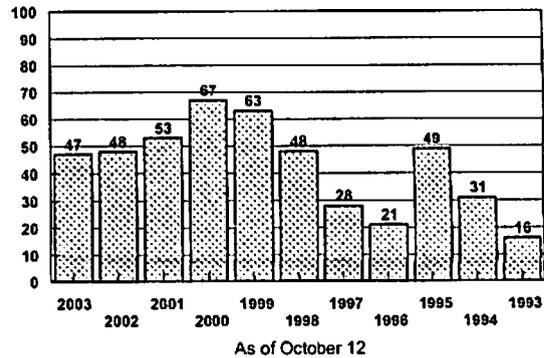
Agricultural Summary

Above normal temperatures across the state last week provided favorable conditions for corn and soybeans still drying in the fields. There was an average of 6.0 days suitable for field work. Corn and soybean harvest became more intense last week as the crops neared complete maturity. Corn mature increased to 98 percent compared to 98 percent last year and 99 percent for the five-year average. Corn harvested reached 47 percent compared to 48 percent last year and 56 percent average. Soybeans increased to 96 percent shedding leaves compared to 98 percent last year and 98 percent average. Soybeans harvested totaled 64 percent compared to 61 percent last year and 60 percent average. The frosts from two weeks ago have helped crop maturity in much of the state, but soybeans in Southern Illinois, which are still about a month from maturity were damaged. The extent of the frost damage to the crop will not be known until after harvest. Other farm activities observed last week included planting wheat, harvesting green beans, tilling, harvesting sorghum and spreading fertilizer.

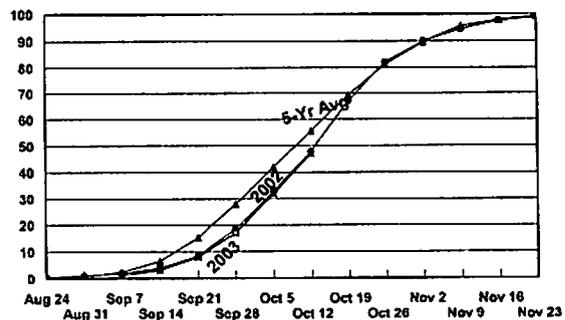
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2003	2002	5-Year Average
October 12			
CORN:			
Mature	98	98	99
Harvested	47	48	56
SOYBEANS:			
Shedding Leaves	96	98	98
Harvested	64	61	60
SORGHUM:			
Mature	93	98	93
Harvested	13	57	52
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	34	60	41
Emerged	6	19	11

Corn - Percent Harvested
Illinois



Corn - Percent Harvested
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Crop Conditions

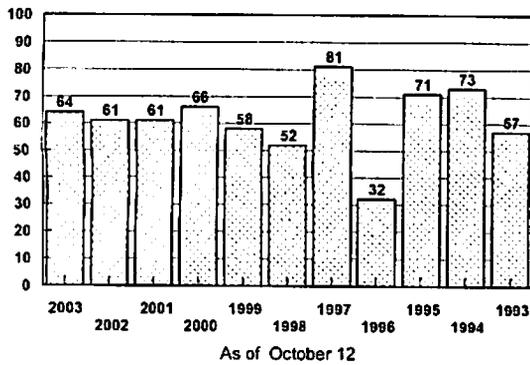
Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
October 12					
Pasture	4	13	38	39	6

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

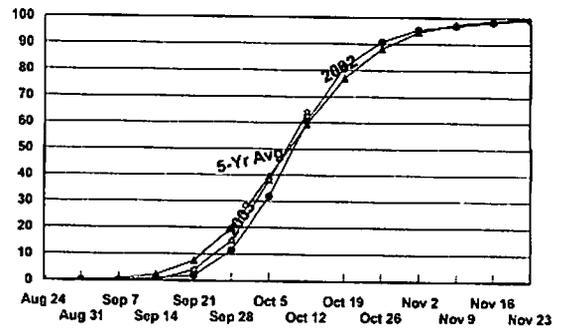
District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork		Topsoil Moisture		
	: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus	: Surplus
October 6 - 12					
Northwest	6.4	17	50	33	-
Northeast	6.6	15	34	51	-
West	5.3	9	33	55	3
Central	6.2	2	21	77	-
East	6.4	5	22	71	2
W Southwest	5.3	-	15	77	8
E Southeast	6.1	-	8	88	4
Southwest	5.2	8	28	63	1
Southeast	5.9	23	10	62	5

State	6.0	8	26	64	2

Soybeans - Percent Harvested
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Soybeans - Percent Harvested
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Crop Progress by Districts

District	: Corn : : Mature	: Corn : : Harvested	: Soybeans : : Shedding : : Leaves	: Soybeans : : Harvested
October 12				
Northwest	99	33	99	78
Northeast	95	24	99	82
West	99	46	99	55
Central	100	72	100	84
East	100	43	100	77
W Southwest	93	57	96	47
E Southeast	98	47	97	53
Southwest	89	56	79	26
Southeast	96	51	79	26

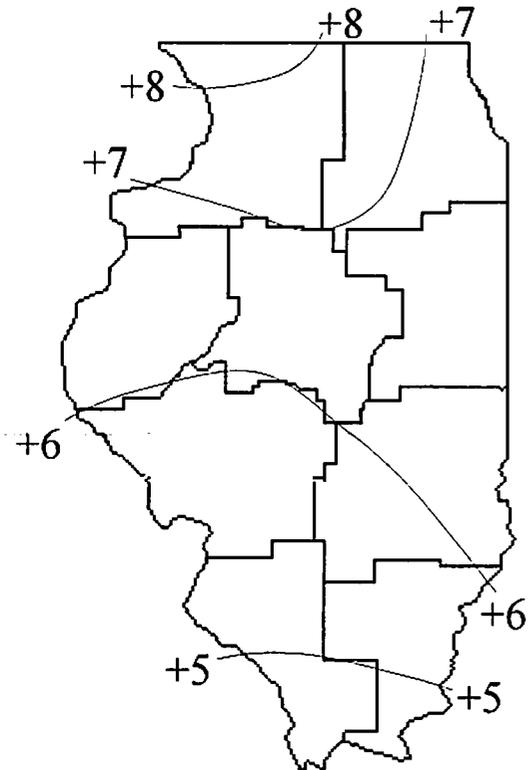
State	98	47	96	64

Weather Information Table

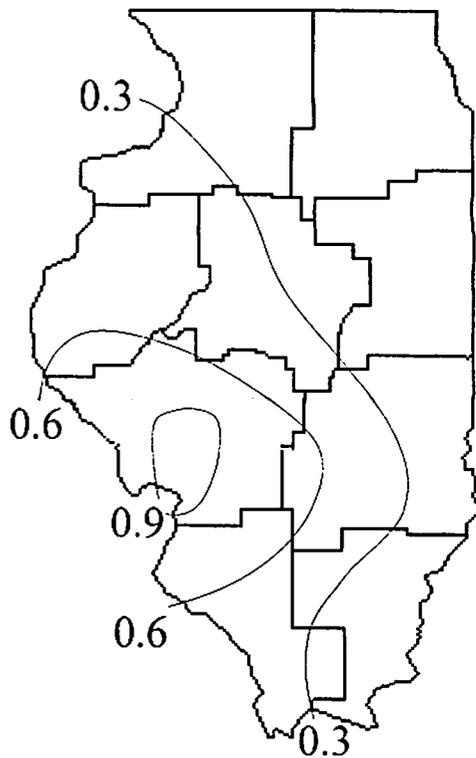
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
	October 6 - 12					
Northwest	60.4	53.0	7.4	0.23	0.52	-0.30
Northeast	60.3	53.4	6.9	0.09	0.49	-0.39
West	62.1	55.9	6.2	0.55	0.46	0.09
Central	61.8	55.3	6.5	0.32	0.49	-0.18
East	61.9	55.1	6.8	0.06	0.57	-0.51
W Southwest	63.0	57.1	5.8	0.88	0.51	0.36
E Southeast	63.5	57.5	6.0	0.50	0.63	-0.13
Southwest	63.8	58.5	5.3	0.38	0.61	-0.22
Southeast	64.4	59.0	5.5	0.26	0.59	-0.33
State	62.3	56.0	6.3	0.38	0.54	-0.16

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Temperature (°F) Departure
 October 6 - 12



Precipitation (in.) Total
 October 6 - 12

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