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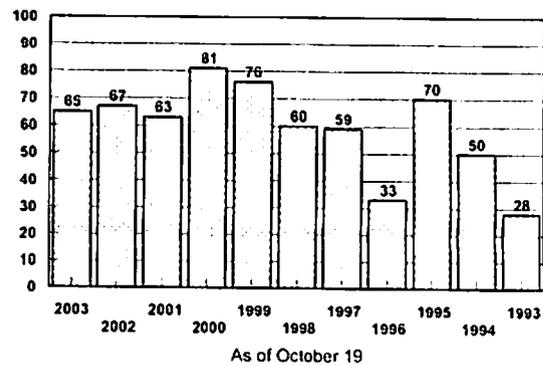
## Agricultural Summary

Warm dry days across the state provided excellent conditions for dry-down and harvest of crops. Many producers are taking advantage of field drying to reduce drying expenses. Late planted corn is retaining moisture longer, slowing completion of harvest. Last week, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork. The state received about one inch of precipitation but 37 percent of the state was still below adequate levels of topsoil moisture. Topsoil moisture levels were nine percent very short, 28 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and two percent surplus. There were also reports of anhydrous tanks parked in fields waiting for ground temperatures to drop. Corn harvested increased to 65 percent compared to 67 percent last year and 69 percent on average. Soybeans harvested increased to 79 percent compared to 81 percent last year and 77 percent on average. Other farm activities observed last week included fall tillage, planting wheat, harvesting grain sorghum, and performing conservation work on fields.

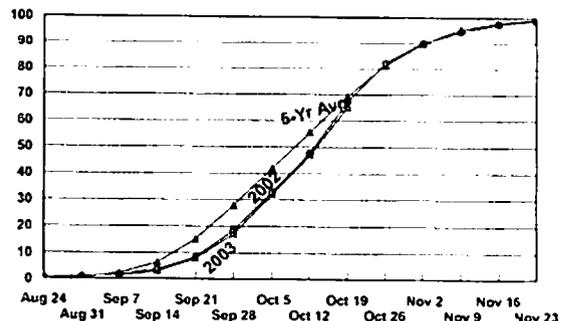
### Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2003	2002	5-Year Average
October 19			
<b>CORN:</b>			
Harvested	65	67	69
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>			
Harvested	79	81	77
<b>SORGHUM:</b>			
Mature Harvested	95	99	97
Harvested	33	77	66
<b>WINTER WHEAT:</b>			
Seeded	57	80	67
Emerged	26	46	32

Corn - Percent Harvested  
Illinois



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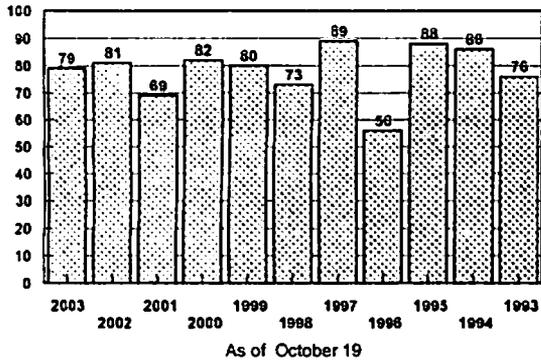
**Crop Conditions**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
October 19					
Pasture	3	13	46	33	5

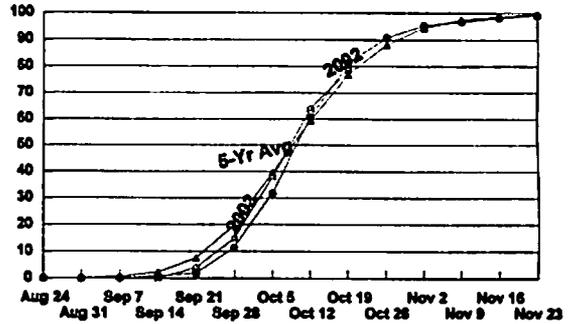
**Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table**

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork		Topsoil Moisture		
	October 13 - 19	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	6.0	20	44	36	-
Northeast	5.1	9	46	45	-
West	6.1	10	42	48	-
Central	6.4	5	21	74	-
East	6.5	5	19	74	2
W Southwest	5.4	1	12	87	-
E Southeast	5.6	-	6	89	5
Southwest	5.4	12	25	47	16
Southeast	5.5	14	16	67	3
State	5.9	9	28	61	2

**Soybeans - Percent Harvested Illinois**



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**Crop Progress by Districts**

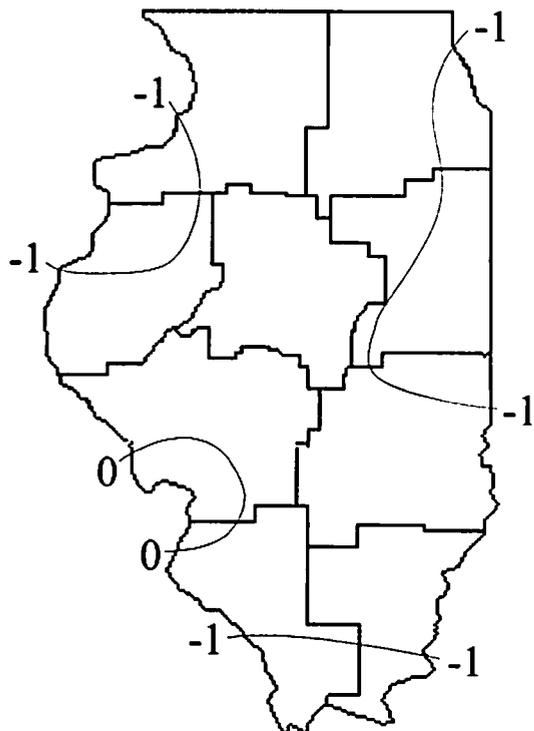
District	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Harvested
October 19		
Northwest	54	91
Northeast	45	86
West	56	69
Central	91	96
East	72	90
W Southwest	67	67
E Southeast	76	81
Southwest	63	49
Southeast	69	41
State	65	79

**Weather Information Table**

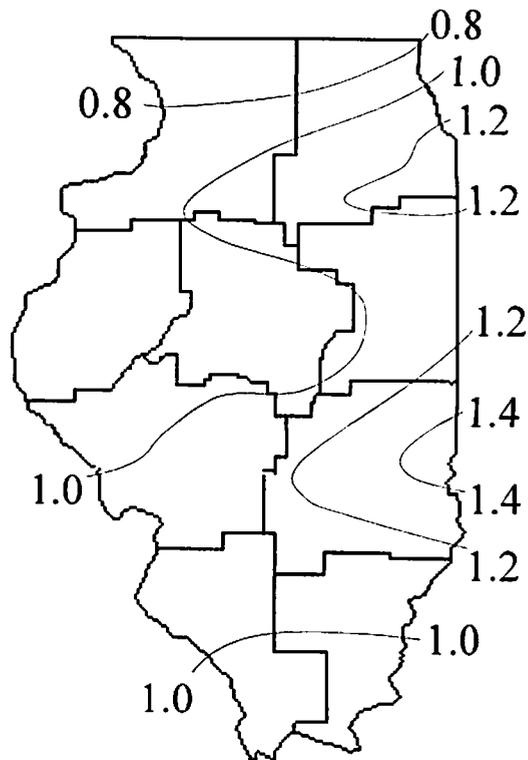
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
October 13 - 19						
Northwest	50.9	51.6	-0.6	0.89	0.74	0.15
Northeast	51.2	51.9	-0.7	1.06	0.76	0.30
West	53.5	54.5	-1.1	0.97	0.68	0.29
Central	53.2	54.0	-0.8	0.94	0.69	0.25
East	52.5	53.6	-1.1	1.00	0.69	0.31
W Southwest	55.4	55.8	-0.4	1.05	0.65	0.40
E Southeast	55.2	55.9	-0.7	1.27	0.73	0.54
Southwest	56.6	57.2	-0.6	1.03	0.85	0.18
Southeast	57.1	57.4	-0.3	0.94	0.81	0.13
State	53.8	54.5	-0.7	1.02	0.73	0.30

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Temperature (°F) Departure  
October 13 - 19



Precipitation (in.) Total  
October 13 - 19

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