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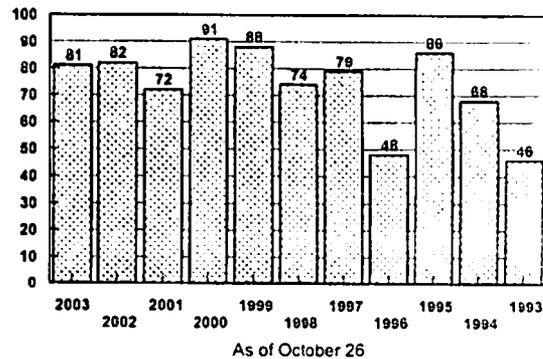
Agricultural Summary

Harvest continued to make good progress across the state last week until rains moved in over the weekend. Light showers will delay harvest only temporarily since precipitation totals were generally only around one-half inch. Topsoil moisture ratings are now reported as seven percent very short, 23 percent short, 68 percent adequate and two percent surplus. Wheat seeding continued with 79 percent of crop seeded compared to 92 percent last year and the average of 85 percent. With each passing day more farmers are wrapping up harvest and their attention is shifting towards fall tillage and fertilizer applications. Corn stalks are being plowed and farmers are beginning to finalize preparations for applying anhydrous. Soil temperatures are dropping to the point where many farmers will begin applying anhydrous in the coming week. Farmers last week were also busy constructing waterways and terraces, installing field drainage tile and beginning to sign up for the 2004 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program at their county FSA office.

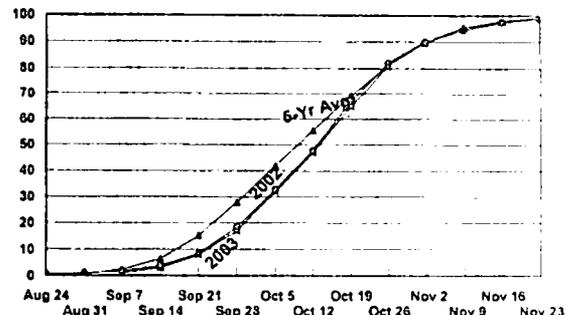
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2003	2002	5-Year Average
October 26			
CORN:			
Harvested	81	82	81
SOYBEANS:			
Harvested	90	91	88
SORGHUM:			
Harvested	51	87	78
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	79	92	85
Emerged	47	67	56

**Corn - Percent Harvested
Illinois**



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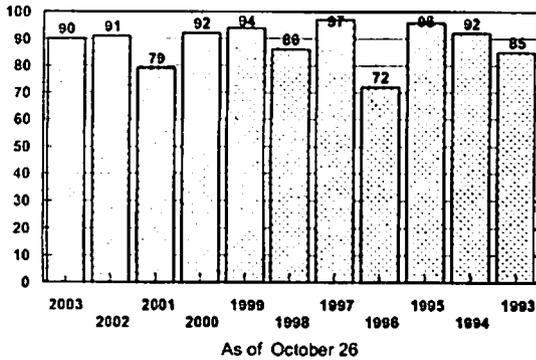
Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
October 26					
Winter Wheat	-	-	11	78	11
Pasture	4	16	38	37	5

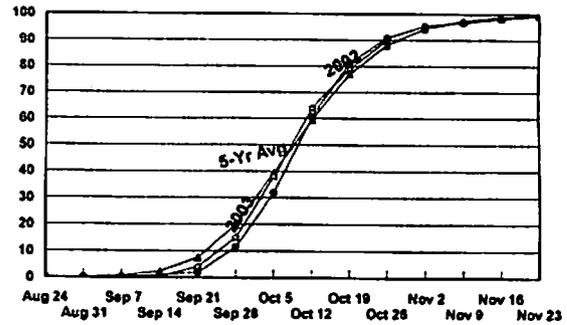
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork		Topsoil Moisture			
	October 20 - 26	October 26	: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus
Northwest	6.1	20	45	35	-	-
Northeast	6.0	8	39	53	-	-
West	5.6	4	18	76	-	2
Central	5.4	-	14	85	-	1
East	5.9	2	11	79	-	8
W Southwest	5.9	1	15	83	-	1
E Southeast	6.3	-	12	85	-	3
Southwest	6.5	12	37	49	-	2
Southeast	5.6	27	10	56	-	7
State	5.9	7	23	68	-	2

Soybeans - Percent Harvested Illinois



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Crop Progress by Districts

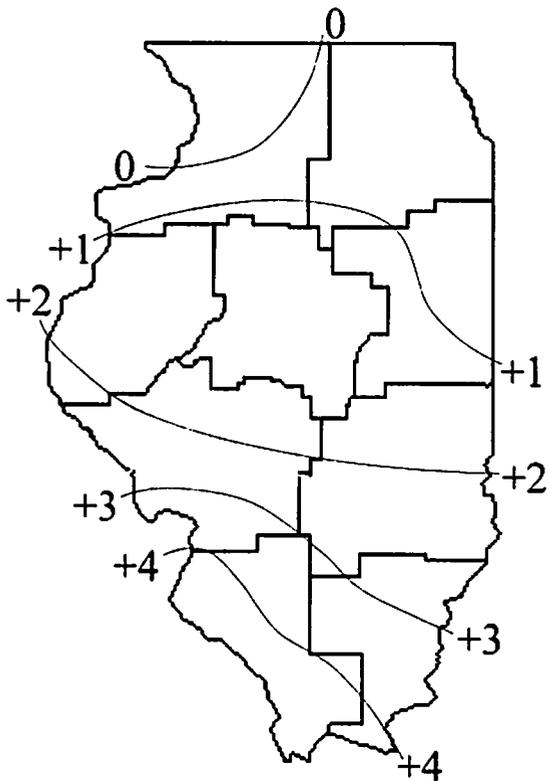
District	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Harvested
October 26		
Northwest	75	98
Northeast	68	97
West	78	92
Central	96	98
East	90	97
W Southwest	85	89
E Southeast	78	86
Southwest	69	64
Southeast	79	59
State	81	90

Weather Information Table

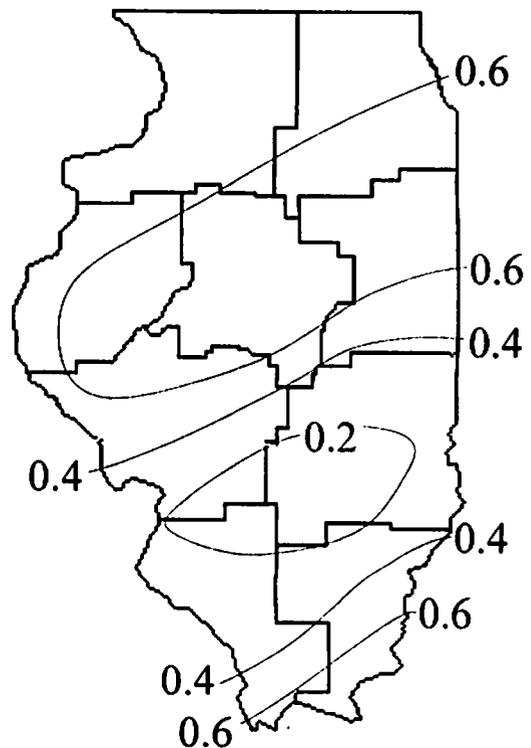
District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
			October 20 - 26			
Northwest	49.8	49.6	0.2	0.43	0.53	-0.10
Northeast	50.3	49.8	0.5	0.50	0.54	-0.04
West	54.1	52.3	1.8	0.60	0.58	0.02
Central	53.3	51.5	1.8	0.68	0.58	0.10
East	52.2	51.1	1.1	0.65	0.63	0.02
W Southwest	55.7	53.2	2.5	0.39	0.67	-0.28
E Southeast	55.6	53.4	2.3	0.19	0.75	-0.56
Southwest	58.7	54.6	4.1	0.27	0.74	-0.47
Southeast	58.5	54.8	3.7	0.44	0.73	-0.29
State	54.0	52.1	1.9	0.45	0.64	-0.18

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Temperature (°F) Departure
 October 20 - 26

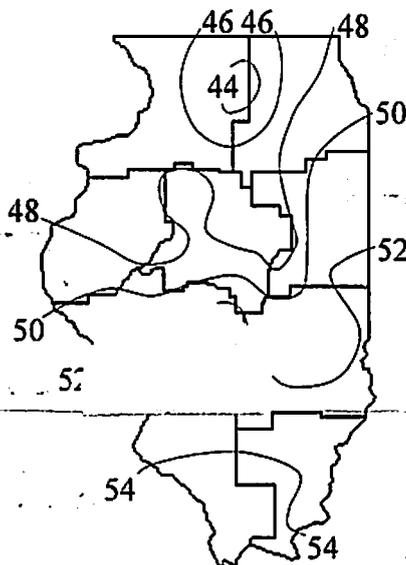


Precipitation (in.) Total
 October 20 - 26

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4-inch Soil Temperature (°F)
October 26

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